

# Thorndown Newsletter

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*Welcome back to Thorndown, after what I hope was a fun and family filled Christmas holiday. The children are telling us how much fun they had.*

*We have a very busy learning term planned with events such as World Book Day, our very popular Open Classrooms, a new Curiosity Café, parent workshops and Geography Week. Please keep referring to the Thorndown Lowdown for any changes and announcements.*

*We are all excited about the hardworking and enjoyable term ahead, and I look forward to seeing you all at different events.*

Miss Godbold

## **School Shoes**

Just recently, there has been an increase in the amount of children coming to school in trainers and other multi coloured footwear. Our uniform policy is very clear that only black shoes should be worn. Pink, red and other colour trainers, no matter how fabulous and wonderful, should be saved for after school, discos and weekends. Thank you for your support with this.

## **Christmas Pantomime**

On Thursday 19th December, KS1 and KS2 enjoyed a visit from a pantomime theatre company, who performed Alice in Wonderland. There were jokes, songs and lots of action, including teacher dancing! The children loved it and so we are starting to gather funds ready for next Christmas.

## **Father Christmas's Visit**

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December, Foundation Stage children enjoyed welcoming a very special visitor to school, who brought everyone a small gift! Thank you to all the families who bought our Christmas cards, as this funded these two events.

## **Our Choir at Church**



*On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December, about half of the school choir took part in the St Ives Choral Society's Family Christmas Concert at the Free Church. The children sang two songs with the adult choir and put a lot of smiles on the audience's faces with their performance of Christmas Cracker. We had a thoroughly enjoyable and memorable evening, and our pupils have made us very proud!*

Mrs Peach.

## **Pre-school Christmas Concert**



*Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who came to our Pre-School concert. Our children dressed up in clothing from the Nativity and sang Christmas carols. At the end of the concert, we asked the parents to sing We Wish You a Merry Christmas with the children. Everyone got a huge round of applause— although we think our children's singing was better than the adults'! Thank you to everyone who came and supported us.*

Mrs Hamilton and the Pre-school Team.



**Interhouse Sports competition Autumn Term**  
 Each session will start at 5pm and we will aim to finish before 7pm, although this may depend on the discussions taking place!



Over the half term before Christmas, there were inter-house sport competitions taking place. The children really enjoyed the events and showed determination, honesty and teamwork, which are some of our school sport values. One child per year group, who showed these values, was chosen as a star performer. From Year 2, it was Charlie T, from Year 3, Thomas was selected, in Year 4, Oscar was chosen, Lily was awarded this title in Year 5 and in Year 6, Harvey was picked. Well done to these children. Last term the competitions included ball skills, team games and a Strictly Come Robot Dancing! Year 2 played Rapid Fire Cricket, which helped them practise for the Year 2 Interschool competition. Blue House (Poplar) won in Year 3 and 5 but the overall winners were Red House (Oak). Red House children received an extra 10 minutes playtime as a reward. Thank you to the staff for organising these competitions.

Mrs Burke

### Staff Baby News

Three members of staff are expecting babies at the end of the Spring Term. Mrs Cowan is expecting her first and Mrs Browne and Mrs Wells their second. Congratulations to all the families involved.

We are currently recruiting for maternity cover and we will be informing parents when there is more news.

### Year 5 End of Topic Wow!



On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December, the Year 5 classes had visitors who told us about their war. These visitors were from the local British Legion, RAF Wyton and the St Ives Rotary Club.

They told us their stories. A soldier came from RAF Wyton who had all of the original World War One gear on. It weighed over 35 kg!

We showed them our work and shared stories that we had discovered. We had lots of fun and it was an amazing time

By Lewis, Year 5

### Recipe for a Teacher

Ideas from Year 2, as we look for a maternity cover teacher!

*Four sacks of kindness  
 One hundred tiny bags of forgiveness  
 A beautiful infectious smile  
 One thousand dollops of cheerfulness*  
 By Julia

*A bag of happiness  
 A sackful of kindness  
 One spoonful of special treatment  
 Seventeen bags of delightful pillow softness  
 1 pinch of punishment*  
 Olivia