

Thorndown Primary School

Newsletter

Hello,

It has been a great week here at Thorndown.

Thank you to all those who attended our Numbots workshop last night. We are working on getting the video uploaded to the website for those parents who could not attend.

Our Friday morning Run Club continues to be really well attended. It will happen every Friday morning whilst the weather remains good enough - Mrs Dargaville would love to see more children and their carers joining in each Friday!

Have a good weekend

Mr Snape

Census Day

Thursday 1st October is School Census Day.

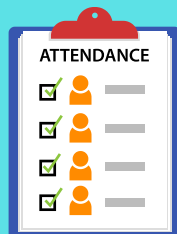
Census Day is particularly important because every meal ordered helps our school secure valuable additional funding from the Department for Education. This funding supports all of our pupils through enhanced resources, learning opportunities and experiences across the school.

Every meal really does count so please consider having a school lunch on this day.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance for this year is 95.7%

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



This year, the classes winning our attendance trophy for best attendance was Otters! 3 weeks in a row with 100%!

Car Park

At the start and end of the school day the car park is a very busy place with staff arriving at and leaving school. We have had several incidents since our return to school of children walking across the car park unsupervised, parents parking in the car park when they should not be (by tailgating through the gates) and this has caused a few near misses or issues.

We are writing to remind you that the car park is closed to parents at the start and end of the school day apart from the very small number who have express permission from the school. All other parents/carers should either travel to school on foot or, where this isn't possible, use the outdoor leisure centre car park which is a short walk from the school.

It is important that children, staff and parents are able to access the school site safely and we thank you for supporting us with the use of our car park in order to ensure this is possible.

Achievement



500 Words Competition

This week we launched the BBC 500 words competition. This is a competition where children are encouraged to have fun writing a story, be creative and make the judges laugh, cry or just be blown away by what they are reading. Children are encouraged to write a story they would love to read themselves. This year's stellar line up of judges include Malorie Blackman, Charlie Higson, Francesca Simon, Sir Lenny Henry, Frank Cottrell-Boyce and Rose Ayling-Ellis and the expert panel will be chaired by The One Show's Alex Jones. Take a look on the link below for more information: BBC 500 Words. If your child wishes to take part, please submit your entries via the 500 words website. Do let Mrs Browne know if you do enter 😊

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 - Ava
Camel - Oscar
Owl - Kai
Koala - Eric
Puffin - Myla
Panther - Luna
Fox - Lily
Lemur - Amelia

Giraffe - Clara
Toucan - Sophie
Chameleon - Mali
Penguin - Reggie
Lion - Kieran
Jaguar - Ziva

Well-Being

School Book Shop

THURSDAY 1ST OCTOBER

**The Morning Crew Room
@ 3.15pm**

CASH ONLY.

**Come along and buy a new
book!**

**Books prices range from £1-
£3.**

Book packs available.



Opportunity



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Year 2 Walking History Trip

Over the last fortnight our Year Two classes have been lucky enough to take part in their first trip of Year Two!

Koalas, Panthers and Puffins all took it in turns to walk into St Ives as part of their 'St Ives and Me' topic work.

After arriving at the Norris Museum the Year Two children met a Learning Officer who guided them around St Ives. The focus was learning about local history and this involved plotting important events on a timeline. The children were able to go downstairs in the Bridge Chapel and stand on the balcony, they were able to learn about Oliver Cromwell's men blowing up part of the town bridge and they also heard the tale of an unruly bullock that escaped from the market. We are so grateful for all of the parent and carer support which made this trip possible. Thank you so much to all who came and assisted with these visits.

