

The Thornton Times

Autumn Term

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Dear Parents,

As you know, the school has been through a challenging time over the last few years but now the governing body would like to move forward and really work with our current headteacher and staff to bring us back to where we belong – an outstanding school. Today you will receive a copy of the new school Ofsted report.

Ofsted have mentioned quite clearly in their report that the new headteacher has brought stability and strong direction. The governing body is disappointed with the overall inspection judgement – however, the governing body itself has changed and we have included strong governors who are specialists in their field. With the support of all the staff and the whole governing body we hope we will move in the right direction and bring the necessary skills we need to be more effective. Please continue to support the school and your children for a better future.

Kind Regards Mr A Ali, Chair of Governors



Reminders!

- Please can all parents visit the school website and complete the **UNIFORM QUESTIONNAIRE** in the News section. Thank you.
- **SCHOOL is CLOSED** on Monday 2nd November for Teacher Training Day. Children will return to School on **Tuesday 3rd November** after the half term break.
- **Year 6 Parents:** Please remember to submit your secondary school transfer applications online. The deadline is Monday 2nd November.
Reception Places: We strongly recommend parents applying for school places in Reception to do so online before Friday 4th December.
Apply online at: www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions



Maths Week!

A big thank you to all of the parents who attended the Maths Workshops last week, it was a big success! The children were really proud to show off their Mathematical skills and some parents commented that they had learnt something too! There were lots of positive comments from parents and many requests for more workshops in the future. We will definitely be inviting the parents in again soon! Mr Roberts



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

Homework

How does the school set homework?

All children are given a Reading Diary and a book to take home and read every night with someone in their family. We encourage family members to write in the Reading Diary. Diaries are checked at School once a week and we love to read your comments to help us guide your child. Children can also borrow books from the school and class libraries to read at home with you. We want to develop a love of reading right from the start!

We also set children other weekly homework activities such as practising their phonics; letter formation and handwriting; learning spellings; number bonds; times tables or doing some research for a topic. These are all important tasks that improve children's basic skills as well as giving you the opportunity to work together. Homework Diaries and exercise books are provided so that you know what your child needs to do and children can complete any tasks set in their books. We need parents to take responsibility for their children's learning in partnership with us to make homework effective.

Information leaflets with further details on homework and the curriculum will be sent home at the start of next term.

Well done to 3LC for achieving
100% attendance last week!



The School Ofsted report has been released and is now available to download and read from the News section on the school website.



Diary Dates

Friday 23rd October

End of Term (1 week half term holiday)

Monday 2nd November

SCHOOL CLOSED

Teacher Training Day

Tuesday 3rd November

Children back to School

SEN Parent Events coming up in October, November and December:

Full details and booking forms can be found in the News section of the school website.

Gossip and Hearsay

Please can we remind parents that passing on gossip and hearsay is not acceptable. Out of respect for the children, families and members of our community please come and speak to Mrs Simmons, or a member of the senior leadership team, who will be happy to speak through any concerns professionally and confidentially.

Harvest Donations

Thank you for your generous harvest donations. We will be delivering items to the Foodbank on Wed 4th November—so there is still time to send in donations on the first day back to school!

Coffee Mornings with Mrs Simmons

After half term, Mrs Simmons' coffee mornings will run every other Wednesday at 9.00am. The first meeting after half term will be on Wednesday 11th November.



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