



The Thornton Times

Autumn Term 2

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Friday 14th December 2018

Hello everyone!

It was great to see so many children in their festive jumpers today. Don't forget to send in your £1 donation to Save the Children—we will be collecting until Tuesday next week.



We hope everyone enjoys the fayre today—we have lots of lovely activities such as face painting and another visit from Santa, together with games and activities, food and drink. Come along and enjoy the afternoon!



Finally next week Friday will be party day so children can come in their party clothes for a fun morning of activities and we may even get a visit from a very important person—do you know who that might be?

See you all on Monday!



Christmas Dinner 2018



We have had a tremendous week this week with a souper number of parents and carers joining us for festive food and fun at lunchtimes! A BIG thank you to everyone! The dining hall was transformed into a winter wonderland which was filled with banging crackers, excited chatter and terrible jokes...oh yes they were!

A big thank you also to the cooks for providing a delicious Christmas meal, and making the many festive boxes for the children.



The school newsletter for children, parents and carers of Thornton Primary School.



HEALTHY HOT CHOCOLATE

Ingredients:

- 1 cup milk (you could use rice or almond milk)
- 2 tsp unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1 tsp sugar
- $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp vanilla extract
- Cinnamon (optional)



Steps:

- Place milk in a small pot over medium low heat. Meanwhile, place cocoa powder, sugar and spoon of milk in a bowl, and whisk.
- Whisk until a paste/thick mixture forms and powder is absorbed.
- Whisk cocoa mixture into milk mixture. Heat till hot but not boiling. Stir in vanilla extract.
- Pour into a mug and sprinkle with cinnamon!

Year 6 Coding Workshop

This week, Year Six were visited by Ali and Tom from Chaos Created - a company that designs apps and websites. They came to deliver a workshop to help inspire us with our computer coding. We used software to understand how code works, created code, downloaded our programs onto Microbits (tiny computers) and even edited some very complicated-looking code for the game Pancake Panic to make it work more effectively. It was a lot of fun to see how computing has changed and finding out what will be happening in the near future.

Maths and punctuation knowledge helps you to be an effective coder, but there are lots of other skills involved in creating games and apps: someone needs to compose the music, draw the graphics and write the stories. Did you know you can play computer games for a job? (You have to find the problems and report back to the coder!) Perhaps the students of Thornton could be the game creators of tomorrow. You could have a lot of fun playing games to prepare yourself for a career in computers.

Important Dates

Year 2 Nativity - **Wednesday 19th December at 9am**

London Parliament Trip - **Tuesday 18th December**

Attendance Celebration assembly - **Friday 21st December 9:00am**

Last day of term - **Friday 21st December - CLOSING AT NORMAL TIME**

Teacher Training Day - **Monday 7th January 2019 SCHOOL CLOSED FOR CHILDREN**

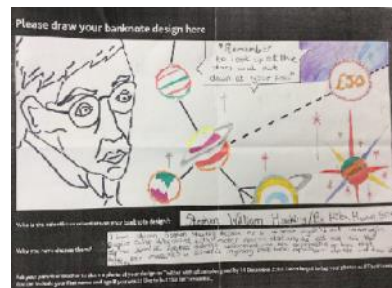
School Re-opens on - **Tuesday 8th January at 8.45 am**

Fast Track Attendance Workshop - **Thursday 10th January 9-5pm**

£50 Note Science Competition!!!

Children at Thornton entered a competition to design a new £50 note the Bank of England will be introducing soon. The children were asked to choose a Scientist they felt had worked hard and contributed to the world of Science to be the new face on the note. We had many great entries, which were sent off, fingers crossed one of our children could be a winner. Whilst we wait for any news on the competition winner, we have selected a winner from our entries at school. Congratulations to Hiba Awan from SO5! Look out for Hiba's entry and some other fantastic entries which will be shared on our School's Twitter page.

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