

Thorndown Newsletter

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Snowmen 2019



For the third year running, pupils at Thorndown have made the snowmen for the St Ives Snowman Festival. You may have seen them hanging on to the lampposts around the town.



Thank you to all the children who took part and created the snowmen, some of which have real character! All the names of the makers are clearly written underneath so they can find them during the Festival. Another sign that Christmas is coming!



A Dog's Way Home

Our Year 5 pupils visited the cinema in Huntingdon recently, as part of the Cinema's Film Festival, to watch a film entitled A Dog's Way Home. Below is a film review.

If you like emotional films, you should watch A Dog's Way Home. The film was very emotional and half of the Year 5 children cried!

It was quite interesting for various reasons, such as making us swing back and forth with our emotions because Bella, the main character, had to go home. We thought it was sad and happy.

by Sophia, Antoni and Gabriela,
Artsmark Ambassadors.

Year 2 Rapid Fire Cricket



On Wednesday 13th November, I took 30 very excited Year 2 children to the One Leisure Centre to take part in a Rapid Fire festival. We split into three different teams and played against other schools in a quick paced mini-tournament. All the children who took part were very well behaved, showed amazing sportsmanship and were so resilient. They were a credit to our school! I think we can all say that we had a wonderful afternoon and were very happy to take our own t-shirt home as a souvenir!

Miss Collins

Year 3 Visit St Ives

Last week, Year 3 went on a trip to Chapel Bridge in St Ives. When we got there, we met a lady called Hannah. We went inside the chapel and Hannah gave us a sheet and pencil. On the sheet there was a timeline and we had to go around town and match pictures to the years.

Our first stop was at the river. We learnt about history from long ago and we went off to our next stop. When we stopped, we all saw a stone wall and we learnt history about the Priory.



We moved on to where the cattle market used to be. We went to the Royal Oak pub and we got told a story about a bull smashing through a window on the second floor of the pub. When we were hungry, we went to the Norris Museum to explore and have lunch. It was a long journey back and it felt like hours. We enjoyed our trip and wish for another one.

Written by Ellis and Layla.

Christmas Shoeboxes

Some Year 6 children and a few past pupils of Thorndown, worked alongside some Sixth Form students from St Ivo School to fill, with wonderful and useful presents, shoeboxes to give to children in Moldova who otherwise would be going without.



After an assembly showing the journey of boxes sent last year, children were asked to contribute once again. And once more, the generosity and support from the Thorndown community was heart-warming! So many donations were received, which we combined to create some fabulous Christmas boxes.



There were toiletries and gifts galore, for all ages of children. We worked together to wrap shoeboxes and tried to fill each one with

something to use to wash and brush teeth, an item of clothing, something to cuddle and a toy for the younger boxes, or more luxury body lotions and deodorants for the older recipients. Also, each box had something nice to eat and contained a Christmas card. At least 10 items were put into every box.



Thanks to the kindness of Thorndown children, 50 boxes from Thorndown are currently making their way to Moldova! They will be distributed to users of the charity CR2EE soup kitchens, putting a smile on the faces of young people. We do have a few items left; these will be distributed locally. A huge thank you, for your support and generosity.

Mrs Bralee

I also like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Bralee and her hardworking team of friends, who helped her gather everything together.

Miss Godbold

Phones

I am sure some of our older children have asked for a phone for Christmas. Can I please remind parents that most social networking sites such as WhatsApp, Facebook, TikTok YouTube etc. have high age restrictions of 13 years old or, in some cases, 15. These restrictions have been put into place to ensure children are safe online and not able to talk to strangers or read information unsuitable for their age group, such how to self-harm. I sadly refer to the recent death of Molly Russell.

A child's phone, although a present, still belongs to you and you have the right, and the responsibility, to keep them safe and monitor their phone use.

A phone can give children huge independence, but can also make them vulnerable to the outside world, even within the confines of their own home.