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Thornton Community Day Important Information

On Thursday 24th March we will be holding our first ever Thornton Community Day. It is a chance to get everyone involved in getting to know the school. Please can you read the information below carefully so that you know what will be happening during the day.

THERE WILL BE NO LESSONS ON THIS DAY.

Instead, we will be holding parent consultations throughout the day from 9am-12noon and from 1pm-4pm. (Teachers will be having their lunch from 12 noon—1.00 p.m.). You do not need an appointment—just arrive at your child's classroom, take time to look at their work

and speak to the teacher. **Every child will receive a crème egg, anti-bullying wristband and a balloon after your consultation. You must come and speak to the teacher on this day for your child to get their attendance mark.**



The only way into the school will be through the front Reception where your child will receive a Programme of events which contains vouchers for a free go on the climbing wall and bouncy castle. Additional goes will cost £1 and 50p respectively.



There will also be 3 magic shows from Ronnie Crackers the clown, 5-a-day fruit kebab workshops, art activities, school dinner tasting session and much more. Our own Bollywood dance group will also be entertaining parents after lunch. Posters will be around school next week so you can see what is going on and plan your day.

To ensure safety of children at all times you must take responsibility of the supervision of your children. They should not be allowed to roam the school unaccompanied and if children are found alone they will be taken to reception for you to come and collect them.

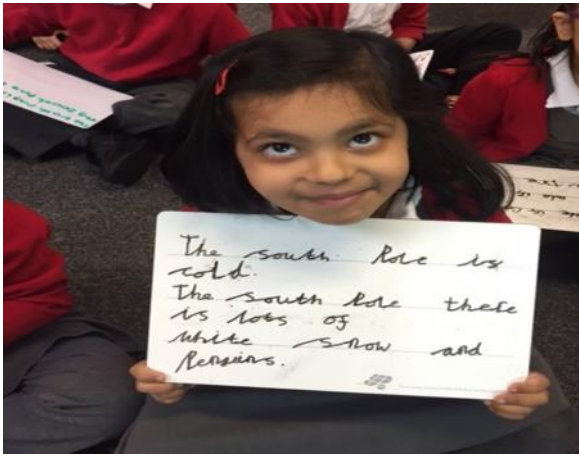
It is important that you adhere to this request.

Looking forward to seeing you all for a fabulous day at Thornton!



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





Pupils' Work

Handwriting

Inayah (Year 1) practicing joined up handwriting. We have introduced a new cursive handwriting script and already the children's handwriting has improved 100%. Please take a copy of the script from your child's classroom during community day so that you can practice alongside them at home! Well done Inayah!



Creative Thornton children!

The fabulous owls have been painted by Ismail Rahman 5TR, Mishall Mahmood 4SJ, Nadia Zubair 6EH, Aisha Saddiqa 6EH and Malaikha Wajid 6EH. Miss Webster has said that she was extremely proud and privileged to have worked with these individuals. She said, 'Their patience



and hard work should definitely be noted and it was an absolute pleasure working with them all.' Well done—we now have our own Little Hoots to adorn the school corridor!

Year 1 Lickey Hills Trip—Year 1 were a credit to Thornton Primary School when they visited Lickey Hills on Tuesday. The teachers and children walked 4 miles using compasses to guide them. Although the weather was rather chilly and there were patches of thick mud, there were no complaints off the children. Everyone had such a great time and the guides even commented on how well the children listened and how eager they were to learn.

Year 5—Woodlands Trip—Year 5 had a fabulous time on their Woodlands trip. They participated in lots of fun activities, including climbing, canoeing, zip wire, archery and assault courses, enabling them to develop lots of important life skills.





World Book Week

Book Week was an extremely busy week, but provided lots of fun and excitement for the children. The week consisted of a Willy Wonka Workshop, an author visit, Guided Reading workshop as well as celebrating World Book Day. Willy Wonka proved to be interesting and gave the children the chance to develop their drama skills through stories. It was also great having an author in school, sharing his experiences of writing. Many thanks to all those parents who came and joined in with their child's Guided Reading workshop. This gives you an insight into how children are taught on a daily basis. Finally, a big thank you to all your efforts with costumes for World Book Day. It was a very exciting and funny day and we saw some amazing costumes where a lot of time and effort had been put into them. Remember to spend your £1 book token! Reading is a life skill as well as being enjoyable and relaxing.



You can find magic wherever you look, sit back and relax, all you need is a book.





Year 6 Trips to Aston University Engineering Academy (AUEA)

In recent weeks, one class from Year 6 has been to the AUEA for a chemistry afternoon. So far 6EH, 6JR and 6NW have been. They have taken part in a variety of experiments, such as, chromatography, whereby the pupils have had to find out which pen was used to write a getaway note by a thief, separating dirty water to make it clean enough to drink, making bouncy balls, conducting flame tests to discover what colour each metal solution makes a flame turn (this is used to make colourful fireworks) and many more interesting experiments. All the children were also given the opportunity to look around the University and see the work that they do there. They were all very impressed. We look forward to taking the other Year 6 classes in the upcoming weeks.



Fair Trade Week

Everyone had a great Fair Trade Week. Below are some comments regarding what the children thought about the Week and what they learned.



"I have learned that Fair Trade is when people work but don't get paid fairly. People from different countries make things. I think Fair Trade Week was fun and exciting and learning about Africa was best." Aisha Hussain 5TR

"It was a fun week and should happen every year for people to understand Fair Trade." Ruquyyah Ali 5TR.

