



Thorndown Primary School Newsletter



Hello,

What a fantastic start to term we have had so far. All the children have been working incredibly hard and we have already packed in so much to just two weeks!

This week, I am pleased to share some great news about FOTS, Yr 2 trips and our school Harvest Festival which is due to take place next week.

We have celebrated some wonderful achievements since we returned to school such as Grace Martin who raised over £500 for the Little Princess Trust by growing and donating her hair— what an incredible achievement! Well done Grace!

Take care
Mr Snape

Term Dates

20th October - Last day of Half Term

23rd-27th October—Half term

30th October—Children return

20th December—Final day of Autumn term

4th/5th January 2024 - Training Days

8th January 2024—First day of Spring term

Diary Dates

19th September—Meerkats to Meadow Lodge Farm

22nd September - Lemur Class to Meadow Lodge Farm

26th September - Jellyfish class to Meadow Lodge Farm

28th September—Burwell Parents Meeting

19th October—Grandparents Gardening Morning

Pre-School

The children have had a lovely week settling into preschool.

They have enjoyed exploring the activities inside and outside, making new friends, and getting to know their key workers.

The children have especially enjoyed sharing lots of stories with the adults, we're going on a bear hunt being a big favourite.

Becky Smith

Playtime Snacks

Please can we remind you that we are a 'Nut Safe' school and that snacks and food brought into school should not have any actual nuts within or on them. For example, a cereal bar which 'may contain nuts' would be fine, but a bar with actual peanuts on or in it would not. We also encourage all children to have a snack that is healthy such as fruit or chopped vegetables.

Car Park

We have had a couple of instances where we have had near misses of accidents in the car park at the beginning and end of the school. Please can we remind you to not walk through the car park at the start or the end of the day as cars will be driving in and out of school at these times.

Uniform

We have noticed a number of children not wearing correct school uniform, particularly on P.E. days.

School uniform and school P.E. uniform information can be found [here](#) on the school website.

We understand there may be times where items are lost or have become too small and it can take a short amount of time to replace them. If this is the case please let your child's class teacher know.

We also regularly hold second-hand uniform sales in the school hall where pre-loved uniform can be purchased at a discounted price.



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F.O.T.S

We are delighted that we have a brand new FOTS committee who will be working hard to raise funds for the school and your children.

The new committee are:

Chair – Lisa Johnson

Secretary – Claire McMullan

Treasurer – Leesa Parsons

If you would be interested in supporting the FOTS or like to know more about how you can be involved you can contact them on fotssecretary@gmail.com.

The School is holding our Harvest Festival Assembly on Monday 25th September 2023. This year, again, we are taking all the food donated to the St Ives Foodbank who work with local St Ives families in need. Donations could include:

- Chocolate
- Sugar
- Juice
- Squash
- Jams
- Canned Foods (such as tuna, custard, rice pudding etc)
- Rice
- Pasta
- Tea Bags
- Coffee
- Drinking Chocolate

Please can children bring their food donations in (to their classroom) on the day to help celebrate our Harvest Festival. Thank you on behalf of St Ives Foodbank for your generosity.

On Thursday 14th September, Year Two went to St Ives Free Church to visit a knitted bible stories exhibition. The children learnt the song 'Two by two' and performed this with the piano played by one of the members of the church. The children really enjoyed some colouring and crafting activities and the chance to look at the 30 amazing stories which were all knitted by one person. Thank you to St Ives Free Church for making us feel so welcome.

