

Thorndown Primary School Newsletter

Hello,

It has been a very busy couple of weeks here at Thorndown.

We held our Parents' Evenings last week and it was wonderful to see so many of you coming to hear about your children's progress.

We have also had our Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas performances which have been absolutely wonderful to see and were enjoyed by all those who came to watch.

With the time of year, we are starting to see an increase in decorative, sparkly or festive headbands. We are finding these are becoming distracting for children so we ask that these hair bands are saved for special events such as non-uniform days or our Christmas Jumper Day.

We have a range of lovely events coming up including the Reception Christmas performance, a pantomime and perhaps even a visit from Santa!

Have a great weekend,
Mr Snape

Hall Update

I am delighted to let you know that following work on the school roof last weekend we are now able to re-open the main hall. Reception performances will remain in the small hall next week but all lunches, assemblies and PE lessons are now able to take place in the main hall. A huge thank you to all children, staff and parents for their adaptability and understanding during the last few weeks.

School Dates



10th/11th - EYFS Christmas
Performance

10th December - KS2 GenR8
Assembly

12th December - Christmas Lunch
12th December - Christmas
Jumper Day

12th December - FOTS Christmas
Fayre

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

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 - Vinnie
Kangaroo - Travis
Owl - Hari H
Bat - Edie
Puffin - Sophia
Giraffe - Dylan
Meerkat - Alani
Chameleon - Iris
Lion - Chester
Orca - Anton
Panther - Iris
Penguin - Noah
Toucan - Lexi
Lemur - Imogen A-P
Jaguar - Benjamin



Our writers of the week this week are Vinnie in KS1 and Imogen in KS2. Well done to all our writers this week!

EAL

Mrs Dunsdon chatted to Ziwei from Penguin class about Christmas in China this week. Ziwei shared that Christmas time isn't as popular as it is here but people do celebrate Christmas in the same way in Hong Kong and in some modern cities in China.

We discussed that New Year is a very special time in China and there are family gatherings where loved ones get together and share presents. During these celebrations, some family members give children money and everybody wears new clothes. House windows and doors are also decorated to bring good luck to the home. Ziwei shared that red is a popular colour for these decorations.



Pre-School

Dear Parents,

We've had a very busy and exciting week at preschool! Our elf has moved in, and the children have been loving finding him each day and seeing what funny antics he's been up to overnight. It's become a wonderful daily adventure for them!

In the craft area, the children have been busy creating wintery pictures for our gallery. They've also been exploring a Christmas-themed scene in the tuff tray, enjoying all the different textured resources.

We've also continued practicing for our sing-along on the 17th. If you plan to attend, please let us know so we can prepare accordingly. Also, if your child will be joining us for the Christmas Party on the 20th, kindly confirm that as well.

We hope you have a lovely weekend!

Best regards,
Mrs. Smith

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This week, we discussed 'Giving Tuesday'. Giving Tuesday is a global generosity movement, that celebrates and encourages doing good.

Which one does not belong? Why?



Giving doesn't have to cost a thing!



Well-Being



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CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

**THURSDAY
12TH
DECEMBER**

WEAR A CHRISTMAS JUMPER &
BRING £1 CASH DONATION TO GO TO FOTS
TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE SCHOOL!

**IT'S ALSO CHRISTMAS LUNCH AND THE
CHRISTMAS FAIR ON THE SAME DAY
... A MERRY THORNDOWN CHRISTMAS INDEED!**

WEAR NORMAL SCHOOL TROUSERS OR SKIRT
SUGGESTED CASH DONATIONS ARE VOLUNTARY



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Christmas Fair with Santa's Grotto

Make your own Reindeer Food
Huge Tombola!
Games incl. Lucky Dip
Second-hand Book Stall
Face Painting
Our famous 'Elfridges' Shop

**Thursday 12th December
at 3:20pm in the Infant Hall**

Christmas Balloons, Festive Headwear,
Face-Painting, Stalls, Games, Drinks and
Snacks available to buy

Grotto is £3 per Child,
Including a small gift. → 
*Pre-booking via Classlist is
essential by 5th December*

All profits go back into the School, providing amazing
resources and opportunities for all the Children

MERRY XMAS



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Thanks all these AMAZING Local Businesses
for donating some incredibly generous
Christmas Fair Raffle Prizes!

Opportunity



Year 5 Football

On Monday, Year 5 boys played a football match against Elton Primary School on our field. We started off well and scored a goal, but unfortunately we then conceded 2 goals and went behind by half time. They then scored 2 more goals in the second half and despite a tremendous amount of effort and teamwork, we only managed to score one more goal and unfortunately lost the match. All the boys played really well and worked very hard on a cold, wet afternoon.

by Evan and Frank



Year 5 Anglian Water Visit

Last week Anglian Water came to visit Year 4 /5 and gave an interesting talk to the children about flooding in our local area. They explained that we live in one of the driest regions in the UK which seemed a surprise considering the amount of flooding we encounter! The children were very interested to see a model of how water drains away on housing estates - some have better drainage than others. They also discussed other water saving ideas. We were then shown the plans to install a pipe to transport water 300 km across our region with a new reservoir in Chatteris. It was a very informative talk.

