

# Thorndown Primary School

## Newsletter

Hello,

It has been lovely to welcome all the children back to Thorndown after the summer holidays – there has already been so much hard work and progress made by all the children!

As the very hot summer turns to Autumn we have already experienced some rainy weather. Please make sure your children always have a coat in school to use at playtimes as we will endeavour to get children out in most weathers.

Thank you to those who attended our New to Year Group Meetings last week. If you were unable to attend, the presentations will be on the school website soon

Have a good weekend

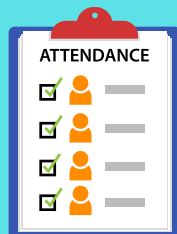
Best Wishes

Mr Snape

### Attendance

Our whole school attendance for this year is 95.5%

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**



This year, the classes winning our attendance trophy for best attendance was Otters!

### Home Learning

Thank you for all of the responses received from the Homework Consultation we sent out last academic year. We are in the process of reviewing our Home Learning Policy based on your feedback and endeavor to provide clarity in the upcoming weeks. It is our intention that any whole-class weekly home learning will begin after October half-term. While this is under review, teachers still may provide some activities that they would feel support your child's learning.

# Achievement



## Our Reading Champions

At Thorndown, we have a strong focus on reading. Our Reading Champions (a group of eleven book loving, dedicated Year 6s) try particularly hard to sprinkle their passion for reading and their love of books throughout the school. In the coming weeks they will be running the book shop, managing our donated books, organising the Discovery Suite weekly and fostering a love of reading by reading with the younger children during lunchtimes. A real asset to our school!

## Writers of the Week

Each week during Celebration Assembly children from each class are awarded for being 'A Thorndown Super Writer'. The 'Writer of the Week' from each class has their work displayed in the hall and they receive a certificate. An overall winner is selected and they receive a trophy for 'Writer of the Week'.

This week's writers were:

Otter - Lewis  
Camel - Enola  
Owl - Sienna  
Koala - Shannon  
Puffin - Daisy  
Panther - Franek  
Fox - Noah R  
Lemur - Bakhita

Giraffe - Archie C  
Toucan - Priya  
Chameleon - James F  
Penguin - Sakeena  
Lion - Isaac  
Jaguar - Jack

# Well-Being

## Donation Request

We are kindly asking for donations of dress up hats, props and utensils to help enhance our Year 1 outdoor area provision. These items will give children even more opportunities to explore, imagine, cooperate and extend their play in a creative and purposeful way.

If you are able to help, please send any donations to Owl, Camel or Otter class (Year 1). We would be very grateful for any suitable items you no longer need at home. Thank you for your support and for helping us make our learning environment a lively and engaging space for the children to enjoy.

Year 1 Teachers

## FOTS Disco

What a spectacular start to the year! Our first school disco was an amazing success, full of dancing, laughter, and fun. We raised a phenomenal £1,702.53 for our school. A huge thank you to everyone who supported the event by attending, and a special mention to our wonderful parent volunteers and staff who gave up their time to ensure everything ran smoothly. A great time was had by all, and we are so grateful for your continued support!

These events are not possible without our Friends of Thorndown (FOTS) volunteers. If you are interested in helping us run or support our events please email our FOT Secretary at [fotssecretary@thorndown.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:fotssecretary@thorndown.cambs.sch.uk).

# Opportunity



## Year 1 Toy Picnic

To kickstart our topic 'Let's Play' the Year 1 children had a toy picnic where they brought in their favourite toy and we all had lunch together. A wonderful start – ready to learn all about toys from the past and explore the different materials that toys are made from.



## Year 2 Walking History Trip

On Tuesday, Koala Class walked into St Ives as part of our 'St Ives and Me' topic. They took part in a history walk around the town, led by staff at the Norris Museum. The children loved exploring the chapel on the bridge, particularly going out onto the balcony and looking at the river. They found out about where the name St Ives came from and what the town would have been like hundreds of years ago. The children were extremely well behaved and listened carefully.