



# The Thornton Times

## Spring Term 1

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Friday 14th February 2020

Hello everyone,

At the end of a very busy term, we want to thank you for your support during what is always a very difficult term; with dark mornings and evenings and very unpredictable weather. We hope that you and your family have a lovely break and get the chance to spend some quality time together.

We have a science fair coming up soon, so maybe you can get creative and start your science projects—there is a leaflet coming out today with details so get scientific and see if you can nab a top prize! Have a great break everyone—see you on Monday 24th February at 8.45am  
Sue Simmons, Headteacher, and the staff of Thornton.



### Thornton's Behaviour Expectations

Thank you to all the parents/carers who attended the parent/carer information session about behaviour on Monday this week. If you weren't able to attend, these were the things we talked about:

- The 3 key behaviour expectations: **Ready, Respectful, Safe**
- Recognition Boards in classrooms to focus on specific learning attitudes and changed at least weekly
- Praise postcards posted home weekly to recognise those fantastic children who have 'gone 'above and beyond'
- Surprise, positive telephone calls home to parents/carers to share good news and celebrate achievement
- Ideas for a whole school approach to reward individuals in such a way that they can donate fund-raised money to either a local, national or global charity
- An approach to dealing with inappropriate behaviour that starts with staff thinking **WHY** this behaviour might have happened in the first place before choosing the best response
- Future training for staff about everyone using a common language when responding to inappropriate behaviour



In the summer term, we will hold another parent/carer information session to update you on our progress!

## Year 6 Mexican Day

On Tuesday 11th, the Year 6 children had a Mexican Themed Day. They dressed up in Mexican costumes and enjoyed their day doing lots of art- creating their own 'Day of the Dead' face masks. As well as this, they enjoyed a Mexican inspired lunch which went down well with the children.



## Dates for your diary



Last day of Spring Term 1- **Friday 14th February**

School Re-open - **Monday 24th February**

Year 3 Lunt Roman Fort Trip

Eagle Owl 3 - **Friday 6th March**

Great Horned Owl 3- **Monday 9th March**

Snowy Owl 3- **Tuesday 10th March**

Tawny Owl 3- **Thursday 12th March**

Barn Owl 3- **Friday 13th March**



## Safeguarding Updates

From time to time we will be sending out Safeguarding Updates about things of interest to parents and important alerts. So you can recognise them they will come on **GREEN PAPER**. Please look out for them—one has come out today and it gives you important information about Safeguarding at Thornton.

**COMING SOON**

Mrs Simmons will be running a Safeguarding course for parents who want to learn more about Safeguarding—look out for the flier after half term.



## Golden Ticket Spring Term— Silver Award

Pupils who achieve 98% or above attendance during the Spring Term will qualify for the Golden Ticket Spring Term —Silver Award. Mrs Simmons and Mrs Grace are currently organising the Spring Term Award. Look out for more information at the end of Spring Term 2.



**GOOD LUCK EVERYONE!!!!**

## Dinner money and Club debts



Could you please ensure that ALL Dinner and Afterschool club debts have been cleared for the term. If you are having any issue with payments please contact the school office.

Please pay dinner money in advance and not in arrears. Dinner money is £12 per week and £2.40 per day.

## School Meal changes



If you would like to change your child's meal option, please remember this can only be changed at the start of each term. You must contact the school office prior to doing so. Thank you for your support.

## Class Attendance



Well done The following classes achieved 97% and above attendance last week.

**Year 3 – Tawny Owl3, Eagle Owl 3 & Barn Owl 3**

**Year 4 – Snowy Owl 4 ,Eagle Owl 4 & Barn Owl 4**

**Year 6 – Tawny owl 6, Great Horned Owl 6 & Eagle Owl 6**

