



The Thornton Times

Summer Term 1 Bumper Edition



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Hello everyone,

What a way to end a lovely sunny week with a downpour! I must admit gardens were looking a bit parched but the children (and lots of parents) were drenched when they arrived this morning. Remember not to arrive too early when the weather is poor—we do let the children into school early but they can get very wet waiting to come in if you are too early.



I hope you have a great half term and the weather improves! Well done to all the children who sat tests this term—they did the school proud and can now have a well-deserved rest.

See you all on the 4th of June at 8.45 am.

Sue Simmons, Headteacher.

Twycross Zoo Year 5 Trip

Year 5 had a fantastic trip to Twycross Zoo last Friday. They learnt about the different animals and particularly the habitats and biomes that the animals originate from (challenge ANY Year 5 child to tell you the difference between a habitat and a biome!). The children enjoyed seeing the penguins being fed and watching them swim underwater! Sana Z's favourite moment was visiting the gibbon house.



Parent Governor Elections

Following our recent parent governor elections I am delighted to let you know that Mr Zalal Choudhury was elected parent Governor at Thornton with immediate effect.

Thank you to everyone who voted in the election. The Governors are looking forward to welcoming their new member at the next meeting in July.

We are sure that Mr Choudhury will work with the school to ensure we continue to improve and provide an outstanding education for your children.





The GDPR and Thornton Primary School

Dear Parents,

As you may already be aware, the 25th May 2018 marks the enforcement of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). The GDPR will replace the Data Protection Act 1998 and is designed to strengthen the safety and security of all data held within an organisation, and make sure processing and storage procedures are consistent.

We have updated our policies and privacy notices which are now on the school website. I would like to ask you to read and understand the school's [privacy notice](#). It is vital that you have read and understand the privacy notice, as the school wants to ensure that you understand what we are doing with your data and that you know we are acting legally.

If you have any questions about GDPR, you can contact the Information Commissioner's Office on 0303 123 1113 or by using their [live chat](#), or you can visit their [Guide to the General Data Protection Regulation](#) webpage. You are also welcome to direct any questions you have to our Data Protection Officer, Mrs Hameeda Ahmed, the school business manager.

Food Bank Donation

On Wednesday afternoon, Miss Taylor delivered nearly 200 items of food for less fortunate members of our community that was donated by you. Well Done to Barn Owl 5 for donating the most food cans in total they donated 56 cans.

The food bank were grateful for the supplies the members of Year 4 School Councillors worked so hard to collect. Thank you for all of your generosity and support for this project.

Look out for our next charity project after half term! (Clue: It will involve small change) .



School Attendance

Our whole school attendance for this academic year is **96.2%**. We are working very hard towards achieving our new school attendance target of **97%**. We are pleased to inform you that we are ending the Summer Term 1 with **97.3%** attendance for that term so we have exceeded our attendance target this term. Thank you to all the parents who ensure that their children come to school everyday and on time.

Well done to the top 10 classes who have achieved the school attendance target of 97% during Summer Term 1.

	Class	% Attendance
1st	Tawny Owl 4	98.7
2nd	Great Horned Owl 5	98.6
3rd	Tawny Owl 5	98.3
4th	Great Horned Owl 6	98.3
5th	Eagle Owl 4	98
6th	Eagle Owl 6	98
7th	Barn Owl 6	97.9
8th	Wise Owls 2	97.8
9th	Eagle Owl 3	97.6
10th	Snowy Owl 6	97.6

Congratulations Tawny Owl 4, you have won the best class attendance award for Summer Term 1!

Tawny Owl 4 will be awarded with a £50 Amazon gift voucher. The children can choose new resources for their classroom.



Magic 20 Raising Attendance Project

In order to work in partnership with parents we will be introducing 'The Magic 20 Raising Attendance project' in the Summer term 2. This project is targeted at pupils with attendance below 90% and the main aim is to reward pupils for the achievement of attending school every day plus your child will be much happier and settled if they attend school every day consistently without taking any days off.

Our new award system will help raise attendance and encourage children to achieve the school target of 97% by attending every day.

Look out for letters next term if your child's attendance is below 90%!

Dates for the Dairy

Friday 25th May—End of half term
children break up for holidays

Monday 4th June— School opens at
normal time of 8:45am

Monday 18th June—20th June

Year 6 Kingswood Residential Trip

Friday 22nd June—Eid Mela!

Year 2 SATS



Thank you to all the parents for their support throughout SATS week. Well done to all the children in year 2 for working hard and taking part in the tests.

Readathon

Thornton will be taking part in the national **READATHON** during the final summer term. The charity get children reading for fun through a sponsored Readathon.

Look out for more information to follow next term.



Updating contact details



Please inform the school office if your contact details have changed. It is very important school has the most up to date telephone numbers and addresses.

Healthy Recipe of the week

Banana Bread

An easy and tasty way to use up over-ripe bananas, instead of throwing them away.

Ingredients

2 cups plain flour,

1 tsp baking powder,

$\frac{1}{4}$ tsp salt

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup butter

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup brown sugar

2 cups mashed overripe bananas

2 eggs, beaten



Method

1. In a large bowl, mix flour, salt and baking powder.
2. In a separate bowl, cream the butter and sugar together.
3. Stir in eggs and bananas, and mix well.
4. Stir the banana mixture into the flour mixture gently.
5. Pour the batter into a greased loaf tin.
6. Bake in a preheated oven for 1 hour.

Enjoy!