



The Thornton Times

Spring Term



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Friday 12th January 2018

Hello everyone.

Great to see all the children back on Monday. It was hard getting back into the swing of getting up early and out of the house I'm sure, so thanks to all of you for doing that and being on time. If you have been struggling then set your alarm a bit earlier next week and set off a little earlier so you can get to school on time. It's hard for the children if they come late into lessons so let's have everyone in school for 8.55 am next week.



We are now well and truly into flu season so try to keep your immune system strong by getting plenty of sleep, taking your vitamins and getting some fresh air and exercise every day. That way we can all try to keep healthy and strong to fight off those flu germs.

Have a great weekend everyone!

Sue Simmons, Headteacher.



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Mrs Simmons Coffee Club is back!

You are invited to come for a cup of coffee and maybe a biscuit at Mrs Simmons' Coffee Club this coming **MONDAY MORNING AT 9.00 AM**. Why not drop the children off and pop in—you will be assured of a warm welcome by our regular attendees—bring a friend!

It's a chance to get to know me and other parents a bit better to talk about issues we think are important to the school.



Governing Board

Have you ever considered putting yourself forward to be a School Governor? We expect shortly to be inviting nominations for Governors at Thornton. Please read the leaflet sent home today carefully and look out for further information towards the end of the month.

Governors will be looking for particular strengths that new Governors can bring to the board such as financial, legal and Human Resources experience and skills. You can ask any of our existing Governors if you need to know more about the role. Their information can be found on the school website.



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



Dates for your diary 2018

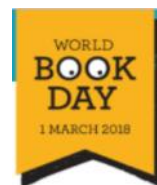
Guided reading sessions for parents—see below

Key stage 1 Parent homework workshop Tuesday 16th January 2:50 pm

Year 3 Parent Homework workshop Wednesday 17th January 9:00 am

Star pupil award assembly — Wednesday 17th January 9:00 am

British Motor Museum Trip YR 1 & 2— 31st January 2018



Library Volunteer needed!

Do you have a hour or two to spare? Or maybe a few hours a week? We are looking for a confident library volunteer to help keep our newly refurbished library organised!. If this may be of any interest to you or you would like further information, please speak to Miss Loach or Visit the reception to fill out a volunteer form. We look forward to hearing from you.



HOMEWORK SESSIONS

Starting on Monday 15th January the senior leadership team will be offering homework sessions in the ICT suite for children who **don't** have access to a computer at home and need to do homework. Please arrive by 8.15 prompt in reception. And bring your homework diary!

GUIDED READING

Following on from our Reading workshops parents are now being invited to join us for a guided reading session. Please look out for your invitations coming home with the children and make every effort to attend—it is important that you can see for yourself how we teach the children important reading skills. We are starting next week with Years 1, 2 and 3 so please ask your child's teacher if you have not seen an invitation.



Dinner Debt warning

We are working to reduce the amount of dinner debt on parent pay accounts. In order to do this **Dinner money should be paid in advance and not arrears.**

This also applies to those parents who pay monthly, dinner money should be paid the month in advance and not a month behind. Failure to bring your account up to date will result in your child having to bring a packed lunch and the school having to proceed with its debt recovery procedure.

Also if your child has changed their lunchtime arrangements PLEASE inform the office in advance to ensure that your child's lunch time payments if any are correct.

All payments should be made through either Paypoint or Parentpay.

Please let us know if you are struggling to pay for dinner money or bring your account up to date—we may be able to help you claim free school meals. or agree a payment plan.

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

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