



The Thornton Times

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

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Friday 6th September 2019

Welcome back everyone and a very special welcome to all the new children, parents and teachers who became part of the Thornton Team on Tuesday. Please take some time to get to know your child's class teacher and members of the senior team and inclusion team who are on gate duty before and after school every day. We find that if you get to know us and speak to us early if you have any concerns then we can solve issues without them getting out of hand. Positive feedback is also appreciated! I would particularly like to introduce Mrs Biddle-Rowbone who has joined us for this term initially, as an Assistant Headteacher, following Mrs Easthope's departure. She will be working with the senior team to develop our curriculum over the next few months.



We have a really busy term planned for you so please take time to read the newsletter every Friday and check our website regularly so you can keep up to date with everything that is going on.

Have a great weekend everyone!

Sue Simmons, Headteacher.

Homework Club

Homework Club takes place every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday before school from 8.15am to 8.45am. It is a great opportunity for anyone who needs to use a computer to complete their homework or just get help from a teacher.

Please arrive at reception by 8.15 am if you wish to attend.



Volunteers Wanted

At Thornton, we welcome volunteers in many areas of the school—from working in the classroom with children; helping teachers to prepare resources; admin duties and keeping our library in fantastic shape.

If you have a few hours to spare once or twice a week, please come into the main reception and collect a Volunteer Form. This needs to be returned to the main reception once completed. The deadline for volunteer applications is Friday 21st September. Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you!



Lunch Boxes

We have some fantastic new lunch boxes in school at the moment, but sadly a few have not been labelled with a name and class. Please help us to make sure all lunch boxes can be returned to the right child by putting this on their box. Thank you.

Please could we also request that any lunch boxes delivered to the school in the morning are brought in before 11am so that we can make sure they are handed to your child in time.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 10th September— Year 3
Woodlands Trip Snowy Owl 3, Tawny Owl 3 and Great Horned Owl 3

Tuesday 17th September — Year 3
Woodlands Trip Eagle Owl 3, half class of Tawny Owl 3 and Barn Owl 3.

If you have not paid your trip money please can you do so as soon as possible.

Dinner Money

Dinner money has increased to £2.40 per day and £12.00 per week. Year 3 parents, please note that you are no longer automatically eligible for a free school meal—please check with our office staff if you are in any doubt otherwise you may build up a large

Uniform and PE Kits

Please can you ensure that your child's name, and class, is written inside all items of school uniform and PE Kit. With 600 PE Kits in school, all looking almost identical, it can be really tricky to return lost items to the correct child, and no-one wants to put on someone else's worn PE Kit! (That includes Year 6's ties too!) Thank you.



Year 6 Parents' Briefing

There is a Year 6 parents' briefing on Friday 13th September 9-10am for all Year 6 parents to attend. It is really important that you attend this session so that you can find out all about the Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs) that your child is working towards and will be taking in May 2020. If you are unable to attend, the class teacher will be able to provide you with some written information after this date.



Stay and Read Sessions

Please keep an eye out for the 'Stay and Read' sessions we have planned for you during the next couple of weeks. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to come into school and get some tips on how to support your child with reading at home, as well as have chance to do some reading in class with them! The children really look forward to you coming into school and feel very proud when you do, so please try to attend if you can.



Please keep our school site tidy—put your litter in the bin or take your litter home!



Homework planners

We are delighted to announce the winner for the Homework Planner front cover is Yusuf A in Year 5. His colourful design illustrates our core values perfectly. Well done, Yusuf!