



The Thornton Times

Summer Term—Bumper Edition

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The end of term is here!

It's hard to believe that it was 10 months ago that we welcomed everyone back to Thornton for the start of this academic year. We have so many happy memories of the year and we know from the children that they have enjoyed all their trips, visits and visitors not to mention the sporting events led by Mr Bates.

On behalf of all the staff of Thornton we wish you a very happy holiday period and look forward to seeing you all in September. Goodbye to Year 6—we wish you every success in your new schools—don't forget to keep in touch and let us know how you are getting on. We will miss you!

Have a great summer everyone!

Sue Simmons, Headteacher.



Year 5/6 Cricket

Congratulations to our Year 5/6 cricket team winning the Birmingham School games finals on Friday and being crowned the best team in Birmingham this is an amazing achievement well done to all involved. Mr Bates

Times Tables Rockstars

Our fastest fingered children attended a times tables competition run by Times Tables Rockstars. We came 13th out of 21 teams, from across Birmingham and the West Midlands, in our times tables speed and accuracy. There was also a Mathematical Reasoning competition which we won! The children all had rockstar prizes, took part in an air guitar competition and posed for pictures.



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



Thornton's eSchools Communication App

We have successfully launched a communication eSchools app for parents. We will be able to communicate with parents through emails, text messages, send newsletters and any other letters through the eSchools mobile app.



eSchools app will allow you to access the following;

- **Attendance**—View your child's attendance for the current academic year
- **Letters home**—You will have access to all current and previous letters sent through the eSchools platform
- **Calendar**—Keep updated on all school events and events related to your child
- **Homework**—View your child's homework tasks as well as teacher feedback on completed homework
- **Parents Evening Booking System**—Book your parents evening appointments online
- **Settings**—The cog icon in the top right corner will enable you to change your password and even choose your own background theme! Please visit this section to check your contact details are correct.

As a parent/guardian, all you have to do is to download the eSchools app, or you will not receive any text messages from the school. We will be sending out your login details in September but the school will not be using the app as a communication method until October 2017.

How to Download the App

Please open your Apple App Store (iPhone) or Google Play (Android) on your mobile phone, iPad or tablet and search '**eSchools**' to find the free app. In order to display alerts from the app on your lock screen please make sure you allow notifications



Over the 6 weeks holidays please ensure the safety of your children whilst they are browsing online, by following a few simple rules:

1. Do not befriend people you do not know and never post any personal information online
2. Do not meet up with people you have met online and remember that not everyone online is who they say they are
3. Think carefully before posting pictures or videos of yourself.
4. Never give out your passwords
5. If you see something online that makes you feel uncomfortable or unsafe then leave the website, and inform a trusted adult immediately.

Attendance Awards Ceremony



There was a special attendance awards ceremony on Friday 14th July 2017.

Mrs Simmons and Mrs Grace awarded attendance prizes to the following children who achieved;

- 100% Attendance for this academic year 2016-2017
- The best class attendance for this academic year
- The Magic 20 Raising Attendance Project

Thank you to all the parents who worked in partnership with us to raise the school attendance this academic year. I hope you will continue to work in partnership with us to make everyday count in your child's education.



Well done to the 106 Pupils who did brilliantly by achieving 100% attendance for this academic year.



Congratulations to Tawny Owl 6 who achieved the best class attendance for this academic year with 96.7%. They will be awarded with a certificate and VIP Cinema Experience and extra play time.



Congratulations to Great Horned Owl 4 and Eagle Owl 5 who achieved the best class attendance for the Summer Term. Both classes were awarded class prizes that the children will take up to their new class in September.

Well done to the children who have taken part in the Magic 20 Raising Attendance Project and attended school for 20 consecutive days. Individual prizes, certificates and extra play time were awarded to these children.





Goodbye Year 6

Good luck to all of the Year 6's embarking on their new journey at senior school in September. We will miss you all very much here at Thornton but we wish you the best of luck for the future!

Brass Lessons

It is with regret, that due to budget cuts, we have had to cancel our peripatetic teacher of Brass. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting your child throughout their time learning the brass instrument at Thornton.



We are considering reintroducing individual or small group music lessons in the near future but are exploring other options than the local authority music service which is quite expensive. Miss Taylor



Snap Chat Alert

Recently Snapchat released it's new "Snap Map" feature that shares your location with Snapchat friends via a map. It allows Snapchat users to see, in real time, the location of their friends and what other people are doing all over the world. It only shares your location with people you have friended on Snapchat. Your location is not public (though anyone who knows your location could share it with others.)

CAUTION – when using this feature, the people you are sharing with can see your location updated every time that you open the Snapchat app, regardless of whether you send them or anyone else a "Snap".

If you are uncomfortable with people knowing the exact location of your child in real time, then this is how you can turn off the feature:

- Go to Snapchat camera (as if you are taking a picture) and squeeze your fingers together (as if you're zooming out).
- That brings up a map. If you don't see the map settings press the settings icon (a little gear in the upper right corner).
- Check Ghost Mode to completely opt-out of sharing your location.



Dinner Money

We currently have some parents in debt with their dinner money due to paying in arrears. To avoid this from happening, please can all dinner monies be paid in advance. Please can you also check your ParentPay accounts and ensure that all debt is cleared by the end of term as a matter of urgency.

ESOL Classes

At Thornton Primary School

From September 2017

On Thursday Mornings—9.30-11.30

If you are interested, please speak to Ms Devi

Places will be on a first come first served basis due to a limited number of spaces

HAVE A GREAT, RELAXING SUMMER HOLIDAY EVERYONE!!!
WE WILL SEE YOU BACK AT SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER
AT 8.45 AM. SHARP!

Headteacher: Mrs Sue Simmons

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Grace

Assistant Headteachers: Mrs Easthope, Mr Couldrey, Miss Loach and Miss Starr

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