



Thorndown Primary School Newsletter

Hello,

It has been a wonderful last week before the holidays at Thorndown.

With a Santa Dash, Pantomimes and even more, all the children have been getting into the festive spirit ready for Christmas. We even had a special visitor handing out gifts to the classes this afternoon!

We have come to the end of our first term this year and all that remains is for us all here at Thorndown to wish you a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 7th January.

Mr Snape

School Dates



20th December - Last day of term

6th January - Training Day
(children not in school)

7th January - First day of Spring Term for children

20th-23rd January - Y6 Blkeability

21st January - KS2 Panathlon
24th January - Year 6 First Aid Course

10th Feb - Y3 St Ives Mosque trip

11th Feb - Class Photos

14th Feb - FOTS Valentines Biscuits

19th - 23rd February - Half Term

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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:



Kangaroo - Abbie
Owl - Millie D
Elephant - Lara
Bat - Myha
Puffin - Evelyn
Giraffe - Sakeena
Meerkat - Ruby
Chameleon - Riley
Lion - Aanayah
Orca - Maurice
Penguin - Leo
Panther - Brodie
Toucan - Chidubem
Lemur - Oleh
Jaguar - Giancarlo



Pre-School

What a wonderful week we've had at preschool, filled with Christmas and holiday celebrations! The children were fantastic during the sing-along, and we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. Following that, we had the joy of watching the pantomime Dick Whittington, which the children loved. There was lots of fun and laughter, with the children joining in with the songs and actions.

We rounded off the week with our special Christmas party, and the children were thrilled to receive a visit from Father Christmas himself! He brought along a new story for us - 'What the Ladybird Heard Next' - which we're excited to share with the children in January.

On behalf of everyone at preschool, we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to welcoming the children back in January.

EAL Language of the Month

This month's language of the month is Ukrainian. Thank you to Valentyna, Tymofii and Borys for their knowledge and for helping our school learn a little bit about Ukraine and some words in your language.

Good morning- Доброго ранку
(dobrogo ranco)

Good afternoon- Доброго дня
(dobrogo dnya)

How are you? -Як ти? (Yak ti?)
Good- добре (dobre)

Not good- не дуже добре (ne dougé dobre)
Ok- OK

Goodbye- до побачення (do robachennya)

Thank you- дякую (dyakuuyu)



Well-Being



Santa Dash!



This week saw the whole school sport event of the Santa Dash! All children from pre-school to Year 6 ran the course around the school whilst wearing festive decorations. As always, this was wonderful fun and we were boosted by Christmas music as we ran around the inflated Santa poles. Many children ran multiple laps and great fun was had by all. Thanks for sending in hats and head gear to make this event well supported.



PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING CHRISTMAS 2024



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MORRISONS Spend £5 from the hot menu and get one free kids meal all day, every day.	EMBER INNS Kids eat for £1 from Monday 21st October to Friday 1st November 2024 (excludes weekends)
GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants	COCONUT TREE One child (under 10) eats free every day Monday 23rd December 2024 to Friday 3rd January 2025.
SAINSBURY'S CAFES Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.	LAS IGUANAS Download the app and join 'My Las Iguanas' for free meals for mini Iguanas. Niños get a main, two sides and a dessert with every adult main (or three tapas dishes) purchased.
ASDA Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.	BELLA ITALIA Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Sun to Weds. All Day Thursdays
WHITBREAD INNS Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased	TABLE TABLE Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!
BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!	THE REAL GREEK Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult
TRAVELDGE & PREMIER INN Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free	PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm
SIZZLING PUBS Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.	IKEA Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am
TGI FRIDAYS Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase any adult meal (Via App)	HUNGRY HORSE Kids eat for £1 on Mondays
PRETO Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms	FUTURE INNS Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.

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Opportunity

Football

Last week, a Year 6 team visited St John's Primary in Huntingdon for the next round of the Dickenson football cup. We were confident as this school doesn't usually attend; we hoped we might be successful. However, the opposition were very strong and before long, we were losing 1-0. We rearranged our position on the pitch and we gained more control, but before long Finley our goalkeeper was being given far too much practise! Despite his many excellent saves, St John's still finished the match 4-0. We showed great determination and team skills but now sadly we are out of the cup.



Pantomime



We were delighted to welcome The Market Theatre into school on Thursday to entertain the children with their performance of Dick Whittington. All the children loved watching the show and got involved with the singing (oh yes they did!) and interaction within the Pantomime.

