



The Thornton Times

Spring Term 1

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Friday 10th January 2020

Hello everyone

A very warm welcome back to you all! It has already been a busy start to the new term, and indeed the new decade, with a lovely learning buzz in school. The children are clearly refreshed and happy to see their friends and teachers, and everyone has enjoyed catching up on stories about their holidays.

We are looking forward to celebrating the children's successes as they continue their exciting learning journeys this Spring term, and will soon be letting you know some dates that you can come into school to share this with your children. We want the children to remember **'the expert at anything was once a beginner'**!

We are pleased to announce that our new outdoor classroom in the upper playground is ready to be used by the children.

Have a great weekend!

Cathy Grace — Deputy Headteacher



Our new '3 behaviour expectations challenge!'

This week, we have begun an exciting journey at Thornton Primary! The whole school, both children and adults, have been set the challenge of meeting our new 3 behaviour expectations. We think they are really easy to remember for everyone, and we wanted to share them with you:

- **Ready** (to learn)
- **Respectful** (of everyone and property)
- **Safe** (own safety and that of others; safety in school, outside school and online)



Everyone's focus is on recognising the children's effort, in particular paying attention to best behaviour first! Hopefully, your child will already have shared with you that they have managed to get their name added to the whole class Recognition Board in the classroom. If not, ask them about it and how they are going to make sure they get their name on the board next week! Good luck everyone, let's go for it!



Head lice

A new term, our children back together, just what **HEAD LICE** love! Moving around from head to head, multiplying. Could we please remind parents /caregivers to tie back long or loose flowing hair, ideally in a plait or bun. It is best practice to check your child's hair at least weekly, the ideal time to do this is after the hair has been washed but before you remove the conditioner. Using a close toothed plastic comb or 'detection' comb insert the comb at the roots and pass down full length of the hair section by section. Remember if head lice are found all the family will need to be treated and retreated every 3 days for 2 weeks. Further information can be found online or by requesting a fact sheet from the school nurse.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

Dates for your diary

Year 4 Maths Parents Workshop— **Wednesday 22nd January from 9am until 10am**

Golden Ticket Attendance—Bronze Award – **Monday 20th January – Wizard OF Oz Pantomime (pupils only)**

Year 3 Roman Museum— **Friday 14th February 9am until 9.45am**

Year 4 Egyptian Museum—**Friday 14th February 9am until 9.45am**



Year 4 parents are invited to the maths parent workshop on **Wednesday 22nd January 2020 from 9am until 10am.**

It will focus on the new multiplication test at the end of year 4.

Experienced Level 3 Teaching Assistant Required

Part Time -20 hours per week (mornings 8.30am – 12.30pm)

Term Time only – fixed term position until the end of the academic year

The Governing Body are looking to appoint a suitably qualified, hardworking, enthusiastic and experienced teaching assistant to join our team of teaching assistants, supporting in classrooms in Key Stage 2. A minimum of two years' experience in a primary school setting is essential.

The ideal candidate should have excellent interpersonal skills and be able to communicate effectively verbally and in writing with staff, pupils and parents.

Applicants should be qualified to NVQ Level 3 or equivalent; have GCSE English and Mathematics at grade C or above and have a very good standard of spoken and written English.

Visits are welcomed and encouraged. If you wish to arrange a visit, please contact Tracey Scott on t.scott@thornton.bham.sch.uk

Further information about the school and application pack is available on the school website.

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Closing Date **Friday 24th January 2020 at 12pm.**

E-Safety Alert



TikTok is an App that is used to create and share short videos of yourself through singing, dancing, comedy and lip-syncing. **The age restriction is 13. Primary school children should not be using this app.** If there are young people using this app in your home, please make sure the 'Friends' option is switched on and the default setting from **'Public'** is changed to **'Private Account'**.

After School Club

After School Club number has changed to

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