



The Thornton Times



Home Learning - Special Edition 6

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Hello everyone

The staff of Thornton Primary School have been working super hard this week to prepare our school site for the safe return of Year 6 children from **Monday 8th June**. They have been busy de-cluttering classrooms, spacing out desks and putting lots of signs all around the site to mention just a few things!

Our school website has more information for parents about '[Our School Plan for the reopening and operation of Thornton Primary School](#)'. You can find this detailed document on the homepage of the school website www.thornton.bham.sch.uk. As well as this, you will find a guide written especially for our Year 6 children called '[Going Back to School Guide for Year 6 Children](#)'. Please encourage your child to have a look at this so they can start to become familiar with how school will look and things that have changed to keep them safe.

We will continue to update you about further reopening of the school as soon as we know more: keep an eye on the school website to find out details!

In the meantime, stay safe everyone! With love from your Thornton Family.

Going Back to School Guide for Year 6 Children

When I go back to school, some things will be different, but I will still be happy and safe with my friends and teachers.

On the way into school

I will walk 2 metres away from other people and will come into school using the gates on **Thornton Road**. I will be greeted by smiling teachers at the gate to make me feel welcome! I will walk straight into my classroom from the playground. I will not stay on the playground. If I'm in a different classroom, a teacher will tell me which door to go through.



Entering the classroom



If I am not in my usual classroom, a teacher will tell me which classroom to go into.

When I am in the classroom, I will wash my hands at the sink. A teacher will remind me how to wash and dry my hands properly.

In the classroom

My classroom will have 10 desks arranged separately. I will go straight to my own desk when I go into the classroom. My teacher will tell me which is my desk. If I have a coat, I will put it on my chair. I will stay at my desk when I am in the classroom. This is my own special space. My teacher will give me a new pencil case with all the pencils and equipment which I will need. It is kind to share things, but just for now, I will not share my things with other children. I will not bring anything into school.



Personal Care



If I need to sneeze, I will do it into my elbow or a tissue and then put the tissue in a special pedal bin. Remember... Catch it, Bin it, Kill it! If I need to cough, I will cough into my elbow.

I will use the toilet which my teacher tells me to use.

I will wash my hands frequently throughout the day when my teacher asks me to. E.g. before break times and before eating anything.

If I feel poorly at any point, I will tell my teacher straight away. They will then be able to take care of me and decide what to do.

Breaktimes

I will have my own special zone to go to when I am on the playground and will go in and out using the same door. My teacher will tell me where I can go. I will not play games where I need to touch other people e.g. tag/football. I will talk to my friends at break time. My teacher will sometimes lead a fitness activity during break. I will keep a distance of 2 metres away.



At the end of the day



After an enjoyable day with friends and teachers, my teacher will show me where to meet my parent.

Only one parent will collect me.

My parent will wait in a special waiting zone and move forward into a collection zone when the teacher says.

I will walk out of school with my parent staying 2 metres apart from other people using the gates on **St. Agatha's Road**.

If I do these things, I will be happy and safe in school.



Please use this link to sign up!

<https://forms.gle/W6Y2vkSrtUQnuRsy5>



Unity Garden Show 2020 – Kids Edition

Take part and share your work on 18th August 2020



Miniature Garden (Under 16's)

A chance for local children and young people to take part in a garden competition, have fun and get creative using natural/recycled materials. Share your creation at the show to receive an award/prize!

Children and young people taking part will be provided with a grow box, plants, herbs, compost and a range of quick growing vegetable and flower seeds.

Call or text Aisha on
07706 992 444
or Rashta on
07455 242 156

Please register before 9th June.
Your kit will be delivered to
your home free of charge!



Year 3 Teacher's Message



Hello everyone, I hope you are all still staying safe and enjoying the lovely sunshine that we've been having lately.

Here is a little recipe I thought you might like to try out, I usually have them as breakfast but if you wanted them as a dessert instead, that would work too. See you all soon

Mrs Tanner



Don't forget to post photos of your Pancakes on Twitter !

Year 3 Activity

Mrs Tanner's Pancakes

Ingredients.

40g wholegrain porridge oats, 150g plain yoghurt, 2 eggs, 1 teaspoon of sugar / sweetener, fruit of your choice

Equipment needed

Mixing bowl, frying pan, ladle, Spatula

Method

1. Put the porridge oats into the mixing bowl and add all the other ingredients.
2. Mix together well.
3. Using the ladle, scoop some mixture into the heated frying pan, when the mixture has lots of little bubbles / holes it will be ready to turn over.
5. Once your pancake is cooked serve with the fruit of your choice and enjoy.

Be careful when using heat in the kitchen, always ask a grown up or older relative to help you.



Year 4 Teacher's Message



Hi everyone,

I hope you and your family are staying safe and well. School is important but so is your health. Take care of yourself and each other (from a safe distance) and no matter what happens this year, be proud of yourself, your resilience and your ability to adapt to extreme circumstances. We are proud of you all!

Ms Dixon-Ricketts

Year 4 Activity

Drawing a crazy character.

Follow the algorithms to create a crazy character. Algorithms are a sequence of step by step instructions.

1. Draw an inverted (upside down) triangular body
2. Draw 3 eyes one of these on each top corner and one in the middle.
3. Draw 4 legs one on either side of the bottom point of the triangle and one on either side in the middle.
4. Draw 1 antenna from the middle point of the top of the triangular body.
5. Draw 2 wings perpendicular to the centre eye.



Don't forget to post photos of your Crazy Character on Twitter !





Year 5 Teacher's Message

Hello everyone!
 I hope that you are all well and safe.
 I have missed seeing your smiley faces and the daily interaction we used to have.
 I hope that you have been keeping busy and learning new things. I have had the opportunity to rediscover all the things that I used to enjoy but never got the chance to do; these have included sewing, cross-stitching, baking and flower pressing. I have also started work on the school's allotment plot! I cannot wait until we are all together again so that you can help with the allotment project.
 Keep safe and keep smiling.
 From Mrs Bibi



Don't forget to post photos of your Flower Pressing.



Year 5 Activity

Flower pressing

- 1, For beautiful pressed flowers, gather clean flowers free of spots or blemishes. Try collecting them on a sunny day when they are not wet from rain or dew.
- 2, Place the flower face down in a thick book lined with tissue paper.
- 3, Close the book, weigh it down, and leave undisturbed for seven to 10 days.
- 4, After 10 days, open the book the flowers should be ready.



Year 6 Teacher's Message



Hello everybody! Here at Thornton we are so proud of all the children at home who are keeping busy and staying safe. We have heard from many of you over the last few weeks and it was incredible to hear your voices again.

I have been keeping super busy by doing some house decoration and gardening, as well as running around after my two children! They are missing nursery and school too, so I know exactly how you feel.

This week we all came into school to get our classrooms ready and super clean, we cannot wait to welcome most of you back (whenever that may be) and have made sure our classrooms look fantastic for you all! Take care!

Mrs Jalil

Don't forget to post your photo of your Smoothie Bowl on our twitter



Year 6 Activity

Smoothie Bowl

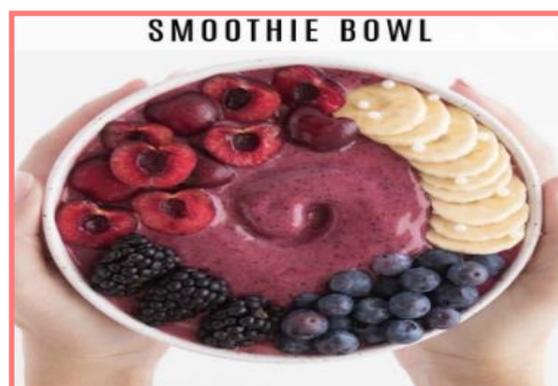
Can you make a smoothie bowl using some leftover ingredients in your house?

You will need:

10 raspberries, 10 blueberries, a banana, 4 tbsps. of Greek yoghurt and some ice cubes

Method

- 1, Use a blender, with the help of an adult to blend 10 raspberries, 10 blueberries, a banana and 4 tbsps of Greek yoghurt and some ice cubes.
- 2, Pour your mixture into a bowl and layer your favourite fruit or toppings on top and enjoy.



Inclusion Team



It's been wonderful to see the Thornton staff back in school this week; we've loved sharing our lockdown stories with one another. We are looking forward to seeing you all too very soon. Remember challenges are here to teach us something, having a positive mind set can help you see the good in a difficult situation.



Back to school



Changes & New Rules

SEND Message

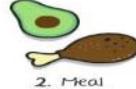
To help SEND pupils mentally prepare for the return to school, we have created a **simple, easy to understand slideshow** that explains the changes and new rules they will experience. Please use this resource to discuss any worries with your child and share them with the class teacher or the SENDCo, Miss Shaheen. The resource can be found on the school website on our 'Inclusion Covid-19 support for parents' page.

SEND Activities of the Week

There are ways we can be learning and practising skills everyday whilst at home.

Learning doesn't only happen in the classroom, the best learning opportunities are in real life! Why not give some of these everyday activities a go?

16 Everyday Activities That Count as Learning

1. Cooking & Baking 	2. Meal Planning 	3. Budgeting 	4. Checking the Weather Forecast 
5. Building with LEGO 	6. Playing Card Games 	7. Playing Board Games 	8. Doing Puzzles 
9. Imaginative Play 	10. Listening to Music 	11. Reading 	12. Coloring, Drawing, Painting 
13. Listening to Podcasts or Audiobooks 	14. Writing Letters or Emails 	15. Taking a Walk 	16. Cleaning & Doing Chores 