

Thorndown Primary School Newsletter

Hello,

It has been another great week here at Thorndown.

Many of our Year 6 children have been having a fantastic time on their residential this week. Even though the weather has been typically autumnal they have still enjoyed all their activities with lots of great memories made!

We have also had our Anti-Bullying week. This kicked off with our Odd Socks Day and throughout the week children have been learning all about this years theme, 'Break The Silence'.

Please remember to send your child in with a coat each day - this is vital as the weather turns more wintery.

Have a good weekend

Mr Snape

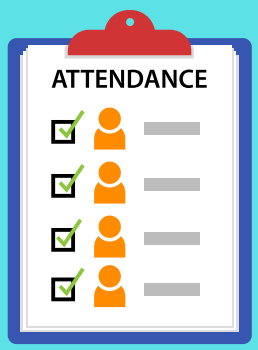
Diary Dates

24th & 26th Nov - Parent Consultations
24th Nov - Inclusive Festival
27th Nov - Library Bus visit to Reception
30th Nov - Marvellous Maths Morning
2nd Dec - Flu Vaccinations
2nd Dec - Y5/Y6 Ivolution Visit
3rd Dec - Drumming Assembly
4th Dec - Y1 Geography Walk
4th Dec - FOTS Disco & Letter from Santa deadline
7th Dec - Santa Dash

Attendance

Our whole school attendance for this year is 96.01%





This week, the class winning our attendance trophy for best attendance was Ringtailed Lemurs with 99.29%!

Sports Kit Plea



If your child has played a sport for the school and has borrowed any sports tops, shinpads or socks please can these be returned to school as soon as possible.

Thank you





Office News

A Reminder of our Attendance Expectations from Parents

·Ensure regular school attendance and be aware of their legal responsibilities.

- Ensure that their child arrives at school prepared for the school day, punctually and in time for registration. Lateness is monitored and may be recorded as an unauthorised absence.
- Inform school in advance of any medical appointments during school time. Parents may on occasion be asked to provide supporting information from the hospital, doctor or dentist, such as appointment details card/letter/text message in relation to the time requested. Where possible, medical appointments should be arranged outside of school hours.

·Ensure that they contact the school before 09:30 if their child is unable to attend school, citing the reason.

- Inform the school as soon as possible about any child's reluctance to come to school so that any problem can be quickly identified and dealt with.
- Follow application procedures regarding a request for leave of absence during term time, which should only be taken if absolutely necessary. Leave is not automatically authorised unless considered an exceptional circumstance. Any leave taken during term time, that has been unauthorised, could be subject to a penalty notice/fine.

·Notify school immediately of any changes to contact details, and ensure school has more than one name, address and telephone number as an emergency contact.

·Engage with early interventions designed to support the family and their child's attendance at school.

·Discuss attendance where necessary face to face or on the telephone – conversations are preferable to messages or emails.

Parents/carers have a legal responsibility to ensure that children of statutory school age (the term after the child turns five) attend school on a regular and full-time basis. Permitting an absence from school without good reason is an offence. A pupil whose attendance drops to 90% each year will, over their time at primary school, have missed the equivalent of two whole terms of learning.





Kingfisher Club

A gentle reminder for families using Kingfisher Club: all sessions must be booked in advance. If your child has not been booked onto a session, unfortunately they may be refused entry on arrival. This helps us ensure we maintain safe staffing ratios. Thank you for your understanding.

Trips, Trips & More Trips

-We are organising a number of KS1 and Y3 trips at the moment as well as numerous sporting events - it's a busy time here in the office, so please keep a look out for the details arriving soon.



Attached are details of the next FOTS events

Angela Cook

Thank you to all who contributed, we managed to raise a fantastic £392 for Children in Need.

Achievement

Waste Management Visit

Today we had a visit from Mr Crisp, who works for CCC, visiting schools to educate children about waste. Mr Crisp explained how long waste items take to decompose in landfill – a glass bottle takes over 1 million years to rot. We made posters to highlight the importance of reducing our food waste. Food waste costs the average family over a £1000 a year.

Top Tips:

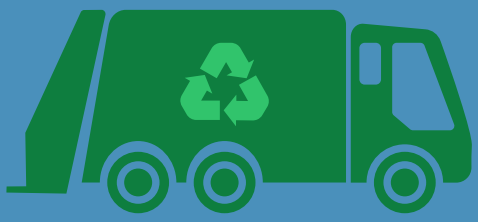
Don't buy too much food

Buy food you like

Give any waste to charity

Use your Food Waste Bin, it's used to make electricity. (1 Banana skin can fully charge a phone twice)

Fajr and Elena – Year 6





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:



Elephant - Harun
Orca - Jax
Otter - Gefen
Camel - Izzy
Owl - Gabi
Koala - Rory
Puffin - Kiaam
Panther - Hazel

Lemur - Vinnie
Foxes - Fergus
Giraffe - Amalie
Toucan - George
Chameleon - Aria
Penguin - Isla



Well-Being

Anti-Bullying Week

This week we kicked off Anti-bullying week with our odd socks day and a special assembly led by Mr Snape introducing the theme of 'Break the Silence'. In class we started conversations about bullying, speaking up, listening and taking action together. We had open discussions about what we can do to promote a sense of belonging, inclusion and kindness. We shared what we can do if we see, hear or experience bullying ourselves in school. We learnt who we can talk to and how we can support and look out for each other!

The Anti-Bullying Alliance website has a parent and carer pack available to promote discussions at home to continue our learning from this week. This is available here.



Opportunity

Christmas Shoeboxes

Once again, we have worked together with St Ives Rotary Club and have been overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity from the Thorndown family. This week nearly 50 Christmas shoeboxes from Thorndown School filled with fabulous gifts will begin their journey to Ukraine and Moldova. Having a box of goodies to open at Christmas really does mean a lot. A huge thank you to all those who donated.



Football Fun

On November 16th, we arrived at a football match. We travelled to Crosshall Junior School and went to the pitch to warm up. 5 minutes later we started the match, we played well but they scored a goal making is 1-0 to Crosshall. Soon after, we nearly scored a goal, missing the target by an inch. It was half time and we used the time to figure out our new tactics. Crosshall scored twice more in the second half making the score 3-0 to Crosshall. Although we lost, we all still had lots of fun!

By Murad

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A Letter from Santa



£3 per letter

Order by 4th December on Classlist

Scan to order


FOTS
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Christmas Disco
Friday 4th December
Pre-school–Year 2 = 3:15pm–4:30pm
Years 3–6 = 4:45pm–6:00pm
£5 per ticket
Pre-school - Y2
Y3 - Y6
Scan here for more details and to book