

Thorndown Newsletter

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Staff News

Two long standing Teaching Assistants have or will be leaving us this term. Last half term, Mrs Holmes left us to try something new and in late June Mrs McHugh will be retiring after working at Thorndown Primary School for nearly 25 years. I am sure you will join with me in thanking them for their hard work and wishing Mrs McHugh a happy retirement.

Tennis Tournament

On Tuesday 21st May, a group of us went to the Tennis Tournament at the Huntingdon Tennis Club. All of us really enjoyed it. We were split into 2 teams: Team A and Team B - 2 girls and 2 boys in A and the same in B. Out of all the schools, A team came third and the B team competed really well but unfortunately didn't get to the top 3.

It was all amazing! And it was very nice to represent our school. It was also a sunny day which made it a good day for the tournament.

by Nicola (Meerkats)

Our Lords and Ladies Day



Our Year 1 classes started their half term with a day dressing up as Lords and Ladies, with the occasional dragon thrown in! This was the 'wow' starter at the beginning of their new topic in which they will be exploring castles, knights and other medieval delights.



Earrings in PE

Can I remind all parents that no earrings or watches can be worn in PE. Please ensure that any earrings that are difficult to take out are removed at the start PE days, as we can't remove them in school. In line with the county's health and safety policy, If earrings cannot be removed, then your child can not take part in PE lessons.

Can I also remind parents that long hair must be tied up both in the classroom and for PE.

Thank you for your help with these safety matters.

Cricket



Over the last few weeks, we have been lucky to have a guest speaker in to talk to Key Stages 1 and 2 about cricket. The children have enjoyed learning about the values of the sport and answering quiz questions about the countries in the 2019 World Cup. Our Year 4 classes are having a series of lessons this half term to improve their cricket skills, which the children are really enjoying.

If your child is under the age of 8, they can get involved in a scheme called All Stars at St Ives Cricket Club. This is a club for younger children to learn the basics of cricket and play fun games to develop ball skills. This is happening at 9:15am on Saturday mornings at the Outdoor Centre (just metres away from Thorndown). St Ives Cricket Club is also recruiting children between the ages of 8 -11 years to play in their junior squads. These sessions are running on Friday evenings from 6-7:30pm. For further information, please visit stivesandwarboyscc@outlook.com or www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars

Mrs Burke- PE lead

Our Book Shop

We are pleased to announce that we will be starting a book shop selling brand new and second hand books at incredible prices, ranging from just £1 to £3.50! There will be books suitable for all ages across a range of different genres. This includes Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Horrible Histories, 'Ready to Learn' phonics books, The Gruffalo, Camilla and Friends and Lego Marvel, as well as popular authors such as David Walliams, Roald Dahl, Julia Donaldson, Michael Morpurgo and many more!



The launch of this amazing new shop will begin straight after school on Friday 28th June 2019 on the playground outside the hall (weather permitting) and will last for just under an hour. It will be a cash only event so bring along your spare change as this is a wonderful opportunity for children to buy high quality books for a very cheap price - most books are selling at less than half of the retail price!

Depending on the success of this first event, we hope to run the book shop again later in the year and again throughout next year, so please come and visit and grab some great books.

Mr Peel English Lead

Bangladesh Wow Starter

On Friday the 8th of June, Year 3 had a Bangladesh day. Everyone got to dress up in summer clothes and Bangladeshi clothes. In the morning, Chameleons had henna applied to their hands. Badgers learned a Bangladeshi dance and Kookaburras enjoyed cricket. After break, we all switched round so that every class did each activity. The day was fantastic and we are excited to start our new topic on Bangladesh and to read the book "Rickshaw

Girl". Thank you to everyone who helped to make this such a special day.



Rotary Club

In the half term holidays, we were invited to send a few Year 5 and Year 6 pupils to the annual Rotary Club Youth Celebration meal. We were invited to celebrate our highest score win in the Year 6 Quiz and also to thank the children for the World War presentations that Year 5 did during their end of topic celebrations, which club members attended.



Thank you, Rotary, for inviting us and we thank you for all the support you have given us over the year. This has included paying for the Life Bus, your organisation of fun events and your donations of musical instruments. Your help is greatly appreciated and is making a real difference to the learning of our children.

Sponsored Maths Fun Run



Thank you to all of you who have already sent in sponsor money for this event, which we unfortunately had to postpone. We are hoping to hold this next Monday (24th June), so please keep your fingers crossed for a dry day! If children have not already bought their sponsor forms to school, please send them in. There will be certificates for all children and small prizes for those who raise the most money. Thank you for your support.