

# THE GRAPEVINE

THONGSLEY FIELDS PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

BY MR JONES, HEADTEACHER

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Welcome back to a new term - the madness and delights of Christmas week seem a distant memory and school is back in full swing! The whole staff team came together again last week for two excellent training days and I thought you might appreciate knowing a little more about what we've been up to...

On Thursday we focused on our school's curriculum - taking a fresh look at what we want for our children and how best to give them the experiences, knowledge and skills they need to think big...and then bigger still! There was a real buzz and excitement among staff and some awesome plans for how this work will develop over the next few years.

Last Friday was focused around our school's culture, ethos and relationships and the effect they have on children's behaviour both towards others and the way they see themselves as learners. Over this term, we will be doing a lot of work to redefine our policies such as how we support and develop positive behaviours and I'm looking forward to sharing them with you soon.

As you know, raising expectations for what we can all achieve is a major focus for our school this year and I am really pleased with our progress so far. As ever, please do get in touch if you have any thoughts or suggestions that will help! Thank you.

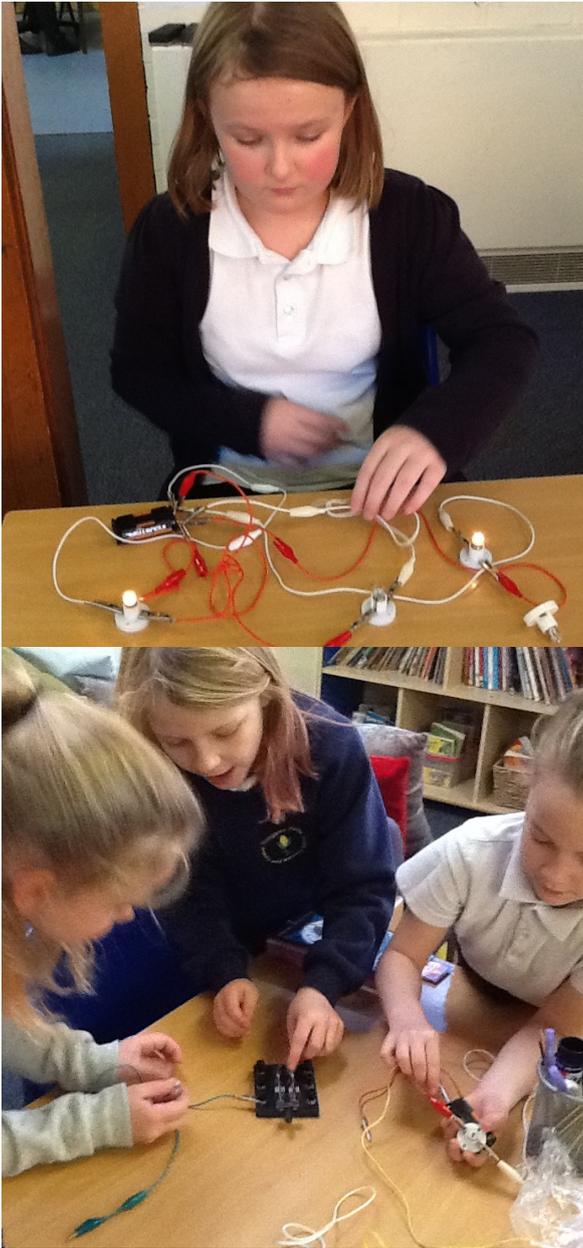


## KEY DATES

Deadline for Reception 2019	15/1
Behaviour Support for Parents	16/1
Class Drop In - 3.15pm-4pm	31/1
Half Term Holiday	18/2 - 22/2
Parent Consultations	26/2
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Science Week	11/3 - 15/3
Easter Egg Hunt	3/4
Spring Term Ends	5/4
Staff Training (School Closed)	23/4
Summer Term Starts	24/4
KS2 SATs Week	13/5 - 16/5

More details and other diary dates will be available soon.

**Term and school holiday dates for next academic year are now on the school website.** We have also added a calendar to the website which we will begin uploading other key dates to such as clubs, parent consultations and 'drop-ins' over the next few weeks.



**Kindness  
is a gift  
everyone  
can afford  
to give.**

## NEWS IN BRIEF

FROM TEAM THONGSLEY

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### UNIFORM

At the start of this new calendar year, it seems a good time to remind everyone about our focus on looking smart and wearing school uniform. Thank you to those parents who helped us out last term by ensuring that the correct items are being worn everyday. The school office has stock of the very smart looking white polo shirts, navy blue PE t-shirts and jumpers with our logo. More information is available on our website and if you have any difficulties, please talk to us.

### STRUGGLING TO MANAGE BEHAVIOUR?

We will be hosting behaviour support sessions in school this term starting next week. If you would like any help, advice or just new ideas to try, please come along to our first bitesize session on Wednesday 16th January from 1.30pm.

### FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Did you know that if you receive certain benefits, you can also get support for a lot of school related expenses such as clubs, trips, uniform, meals, etc. Please ask to speak to Mr Jones or a member of the office team in confidence.

### APPLICATIONS FOR RECEPTION 2019

The deadline to apply for a Reception school place for children due to start school in September 2019 is **Tuesday 15th January**. If you haven't yet, or you are aware of others who may not have done so, please apply ASAP to avoid missing out! Contact the school office for help.