

Thorndown Newsletter

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Harvest Festival

Thank you to the families who donated to this year's Harvest Festival celebrations at the start of October. All the food items were gratefully received by St Ives' Foodbank, which will help support families within our own community.

Book hand-me-downs

There comes a time when children grow out of their books and there is no one to hand them down to. If you have any books, which are in good condition, that you would like to donate, School and Pre-school would love to receive them. Your books will continue to be enjoyed by many children. Please drop them into the main school office or in at the Pre-school door by the front entrance. Thank you.

Civic Society 50 year's celebration



Last month, the St Ives' Civic Society celebrated their 50th anniversary with an exhibition of children ideas of what St Ives would like in 50 years' time. You may have read before about our pupils being interviewed on Radio Cambridgeshire about this earlier in the term.

On Monday 8th October, two members of the society came into assembly to give out the awards to the winners of their competition. Over 14 Primary Schools were invited to submit entries.



The winners are listed below:

Video category	Commended: Max Winner: Flo
3D work	Commended: Seville Winner: Lucy
2D work	Commended: Amber Winner: Connie
Written work	Commended: Daniel Winner: Lottie

Thank you to everyone who entered and for supporting our community in St Ives.

Whole School Writers' Day

On Monday 8th October 2018, Thorndown Primary School completed a whole school writing day with a focus on fantasy and imagination. All year groups completed a variety of activities to start the day off, which enabled the children to really get stuck into what we were studying!

Year 5 are currently studying WW1 and we imagined that we were actually there for one of our activities. We discussed several detailed images and then the teacher and a few children became soldiers from those images.



We discussed our feelings, what we saw and heard, what we missed from home and the conditions. We then studied Kitchener, the man who famously declared that 'Your country needs you!' We suggested what he might have been like as a person and what his office might have been like, based on his appearance, and then acted and explored it. We then wrote an exciting, imaginary piece about him being in his office with precise

details about what he was wearing, doing and thinking.

Ava said, "I really loved the writing as it is my favourite thing. The role play activities were great. The speech and emotions we did today were fascinating and shocking (people were shot if they refused to fight!) The acting and activities really helped me write a good bit of work."

Mr Peel, English Lead

Christmas Cards

The last day to pay for your Christmas cards online is the **28th October**. After this date, we cannot accept any payments.

After you have paid for your child's card design, the pictures must be returned to school for us to send it to the printers. I will be sending the pictures off on Tuesday 30th October in the afternoon post.

As last year, the money raised from the card sales will pay for Christmas treats for the children. We hope to provide a Pantomime for pupils from Year1 to Year 6 during the last week of this term and for Father Christmas to visit with a small present for the smaller members of the school.

Thank you

We would like to send a big **Thank You** to Ellis N in Yr2 and his mum for entering a competition which won some super costumes for the school. They include a bear and a pirate's costume. Thank you for thinking of us.

Open Door Policy

If you or your child has any concerns about your child's learning or welfare, it is important you talk to us as quickly as possible. We want to get things right for your child, so they are the best they can be.

Please ring or e-mail the school office or pop in to make an appointment to talk things over with you class teacher, Year group Team Leader, Mrs Gerrard or myself. A list of who's who is on our website under the staff tab.

Uniform

After such a wonderfully smart start to school only a few weeks ago, a few non-uniform jumpers, coloured shoes etc. are starting to appear in school. School shoes should be black, brown or dark blue and should not have luminous or white stripes.

Pupils should wear a red or blue sweatshirt. This could be one with a Thorndown logo or could be plain. The pupils can wear grey or black skirts, pinafores, trousers or shorts. The polo shirts can be white, blue or red.

Our PE kit is a plain white T-shirt with sleeves, navy or black shorts and something to keep the children warm in the winter, e.g. tracksuit.

We would prefer all hijabs or headscarves to be plain and reflect the colours of the school uniform please, e.g. blue, black or red.

Thank you for your support.

Girls' Football report

On Wednesday 10th October, thirteen girls travelled to St Neots to participate in a girls' football tournament.

They played 10 matches and were split into two teams. The A team was called Thistles and the B team was called Thorns.

The girls were very resilient and tried their best, even when they didn't get the best of starts.

Both teams played three games and were exhausted but still had to play two more! They got back on their feet and tried their hardest again.

After all the matches were over, the Thistles came 7th out of sixteen. The Thorns came 15th. We really enjoyed it!

By Emily and Lily, Year 6

A special thank you to Mrs Scarrow who has been training the girls and took them to this tournament.

Baby News

We are delighted to tell you that Miss Sibanda safely gave birth this week. She had a baby boy called Luca. We are sending lots of love to her growing family.