



The Thornton Times

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Friday 19th October 2018

Hello everyone,

Well, just a week to go until half term! This has been a long term—8 weeks—and the children have worked hard and will deserve their break. At the start of next half term we are having two days of teacher training focusing on further developing our teaching and learning in school. This means that your children will not return to school until Wednesday 7th November. Please make sure you put this in your diary!



Teacher Training

This week the PCSOs have visited school to speak to parents arriving in cars on Thornton Road and St Agatha's Road about parking and the use of seatbelts for children. Lots of children were seen not wearing seatbelts or using proper car seats and this is worrying. Even at very slow speeds children can suffer serious injuries if they are not securely fastened into the correct car seat. Whether or not you are in a rush, please don't compromise your child's safety. Think before you travel without your child being safe.



See you all on Monday.

Sue Simmons, Headteacher

Anti-Bullying Competition!

As part of our 'anti-bullying' focus this year we will be holding a competition across the whole school and the fantastic prize is a **CINEMA TRIP**.

WOW—THIS IS EXCITING NEWS!

This a homework opportunity which will be fantastic to complete over the half term holidays—so plenty of time to get your creative juices flowing. For Years 2, 3 and 4 the focus will be '**Playground Bullying**' and in Years 5 and 6 the focus will be '**Cyber Bullying**'.

The children can create any of the following based on their 'anti-bullying' theme: a poem; a 500 word story; a song/rap (which can be recorded and emailed to school); a Power Point presentation or a collage.

THE DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS 9.00 AM ON WEDNESDAY 7th NOVEMBER.

All entries will receive a prize and the best entries, as judged by School Council, will receive a **GOLDEN CINEMA TICKET**. Look out for more information in a leaflet coming out next week!



We're taking part in
WALK to SCHOOL WEEK

Monday 22nd October to Friday 26th October

YOU + WALKING =

**HEALTHIER BODIES, HAPPIER MINDS.
FEWER CARS AT THE SCHOOL GATES.
LESS POLLUTION.
TIME TO CHAT WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS.**

Did you know children aged 5 and above should be exercising for 60 minutes a day?

Here at Thornton we would like you to join us on our walk to school campaign.

Live a long way from school? Why not try PARK and STRIDE?
leave the car ten minutes away and get walking!

So let's all SWAP the school ride for A SCHOOL STRIDE!

Don't forget to share your story!
Take photos and show the world your walk to school story!

Thornton School
@Thornton0wls

Looking to get fitter? Struggling to find the time to exercise?

We are looking for parents to join our 'walk to run' group. The weekly sessions will be led by Taahir, a run coach specialist. The sessions are open to all parents, whatever your fitness level! Give it a go!

Come and join our taster session at Ward End Park on the 24th October at 2pm, the group will return to school just in time for home time.



Magic 20 Raising Attendance Project

In order to work in partnership with parents we will again be running the 'The Magic 20 Raising Attendance project' next half term. This project is targeted at pupils with attendance below 90%. Research has shown that your child will be much happier and settled if they attend school every day without taking any days off.

Look out for letters next term if your child's attendance is below 90%! This will explain how the Project works and how your child can achieve better attendance and also get a prize if they are successful.



SEND Information Report Review Meeting



Thank you to all parents that attended the SEND Information Report review on Tuesday. There were lots of discussion and some great suggestions on how we can improve the layout/information we provide to parents. I'm looking forward to our next meeting to finalise the updated version. Watch this space!

Miss Shaheen

Senco Team



Parents' Phonics Course

An opportunity to learn basic phonics to help support your child with reading at home.

Every Tuesday 9am- 10am

6 week course beginning 13th November

Certificate upon completion of the course.

Sign up at Reception (Limited spaces available)



Phonics
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Healthy Recipe of the week Chicken tikka wraps

Ingredients

¼ cucumber, halved and sliced, ¼ iceberg lettuce, shredded 2 spring onions sliced, handful mint leaves, torn 4 plain small naan bread, 140g cooked chicken tikka pieces and natural yogurt to serve

Method

Toss all the salad vegetables together. Heat the naan breads in the microwave on Medium for 1 min until puffed up. Remove the breads. Tip the tikka pieces into a bowl and give them a quick blast in the microwave to heat through. Split the breads in half and stuff with the salad, chicken and a spoonful of yogurt.



Payment Reminder

Please ensure all Dinner money, Breakfast and After School payments are paid in advance and not in arrears. All payments should be made via ParentPay website www.parentpay.com

Star Pupils!

Year 3

Laylah A
Eesa H
Uzair T
Zaliha S
Fatima S

Year 2

Dhanyaal Z

Year 4

Zakariyya R
Deen H
Moosa M
Afnan H
Maryam A

Year 5

Ana-Maria C
Aila J
Kie-Raine S
Myra H
Tariq Bin-J

Year 6

Yusuf I
Yahya A
Ismail A
Eimaan Zia R
Ali S



Star Pupil assembly
will be on:

Wednesday 24th October
at 9am



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.

Important Dates



Last day of Term—Friday 26th
October

October Half Term Holidays –
Monday 29th October until
Friday 2nd November.

Teacher Training Days— Monday
5th & Tuesday 6th November
school is closed to all children

School Re-opens on Wednesday
7th November

Year 6 Secondary School
application deadline Wednesday
31st October

Furniture Sale

We have some small wooden
classroom chairs and tables for
sale. The items are in good
condition. The furniture can be
viewed on the St Agatha's Road
playground after school on
Monday and Tuesday next week.

Chair £5.00

Table £10.00

Pay in cash and take it away
when they're gone, they're gone!

Headteacher: Mrs Sue Simmons

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Grace

Assistant Headteachers: Mr Couldrey, Mrs Easthope, Miss Loach and Miss Starr

Chair of Governors: Mr Amjid Ali

Vice Chair: Tharack Ahmed

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