

Thorndown Primary School

Newsletter

Hello,

It has been another fantastic week here at Thorndown.

We have been delighted to welcome the youngest members of our school this week into Reception and Pre-School. We have been so impressed with how well they have all settled into their new surroundings.

We have also had changeable weather this week. Please ensure your child has a coat in school **every day** and keep a look out for more information about wellies!

Have a good weekend,

Mr Snape

Attendance

Our whole school attendance for this year is 96% which is above the national average of 95.4%.

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



This week, the classes winning our attendance trophy for best attendance were Lemur with 99.1%

School Dates



- 16th September - Bat Class Town Trail Trip
- 19th September - Puffin Class Town Trail Trip
- 23rd September - Turtle Class Town Trail Trip
- 23rd September - Connecting Together Coffee Morning
- 26th September - Welcome Disco
- 30th September - Y1 Reading Cafe
- 30th September - Book Shop
- 3rd October - National Poetry Day
- 6th October - Harvest Festival Assembly
- 7th October - Meerkat trip to Meadow Lodge
- 10th October - Ringtailed Lemur trip to Meadow Lodge
- 16th October - Reception Phonics Cafe

Notices

If your child wears earrings for school, please can we kindly ask that they are simple stud earrings. We have seen a noticeable increase in children wearing novelty earrings including hoops. Thank you for your support.

Please can we also remind you that children should not be playing on the play equipment before or after school hours. We would like to thank you for your continued support with this going forward.

Achievement



Oracy Assembly

This week, on September 9th it was 'Emergency Services Day' (also known as 999 day). It is a national day which honours the work of the NHS and the emergency services.

We spent the assembly discussing the role of the emergency services, how they help us and how we get their help.



Share with your adult what you shared in your trios in our assembly!

Writers of the Week

Welcome to Writer's of the Week!

For our new families at Thorndown, each week during Celebration Assembly children from each class are awarded for being 'A Thorndown Super Writer'. Their work is displayed in the hall and they receive a certificate. An overall winner is selected for EYFS & KS1 and KS2, these children receive a trophy for 'Super Writer' and they can keep this for the week and be proud!

This week's winners:

Camel - Willow

Kangaroo - Emil

Owl - Felix

Bat - Lily

Turtle - Tommy

Puffin - Isabella

Meerkat - Priya

Lemur - Darcey

Giraffe - James

Chameleon - George

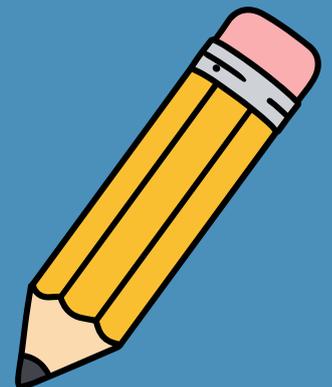
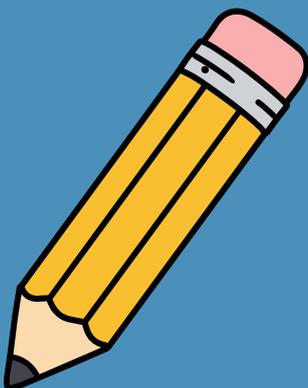
Penguin - Rebecca P-M

Lion - Sophia

Toucan - Kitty

Panther - Edith

Jaguar - Dolly



Well-Being



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

"Inappropriate" means different things to different people. What's acceptable for one age group, for example, may be unsuitable for a slightly younger audience. Online, young people can chance upon inappropriate content in various ways - from pop-up ads to TikTok videos. The increasingly young age at which children become active in the digital world heightens the risk of them innocently running into something that they find upsetting or frightening. Trusted adults need to be able to help children be aware of what to do if they're exposed to age-inappropriate content.



WHERE IS IT FOUND?

SOCIAL MEDIA
Age-inappropriate content is easily accessible through many social media platforms. TikTok, for instance, is hugely popular with young people but is arguably best known for clips featuring sexualised dancing or profanity. Some social media users also express hate speech or promote eating disorders and self-harm, which could cause lasting damage to a child's emotional and mental health.

GAMING
Gaming is an enjoyable source of entertainment, but many popular titles can expose children to inappropriate material such as violence, horror, gambling or sexually explicit content. Playing games unsuitable for their age risks normalising to children what they are seeing. Some games also include in-game chat, where other (usually older) online players often use language that you probably wouldn't want your child to hear or repeat.

STREAMING
The range of video streaming services available online means that users can find almost anything they want to watch on demand. Children are therefore at risk of viewing TV shows and movies which contain nudity, drug and alcohol abuse, explicit language and extreme violence. Unfortunately, these streaming platforms can't always determine that it's not an adult who's watching.

ADVERTS
Online adverts frequently include age-inappropriate content: usually gambling and nudity or partial nudity, although adverts for alcohol or e-cigarettes are also common. Some search engines also feature adverts that are responsive to your search history: so if you've recently looked up a new horror movie, shopped for lingerie or ordered alcohol online, then the ads appearing on screen could reflect this the next time your child borrows your device.

18 Advice for Parents & Carers

TALK IT THROUGH
Embarrassment or fear of getting into trouble can make it difficult for children to talk openly about age-inappropriate content they've watched. Remind your child they can always come to you if they're troubled by something they've seen online, without worrying about consequences. Before offering advice, discuss what they saw, how they felt and how they came to find the content in question.

CONNECT, DON'T CORRECT
If your child's been particularly distressed by exposure to content that wasn't suitable for their age, it's important to offer guidance to prevent them from repeating the same mistake - but it's equally vital to help them deal with the emotions that the situation has raised. You could tell them about any similar experiences you might have had at their age, and how you dealt with it.

BLOCK, REPORT, CONTROL
After discussing the problem, you and your child can take action together. This could include blocking any inappropriate sites and reporting any content which violates a platform's rules. To further safeguard your child online, set up parental controls on internet-enabled devices that they use. This will significantly reduce the chances of your child being exposed to age-inappropriate content in future.

GET SPECIALIST HELP
Age-inappropriate content can potentially have a negative impact on a child's mental health, which is sometimes displayed through changes in their behaviour. If the problem becomes more severe, you might consider reaching out to a mental health professional or an expert in this field who can provide you and your child with the proper support.

STAY CALM
Even though it is obviously difficult to stay rational in a situation where your child has been put at risk, it's essential to think before you react. Your child may well have hesitated to open up to you about watching inappropriate content for fear of the consequences, so being calm and supportive will reinforce the notion that it would be easy to talk to you about similar issues in the future.

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PARENT CONNECT:
INFORMATION AND SUPPORT FOR PARENTS AND CARERS OF CHILDREN WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS
ST IVES, MORRISONS
WEDNESDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER
9.30-11.30

Opportunity



We love having parents and carers involved in our school community! There are lots of ways you can support our learning:

Reading Volunteers

Come in and read with individual children – a wonderful way to support comprehension skills and build confidence.

Share Your Skills

Do you have a hobby, job, or talent that connects with our topics?

We'd love to hear from you! Whether it's cooking, art, science or anything else – your skills can bring learning to life.

Please speak to your child's teacher if you would be interested in supporting in any way.

School Trips & Special Events

We always need extra hands for trips, special days, and enrichment activities.

(Mrs Cook will be in touch throughout the year with opportunities to get involved).

2nd Hand Uniform



If you have some uniform that is no longer needed but still in good condition then please consider donating this to our 2nd Hand Uniform stock in the reception area.

We have an incredible team of volunteers who collate and then sell on these items at our 2nd hand uniform sales across the year. It is a great way to get these items cleared out of the wardrobes whilst also being eco-friendly!

