



Thorndown Primary School Newsletter



Hello,

Unbelievably, we are coming to the end of our first half term already! It has been an action packed 6 weeks with residential, school trips, visitors and much, much more!

Year 5 had a fantastic trip to West Stow to enhance their learning about the Anglo-Saxons and Year 1 had a fabulous time with visitors who brought in many toys from days gone by - there were a few from my own childhood which made me feel a bit old!

Next half term, we will be holding our parents evenings. Please book your appointments through the parents evening app as usual. I look forward to seeing you all after half term.

Take care
Mr Snape

Term Dates

Last day of Half Term - 20th October
Half term - 23rd-27th October
Children return - 30th October
Final day of Autumn term - 20th December
4th/5th January 2024 - Training Days
8th January 2024—First day of Spring term

Diary Dates

19th October—Grandparents Gardening Morning
19th October - Reception Phonics Café - 8.45am and 14:00
19th October - Year 1 Numbots Parent Meeting
20th October - Last day before Half Term
1st/2nd November - Parents Evening
6th November - Y6 Hilltop Meeting

Bikes, Scooters and Safety

We have had a couple of near miss incidents where children have been riding scooters or bikes in crowds or across the car park roads. Please can children push and not ride their scooters or bikes once on the school grounds. Please can you also ensure they do not ride their scooters or bikes across the car park. We will be adjusting access to the bike shed near the Kingfisher club to support this. Please can you remind children to also be mindful of other people when cycling or scooting to and from school and ensure they are doing so safely when on busy pathways.

EYFS Outdoor Provision

You may have noticed we have begun some work in the EYFS area garden. This is the beginning of the installation of a new castle. The installation is due to begin over half term and should be complete very quickly. This castle will support our EYFS children's development of gross motor skills and will be a great addition to our outdoor environment. We would like to say thank you for your support as this purchase was supported by our fantastic FOTS.

Pre-School

This week, the children have enjoyed listening to our story of the week "Room on the Broom." In our curiosity cube, we have had all the different characters from the story for the children to meet. The children have enjoyed making wands with play dough, making spiders at the craft table, and potion making in the coloured water using different herbs and petals. We will be enjoying a lovely Autumn walk at the end of this week in the forest school, listening to all the natural sounds around us. We hope you have a lovely half term.

Becky Smith

Burwell House

Year 4 had a fantastic few days at Burwell House last week. From team building to key ring making, filming to pretending to foxes all the children had a wonderful time and represented our school fantastically.

A huge thank you must also go to all the adults who went on this residential trip and supported the children - these important trips simply wouldn't be able to happen without their help.



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Governing Body News

I am pleased to inform you that the Governing Body have appointed a new Chair, Heather Wood, and a new Vice-Chair, Peter Smith. Both are experienced governors who are looking forward to their new roles and working with staff and parents to continue to push the school forward.

I would like to place on record the thanks of the school to Frank Newton, who as well as being Chair, has been a part of the governing body of Thorndown schools for many years. His hard work, dedication and passion for the school and those who attend it has been a huge asset and we are delighted to say he will be continuing on the governing body as the nominated LA Governor.

Parent Governor Vacancy

An exciting opportunity has arisen for a new parent governor to join the governing body and help support the school in moving forward. You will soon be receiving a letter from our clerk on how to get involved if you are interested. If you would like to discuss the role with Mr Snape please do get in contact with him. He can also put you in contact with other governors to discuss what the role would entail.

Year 2 Multi-skills



Some of our Year 2 children had the opportunity to attend a multi-skills festival in St Ives recently. They took part in many different sporting events and had an absolutely fantastic time. Mrs Ember-ton was incredibly proud of how the children represented the school and of how well they all did -well done Year 2!

Year 5 Girls Football

On Tuesday 17th October, we went to a girls' football festival. We played four matches and we got second place. Our whole team tried our best to win and we beat three schools but we didn't beat Buckden Primary! At the end, we got a cute colourful football and a Wildcats t-shirt. We all enjoyed it and had a wonderful experience. Written by Willow and Maimoona