

# The Thornton Times

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#### SAFEGUARDING UPDATE

Earlier this week, concerns were raised about a young man walking around the local area. We asked all staff to talk to the children about 'stranger danger' and we monitored all the school entrances and playgrounds at the start and end of the school day. There was nothing happening that concerned us so we continued to monitor the next day. Unfortunately, on Tuesday, things took a nasty turn when the young man was seen by the local shops and a gang of people surrounded him in quite a threatening way. The police, who had been asked to patrol the area, took him into custody for his own safety. This young man is local to this area and he has special needs. He was not aware that people were worried about him walking around the area. The police have spoken to his parents to let them know what had been happening and they are now able to speak with the young man to support him.

Please be reassured that we treat the safeguarding of your children with the utmost importance and would not hesitate to alert you immediately to inform you about something happening in the area as soon as we had actual details.

Could I also take this opportunity to ask for your support in safeguarding the children by always ensuring that you keep your child within your sight at all times when collecting them from Thornton—we do get children wandering away from parents and this can be very worrying for everyone concerned. You should come onto the

playground and make eye contact with the teacher so that they can be dismissed safely. We will not allow children out of the school to cross the road while you wait in the car. We have also spoken to all the children who are collected by a family member and reminded them that they should NOT leave the school premises alone. If their family member does not arrive they should tell the teacher and be taken to after school club.



Have a great weekend everyone.

Sue Simmons, Headteacher.

#### Get your costumes ready!



It's time to start planning your costumes for World Book Day, which will take place on Friday 2nd of March, at the end of Thornton's highly anticipated Book Week. So get thinking – who is your favourite character from a book and how could you create a costume to represent them? I can't wait to see all your fabulous costumes and props!

Ms Evans-Literacy lead

The school newsletter for children, parents and carers of Thornton Primary School.









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#### Meal pattern changes

Please note, pupils can only change meal patterns WITH AT LEAST A MONTH'S NOTICE. Continuous meal changes cause a lot of issues. If you would like to change a meal pattern please give us notice as soon as possible by speaking to the receptionist or a member of the office staff.

#### Second Hand Book Fair

Everything Below £1

Books, Stationery, Exercise Books and Dictionaries.

School Hall

3:20-4pm

On the 28th Feb and 1st March

#### Ladies Night Tickets

Tickets cost £10 and are now on sale! To purchase a ticket Please call the reception and ask for Miss Javid.



### Our Mad Hatter's Tea Party has Arrived!

Invitations for the Mad Hatters Tea Party have gone out this week, to all children and their siblings who have achieved 97% and above attendance.

Tea parties will take place, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday next week from 2:30pm to 3:30pm.

Parents: Don't forget to bring your ticket!

We are very excited! And hope you are too, we look forward to celebrating with you next week.





Headteacher: Mrs Sue Simmons Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Grace
Assistant Headteachers: Mr Couldrey, Mrs Easthope, Miss Loach and Miss Starr
Chair of Governors: Mr Amjid Ali Vice Chair: Tharack Ahmed

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