

Thorndown Primary School

Newsletter

Hello,

Christmas has officially landed at Thorndown this week!

We have had our fantastic Reception Christmas performances which were wonderful. Thank you to all the parents and family members who came to watch the children do such a magnificent job.

We also had our FOTS Christmas Fair this week with lots of stalls and a Santas Grotto! Thank you to all who came and contributed to the success of this event which raises important funds for the school.

Next week we have our Santa Dash, where children can wear festive head gear, the Pantomime and we may even have a special visitor joining us before we break up for the school holidays on Friday 20th December.

Have a great weekend,

Mr Snape

School Dates



16th December - Santa Dash

(children can wear Christmas-themed hats)

19th December - Pantomime

20th December - Last day of term

6th January - Training Day

(children not in school)

7th January - First day of Spring
Term for children

Staffing

At the end of next week Miss Broadhurst will be leaving us to begin her maternity leave. I'm sure you will want to join me in wishing her and her family well at this very exciting time. Mrs

Barrett will be joining us to teach in Toucans alongside Mrs Broach and we look forward to welcoming her to the school.

We are also delighted that Miss Brown will become Key Stage 2 leader alongside Mrs Howell whilst Miss Broadhurst is away.

Achievement



Writers of the Week

Each week in Celebration Assembly we congratulate those children that have been working particularly hard with their writing. Children from each class have the opportunity to display their work in the hall and receive a certificate. Well done to the children below for receiving 'Writer of the Week' this week:

Elephant - Mollie Hu

Bat - Coco

Puffin - Mason

Giraffe - Poppy

Meerkat - Eliza

Chameleon - Lucy

Lion - Amelia

Orca - Caleb

Penguin - Sara

Panther - Lawson

Toucan - Willow

Lemur - Laila

Jaguar - Nenyasha

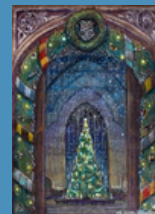


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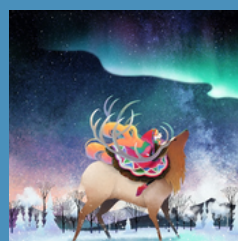
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Oracy Assembly - KS1 & KS2

This week, we used Christmas images as a stimulus for our discussion. For each image, we had a variety of questions which we discussed in our trios.



Why not try and discuss the image below at home?



- Where is this?
- What are the Northern Lights?
- Where can they be seen from?
- When can they be seen?
- Who is the girl?
- Where is she from?
- How is her clothing different to the clothes from your culture? How is it similar?
- What kind of animal is she riding? Why?
- Did they have to travel far to see the lights?

Well-Being



Poppy Appeal

A huge thanks to all those who contributed to our Poppy Appeal collection in November. It has been confirmed that we managed to raise £200 for the charity. To find out more about how your donations help you can go to www.rbl.org.uk/poppyappeal



St Ives Foodbank



This year for Harvest Festival many of you contributed food to the St Ives Foodbank which supports many families in the local area. They have let us know that altogether Thorndown Primary School collected 177.3kg of food. A huge thanks to all those who contributed.

Opportunity



Reading Raffle

Reading with your child as much as possible is a vital part of their learning which has a huge impact on their reading progress. This term we have continued to use our motivational scheme where the children receive a 'smelly sticker' or a 'bingo square' by showing that they've read and had their reading diary signed five times in one week. If your child received a sticker or square they were entered into the raffle which was drawn on Friday during celebration assembly. Well done to all our reading raffle winners!



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untangling numbers

HELLO,

Your child has been inspired by our amazing maths assembly. The clubs are creative, active and educational and are designed to boost engagement with maths.

There are limited places, so please book early to avoid missing out. Booking is via our website, where you can also find more information.

FUN CLASSES

- Hexi-fun
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