



The Thornton Times

Spring Term 1

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Hello everyone,

Despite the dark rainy weather we have had a fun-filled week at Thornton. Our lower phase of the school have a historical focus this term where they are learning about The Romans in Year three and The Egyptians in Year four. They cannot wait to go on their school trips later this term!

We have some important dates for the diary coming up; Parents Evening (siblings) on Wednesday 29th January and Wednesday 5th February (non-siblings).

We look forward to seeing you and sharing all the fantastic learning that has taken place over the last term. Have a great weekend!

Charlotte Chilton-Loach, Assistant Headteacher

Parents' Evening

Siblings Parent's Evening – **Wednesday 29th January 3.45 pm–5.30pm**

Non Sibling Parent's Evening – **Wednesday 5th February 3.45 pm–5.30 pm**

Please book your appointment slots via <https://thornton.eschools.co.uk/login> If you need any help with login please speak to office staff who will be happy to help.

Behaviour Approach Update

We are really impressed with the children getting to grips to quickly with our 'Ready, Respectful, Safe' behaviour expectations. It is really motivating to hear so many children being recognised for their effort and receiving well deserved praise, both in the classroom and on the playground.



In the classrooms, the children are striving hard to ensure their name gets placed on the Recognition Board. These boards have a focus that everyone in the class tries to achieve, for example it may be everyone in one class is trying to 'listen carefully to each other during class discussions'. The focus changes every few days, or at least once a week. The whole class work as a team to help ensure that everyone gets their name on the board it's great for encouraging support of one another to achieve success. As well as this, the children have the responsibility to recognise each others' success and the right to nominate one another to get their name on the board.

Coming next...rewarding those children who have gone 'above and beyond'.



Chinese New Year



Come and celebrate in Birmingham Bullring. The Midlands biggest Chinese New Year celebration with 30,000 expected to welcome the first animal of the Chinese zodiac. There will be plenty of festive decorations throughout the area and activities, catering from children to adults of all ages. Children workshops, lion dance, live music and much much more. The event is free to the public.



Dates for your diary

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

Year 6 Hanukkah Assembly –Tuesday 21st January from 9am until 10 am

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

Y6 'choices' PSHE Parent Information Session— Friday 24th January from 9am-9.45 am .

Tuck Shop



At Thornton Primary we are keen to promote healthy life style choices. So with this in mind, we will be phasing out the cereal bars and the fruit jelly from our tuck shop. Instead, the children will have a choice of fruit and other healthier options with less sugar and fat content. The tuck shop is available in the mornings before school starts and during break. Please do encourage the children to either purchase fruit from the tuck-shop (which will cost as little as 10p), or maybe they could bring something healthy to eat from home during their break. It has been proven time and time again that children need energy to aid their concentration and ultimately their ability to learn. A healthy mid-morning snack is a great way to boost their energy levels ready for their next lesson.



Reading Plus

Years Four, Five and Six are now using Reading Plus. This program, which helps develop reading fluency and understanding, also introduces children to a wide range of information. This is a great way to boost their general knowledge. Children get several opportunities to use it each week in school. It will really help your child make even better progress if you can support them to use Reading Plus regularly at home.

Well done to **Barn Owl 5** for completing 178 lessons last week. What a wonderful effort to improve your reading! I wonder which class will read the most this week..

If you have any queries, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Ms Evans - English Leader



Class Attendance



Well done to the following classes who achieved 97% and above attendance last week.

Year 3 – Snowy Owl 3, Tawny Owl 3, Eagle Owl 3 & Great Horned Owl 3,

Year 4—Barn owl 4 & Eagle Owl 4,

Year 5—Snowy Owl 5, Great Horned owl 5 & Barn Owl 5,

Year 6 – Tawny Owl 6 & Barn Owl 6

Uniform

We have noticed that lots of children are coming to school wearing trainers. All children should come to school in black school shoes. Also a little reminder, head scarves should not be secured with hair pins, please use hair grips only. Thank you for your co-operation.

