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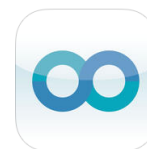


20/11/2020

Hello everyone

I just wanted to give a big shout out to everyone who helped us reach our best attendance target yet for this academic year! Well done to all those who helped us reach **96.8%** last week, despite all the challenges we are currently facing. And, another big thank you to everyone who contributed the many beautiful poppies to our remembrance tree in school; an extra special thank you to Mrs Biddle-Rawbone for making sure it looks so amazing.

We currently have almost 200 parents and carers who have downloaded our new School Comms app, which is great news in our drive to further improve effective and speedy home-school communication. If you haven't downloaded it yet, please follow the instructions on the flyer that your child has in their home-school planner, or look online at last week's newsletter. It is really important that all parents support their child and the school by downloading the **free School Comms app**—thank you!



Remember as the weather gets wetter and colder, **sensible footwear and warm coats (named!) are essential.**

Have a great weekend everyone, and stay safe!

Mrs Cathy Grace, Acting Headteacher

Updating your contact details

It's really important you keep us up to date with your contact information. If your mobile number or your email address has changed, please let us know by emailing:
updatecd@thornton.bham.sch.uk

Golden Ticket Initiative

How will the Golden Ticket Attendance Initiative work?

Thornton Primary School will be introducing the Golden Ticket attendance initiative again this academic year for all pupils. Everyone has an opportunity to win a **Golden Ticket** for an amazing and fun attendance treat!



Autumn Term Bronze Award – Pupils need to achieve 97% above to qualify

Spring Term Silver Award – Pupils need to achieve 98% above to qualify

Summer Term Gold Award – Pupils need to achieve 100% for the for the whole academic year to qualify.

Good Luck Everyone!

School Matters!



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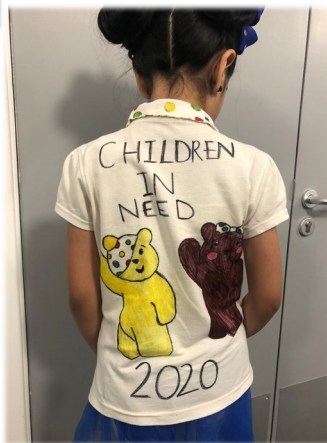
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Children In Need

We have raised a superb **£932.20!** A huge thank you to everyone who helped us raise money for Children In Need. Thank you to Miss Devi for organising the fund raising.



<https://twitter.com/Thornton0wls>



On Friday everyone dressed up for Children In Need. Here some lovely examples of the children's creative outfits!

Meet Ollee – Your virtual friend

Stressed about school? Ollee can help with that!
Frustrated by your family? Ollee can help with that too!
In fact Ollee can help with lots of things – it's the virtual friend you can always rely on.

What is Ollee?

Ollee is a new app to help children aged 8-11 with their emotional wellbeing.

You can tell Ollee how you're feeling about lots of different things – for instance school, your family, friends and your body – then Ollee will give you advice about it.

Your parents and other trusted adults can also get advice from it – and you can easily share that advice with each other either just by pressing a button.

Try Ollee today: ollee.org.uk



What's
on your
mind?



Dinner Money

Please make dinner money payments in advance via ParentPay (www.parentpay.com) Dinner money is £2.40 per day and £12.00 per week. If you require any assistance in setting up your account please ring the school office who will be happy to help you.



Music Competition

Your task is to design and make a musical instrument, which has a Christmas theme.

Design your unique instrument on a piece of paper first and think about how you might play or use it.

Decide on the materials that you are going to use to decorate your instrument.



Meatballs and Sauce

Ingredients

- 1 medium onion, finely chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, finely chopped
- 200g any type of mince (lean if possible)
- 1 table spoon olive or sunflower oil
- 1 tin chopped tomatoes (400g)
- 200g any type of pasta like fusilli



Method

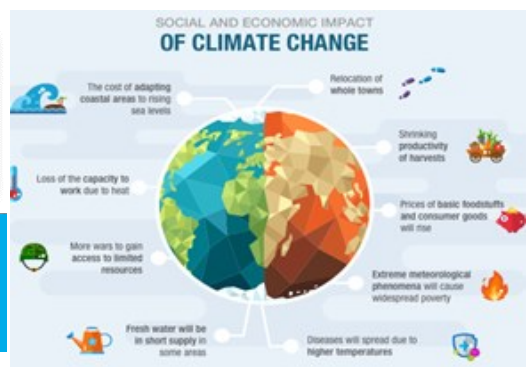
1. Mix some of the chopped onion and garlic with the mince. Shape the mince into small balls about half the size of a golf ball.
2. Heat the oil in a non-stick frying pan and brown the meatballs on all sides. Remove and put on to a plate.
3. Add the remaining onion to the frying pan and cook for 2 to 3 minutes until soft. Add the remaining garlic and cook for another minute.
4. Add the tomatoes, tomato purée, herbs, mushrooms and peppers to the pan with 150ml water. Bring to the boil, then add the meatballs. Reduce the heat, cover with a lid and simmer for 30 minutes.
5. About 10 minutes before serving, put the pasta on to cook in plenty of boiling water. Serve with the meatballs and tomato sauce.

**DON'T FORGET TO TWEET
YOUR CREATIONS
@Thornton0wls**



UNICEF

We have launched our UNICEF Outright Campaign today. This year it is all about climate change. We kick started the campaign by watching a short clip presented by Cel Spellman. Please [click here to watch the video](#).



Over the next few weeks, each year group will take part in activities relating to climate change. Keep a look out for the wonderful work within the newsletter!

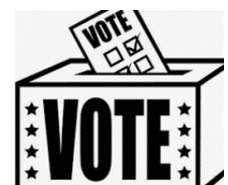
School Council

Each class has had the opportunity to take part in a secret ballot to vote for their new school councillor 2020-21. Pupil's had the opportunity to read their manifestos before voting took place. Teachers were impressed by the quality of the manifestos- a big well done to all pupil's who applied for the position of school councillors.

The voting results are to be announced on Monday

Mrs Bibi

Global Citizen Lead



PE TIMETABLE

W/C 23rd November

Monday 23rd November
Year 3

Tuesday 24th November
Year 5

Wednesday 25th November
Year 6

Thursday 26th November
Year 4

Friday 27th November
6NI only



Did YOU know that thousands of email accounts are hacked everyday? To prevent your email account from being hacked into please ensure that you have:

1. A **complex** and **random password** such as: 5e'j3z)76&
2. Set up 2 way authentication using your mobile number. This will ensure that when someone tries to access your email account using a new device which does not belong to you, you will receive a code on your phone. Without that code no one can login.

Attendance



Huge congratulations to class 4GJ for winning the £25 gift voucher to buy new classroom resources.



Last week of our whole school attendance was: 96.8%

Well done to the following classes who achieved our school Attendance target of 97% and above:

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
3MJ-97.9%	4SH-98.6%	5ZY-98.0%	6NI-98.3%
3SQ-98.7%	4TW -97.1%		6HJ-98.5%
	4AB -97.3%		6HB-97.9%
			6MF -97.9%



WOW well done Year 6! you have the most classes that have achieved the school attendance target!

WOW - the year-round walk to school challenge



Don't forget to walk to school at least once a week this month to win a WOW badge.

Well done to 3SQ who have recorded the most walking trips to school so far.

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