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Hello everyone,

A warm welcome back after a refreshing break! And a BIG thank you to everyone who has worked incredibly hard over the holidays to produce some **fantastic CREATIVE homework** as well as some **EGGsellent entries for the Easter art competition**...winning entries will be shared next week! We are also really looking forward to the **Year 5 Easter Assembly** which will be performed to Year 5 parents and carers on **Monday 27th April at 9am**.



We have been really impressed with how our **#thorntonfamily** have embraced our **new playtime games timetable** this week. Children in each year group are learning a new playtime game every week for the next 3 weeks to play with their friends. They will practice playing them before moving on to some new games next term. The **'game of the week'** is on display in the windows on the St. Agatha's Road playground. It has also been great to see the children enjoying the **new quiet area playtime activities**; lego, four in a row and Uno are proving to be very popular! A very BIG thank you to everyone for treating our new resources respectfully!



Here are a few important dates for you:

Tuesday 28th April 2.30pm — Parents/carers meeting at Sladefield Infant School about joint Relationships Education and Health Education policy and lessons (separate letter sent home today with more details)

Wednesday 29th April — Y4 & Y5 parents/carers meeting about Healthy Relationships

Friday 1st May 9am — Parents/carers meeting at Thornton Primary School about joint Relationships Education and Health Education policy and lessons (same meeting as 28th April meeting)

Monday 4th May — BANK HOLIDAY—School closed to ALL

Thursday 7th May — Teacher Training Day 4 School closed to ALL pupils

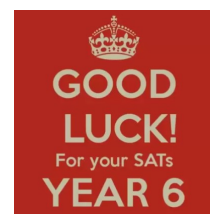
Monday 11th May to Friday 15th May — Key Stage 2 SATs (Year 6 tests week)

Friday 22nd May 9am — Year 3 Ramadan Assembly for Year 3 parents/carers

And now for a really important date for your diary! On **Thursday 21st May**, we will be holding our **Summer Fair!** This will involve lots of fun in school from **1.30-3pm**, with parents/carers warmly invited to visit school and share in the wide range of different stalls and activities we are planning. Anyone wishing to **hire a table** in our school hall for the Summer Fair (**£15 for a single table, £30 for a double table**), needs to contact the School Office to make the necessary arrangements, thank you. We really hope some stalls can sell some hot food, sweets and cakes so we can all treat ourselves! A letter is coming home today with more information about the Summer Fair... with more news about our exciting raffle prizes that can be won in next week's newsletter so please keep an eye out!

Have a great weekend everyone!

Cathy Grace, Headteacher



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School Attendance

Class Attendance

Well Done to **5ST and 6ZB** for achieving our school attendance target of 97% and above for last week!

Our school attendance last week of Spring term was 93.8%



Golden Ticket Initiative



Congratulations to the **154** Pupils who achieved the Golden Ticket **Silver Award** well done to all pupils for achieving **98%** and above for Spring Term! The pupils have been invited to take part in a fun sporty session.. look out for the golden tickets!



PE TIMETABLE

Monday 20th April

Year 3

Tuesday 21st April

Swimming for 4NG and 4SH

Wednesday 22nd April
Year 4

Thursday 23rd April

Year 6

Friday 24th April

Year 5

ARTICLE OF THE WEEK

This week in school, the children have been learning about **Earth Day**, which takes place every year on **22nd April**. Earth Day is a global event that encourages us all to show care and responsibility for our planet and the environment we live in. As part of our learning, pupils explored how caring for the Earth links to children's rights. We focused on:

Article 6 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child – the right to life, survival and development

Article 24 – the right to good health, including access to clean water, nutritious food and a safe, healthy environment.

The children had some excellent discussions about how we can all make small changes to protect our local environment. Together, we came up with a range of practical ideas that families can try at home, including: **Reducing, reusing and recycling, Picking up litter when we see it, Buying local produce to reduce food miles, Eating less meat and dairy, Turning off lights and electrical items when they are not in use, Walking to school where possible, Donating clothes and toys that are still in good condition, Using bags for life and reusable water bottles, Being careful not to waste water.** It has

been lovely to see the children so engaged and enthusiastic about caring for our planet.

Thank you for supporting these important messages at home.



School Term Dates

Summer Term 2026

Term starts: Monday 13th April

Bank Holiday: Monday 4th May school closed

Teacher Training: Thursday 7th May school closed for all pupils

Half-term Holidays: Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May

Term Starts: Monday 1st June

Pupils' last day: Friday 17 July

Term ends: Monday 20 July (Teacher Training Day 5)

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