

# Thorndown Newsletter

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## Staff News

Congratulations to Miss Marshall and her partner on the birth of their new son Finn. All are doing well.

Mrs Fletcher has decided to try something new away from Thorndown, where she has been a valued member of staff for over 12 years. We thank her for her dedication and commitment to our pupils and families over the years. Mrs Fletcher will be leaving just before half term. We are looking for her replacement.

Miss Buckby is starting her maternity leave at half term. We wish her and her growing family lots of love. I am sure more news will follow.

## Hedgehog visitors in Year 3

*Year 3 welcomed a visitor last week. Paul came from the Wildlife Trust to teach us about hedgehogs.*

*He showed us skulls, teeth and sparkly hedgehog poo. He told us many facts. Did you know hedgehogs have between 7000 and 5000 spines? He told us that a two day old hoglet is as small as a 2p. Paul was as kind as a saint because he gave his time up to teach us about animals.*

By Joshua and William.



## Our History Week



The school enjoyed a wonderful History Week last week, when we focused on different historical events and around St Ives. Pupils applied their historical skills to investigate local history and artefacts. It was all kicked off with a dressing up day, when pupils dressed from the era they were studying. Thank you for all their wonderful costumes.



We had visitors from the Norris Museum and the Cromwell Museum, as well as visiting places in St Ives ourselves.



History Week forms part of the whole school's development of our curriculum, which is taking place over this academic year. Through this development, there will be greater emphasis on the application of the children's knowledge and skills in a variety of ways.



The week was finished by the setting up of whole school museum in the hall.



Each year group showed their parents and other classes the work they had been doing.



**Harvest Festival**



Thank you to everyone who donated so generously to the Harvest Festival. All the donated items have been donated to the Godmanchester Foodbank, which supports families in the St Ives and Huntingdon area. In our harvest assembly we discovered that Thorndown pupils love sweetcorn but are not so keen on cabbage or onions!

### **Northampton Saints**

This half term, Northampton Saints have been working with our pupils in Year 4. Children have been practising their maths and rugby skills with from Northampton Saints' coaches.



### **Christmas Cards**

Your child has now created Christmas designs for their cards. These designs will be sent home to you on Friday 13th October, together with an order form. **This is the only copy of the artwork completed by your child/ren and, as we will not be able to reproduce it, please take care of it.** Any blemishes may be shown on the final cards.

Cauliflower Cards, who are printing these for us, need to have the artwork and order forms for the cards in their office by Tuesday 31st October. Therefore, in order for your child's cards to be produced in time for Christmas, their picture, order form and your money must be handed into the school office by **9.30am on Tuesday 31st October**. To avoid disappointment, please send everything before this date as, unfortunately, we are not able to process any orders without the money.

We are sure that you will be delighted with these special Christmas cards and are hoping that any money raised will pay for a whole school Christmas treat for the children, as well as helping us continue to fund new reading books throughout the school.