

Thorndown Primary School

Newsletter

Hello,

It has been another fantastic week at Thorndown.

We have had some fantastic events in school this week with our Year 2 children continuing on their walking trips around St Ives. We have also had Premier Sports in providing sports sessions for our children.

Next week we have our Year 1 reading cafe on Tuesday. This is a great opportunity to understand how your child learns to read at school and how you can best support this at home.

As the weather remains unpredictable, please ensure your child has a coat in school.

Have a good weekend,

Mr Snape

School Dates



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

9th October - Spaghetti Maths Assembly

9th October - Cauliflower Card designs sent home

10th October - Ringtailed Lemurs to Meadow Lodge

15th October - History of Toys Day for Y1

16th October - Reception Phonics Cafe

17th October - Cauliflower Cards order deadline

17th October - Y4 Bikeability Course

22nd October - Hilltop Parents Meeting (Teams)

24th October - last day of half-term

Attendance

Our whole school attendance for this year is 96.33% which is above the national average of 95.5%.

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



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

Farewell

We are very sad that today will be Mandy Hall's last day at Thorndown Primary School. Mandy has worked at our school at lunchtimes for many years and will be greatly missed by adults and children alike. We wish her all the best for the future.

Achievement



Year 2 Walking Tours

Over the last fortnight our Year Two classes have walked to St Ives as part of our 'St Ives and Me' topic work. Each class walked into town to meet a Learning Officer from the Norris Museum who guided them around St Ives teaching them about local history and helping them to plot 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 also heard the tale of an unruly bullock that escaped from the market. We are so grateful for all of the parent support which made this trip possible. Thank you so much to all who came and assisted with these visits.



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 - Amelia
Kangaroo - Xavier
Owl - Eli
Bat - Harry G
Turtle - Fergus
Puffin - Heidi
Meerkat - Izzy
Lemur - Max
Giraffe - Brogan
Chameleon - Dio
Penguin - Ivy-Rose
Lion - Sara
Toucan - Lucy
Panther - Imogen
Jaguar - Matilda



Well done to Evelyn from Owls, who received writer of the week last week

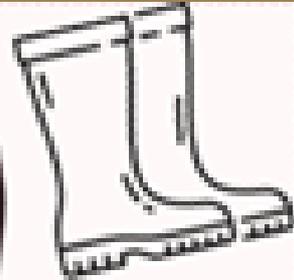
Pre-School

What a lovely week we've had at Pre-School! This week we have been sharing the story Dear Zoo. The children really enjoyed extending the story into their play, building animal enclosures with our large zoo animals, exploring a very messy but fun Dear Zoo tuff tray, and taking part in listening games with different animal noises. We've also loved seeing the wonderful Dear Zoo creations the children have made. These are now proudly displayed in our Curiosity Corner, where the children are enjoying looking at them and using them as talking points with each other. Next week, we are moving on to the story Elmer! We've got lots planned, including a colourful scavenger hunt around the school and plenty more exciting activities to enjoy together. We hope you all have a lovely weekend! 🌈🐘

Well-Being



Welly Weeks



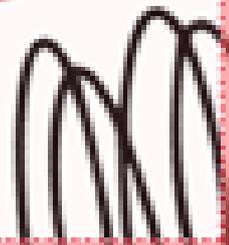
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IN A PAIR OF
NAMED WELLYS
BY THE 3RD
OCTOBER

ALL CHILDREN
WILL BE ABLE TO
ACCESS ALL
AREAS ALL OF
THE TIME!

TAKE THEM TO YOUR
CLASS AND YOUR
TEACHER WILL LET
YOU KNOW WHAT TO
DO WITH THEM.



* * * Thank you for your continued support.



Opportunity



Year 4 were very lucky to have Premier Sport come and put on an Archery session for them this week. All the children had a fantastic time learning this new skill. A big thanks to Premier Sport for a great session!



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).

Calling All Young Artists in St Ives

The **Burleigh Hill Community Centre** needs a brand-new logo, and **we want YOUR help** to design it!

The building is a super busy place where people come to:

- Have meetings
- Do exercise and dance classes
- Make crafts
- Celebrate parties

Now we need a **bright, bold and brilliant** logo to show off all the fun things that happen here. and we think the children of St Ives are just the right people to help!

Here's the challenge: Draw or design something amazing to go in the middle of our logo outline (see below). Use your imagination and lots of colour!

Send your design to: townclerk@stivestowncouncil.gov.uk

Deadline: Monday 6th October

The **Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor** will choose their favourite design, and we'll have it professionally drawn up to become our **official logo**, used on our website, social media, banners and more! So grab your pens, pencils, or tablets and get creative — **we can't wait to see what you come up with!**

