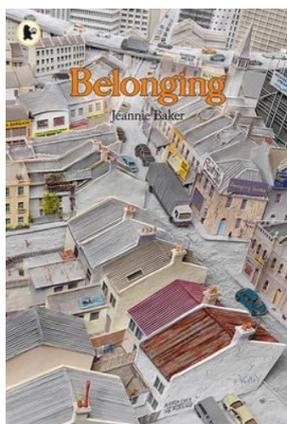


Hello everyone

A warm welcome back to everyone! It has been a really creative week in school as the whole school have enjoyed imaginatively exploring the book 'Belonging' by Jeannie Baker.



'Belonging' explores the re-greening of the city: the role of community, the empowerment of people and the significance of children, family and neighborhood in changing their urban environment. The streets gradually become places for safe children's play, and community activity and places for nature and wonder.

On a different note, I am really proud to share some exciting news with you! Mrs Bibi, Global Citizen Lead, has worked incredibly hard with children, staff and her own family to ensure our school allotment has flourished over the summer. She entered some of the produce grown at the allotment into the Ward End Gardeners' Association 'Junior Collection' section and won first prize!



Mrs Bibi didn't stop there...she also entered the children's design work into the Roma Finance Sustainability Competition and won first prize which included a £500 prize! Mrs Bibi has used this to purchase a fantastic poly tunnel to help our budding gardeners to grow even more produce! This is what Roma Finance said about our winning entry:



"We loved the glass house and the utilisation of all the space including the roof garden. We thought having water in between the vegetables was also a clever idea as well as the continuous guttering. This has been well thought out and is definitely categorised as a sustainable property. You should be very proud!"



Congratulations to everyone involved, and an extra special thank you to Mrs Bibi. What a brilliant start to the new year!

And finally, a couple of important reminders:

- **School opens at 8.30am but ALL children MUST be in school for 8.45am**
- **School finishes at 3.30pm EVERYDAY (including Fridays) for ALL children**
- **ALL school jumpers, cardigans and coats must be named so we can return any misplaced items immediately!** Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend!

Cathy Grace, Headteacher

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Welcome Message from our Deputy Headteacher, Mr Mason



It has been fantastic to meet so many of you at the gates both before the summer and in the past week. Most people that I have met have been new faces, but it has also been an absolute pleasure to speak to parents of pupils who I taught in my first stint at the school.

Returning to Thornton was not something that I thought I would ever have the opportunity to do. However, when I saw that the school were advertising for a new Deputy Headteacher last spring, I was very eager to apply. As you can imagine, I was then overjoyed when I was appointed to the role.

The pupils, staff and parents were what made the school special a decade ago, and I am pleased to say that whilst the school may look slightly different ten years on, that the 'family' feeling remains.

In the past ten years, I have had the opportunity to lead in a school in Warwickshire and in the south of Birmingham. I have also recently completed a Master's degree in Educational Leadership. I very much love to learn, and work hard to instil that passion in others, be they pupils or fellow colleagues.

I look forward to meeting more of you in the coming weeks. Please look out for me on the gate, and come over and say hello.

Welcome Message from our Assistant Headteacher, Mrs McPherson



Its Mrs McPherson here, I am delighted to be returning to Thornton Primary, and being part of a happy Thornton family.

I left Thornton back in January 2013 to pursue my teaching career. I taught successfully at Thornton for 7 years and enjoyed working with some incredibly creative and enthusiastic staff .

I have always wanted to return to Thornton, and now my dream has come true! I will be re-joining The Thornton Family on a secondment for one year as an Assistant Headteacher, supporting with reading and strategic lead in years 5 and 6. I look forward to meeting more of you in the coming weeks. Please look out for me on the gate, and come over and say hello.

Medical Notice



We have a fully qualified nurse in school who can administer medication prescribed by the GP or purchased over the counter. Can parents please make sure the medication is clearly labelled with the name and the class of your child. Also, parents will need to complete a form which is available from reception or alternatively medical forms are available on our **school website under the 'parents' tab**. Parents can print either the prescribed medication form or over the counter form at home and bring it to school completed with medication. Thank you for your support with this to ensure all medication is given safely to children as prescribed.

Healthy Packed Lunch

Please ensure you send your child to school with a healthy packed lunch consisting of a:



Healthy Sandwich

Piece of Fruit

Yogurt

Healthy drink (not fizzy or energy types!)

Please ensure all snacks provided are nut free as we are a nut free school!

Healthy Snacks



Children can bring a healthy, nut free snack to have at break time. For example, children can have a piece of fruit or a nut free cereal bar during break time. Strictly no nuts are allowed in school as we have children with severe nut allergies. Please do not send your child to school with unhealthy snacks such as crisps and chocolates.

Break time snacks really help give the children a boost of energy until lunchtime! Thank you.

School Photographer

On **Monday 20th September** we have booked the 'School Photography' company to take photos of all the pupils. Please make sure your child is dressed smartly in their uniform on this day.

Unfortunately, this year we will not be able to do any family or sibling photos due to covid safe procedures.



Attention all Year 6 Parents! Secondary Transfer 2022

Applications for your child's secondary school place in September 2022 are now live on the following website: <https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/school-admissions>

The online application is very simple and quick but if you need support completing the form please contact the school office to arrange an appointment.

P.E.

Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately as lessons may take place outside (weather permitting). It is really important that the children have as much time as possible exercising outside so we would be really grateful if you could support us by making sure your child comes to school in appropriate P.E. kit on the day they have P.E.. We do not expect children to wear their normal uniform on their P.E. day.



Monday 13th September YEAR 4

Tuesday 14th September YEAR 6

Wednesday 15th September YEAR 3

Thursday 16th September YEAR 5

A perfect P.E. kit consists of the following:

Blue or black jog bottoms or shorts

White Thornton t-shirt or a plain white or blue t-shirt

Trainers or black plimsolls

Warm blue or black round neck jumper or tracksuit top

Uniform

We currently have a limited amount of stock of school uniform in school which can be purchased from the school office.

School Jumpers £5

Polo Shirt £3 or two Polo Shirts for £5

P.E T-shirt £2

You can also purchase uniform from Trutex Schoolwear in the Erdington store see below for the address.

Trutex Erdington

71 High Street

Erdington

Birmingham

B23 6SA

Please visit the website for online orders



www.crestedschoolwear.co.uk

Class Teachers for this year are:

Year 3

3EB Miss Brown (HoY) and Mrs Bevan

3DR Ms Dixon-Ricketts and Mrs Kamran / Mrs Cherry

3AW Mrs Ahmed/ Miss Webster and Mrs Mughal

3SQ Miss Qureshi and Mrs Boden

Year 4

4SH Miss Hughes (HoY) and Mrs Parvin

4MJ Miss Jabeen and Mrs Bi

4TW Mr Wareing and Mrs Ahmed

4GJ Mr Jones and Mrs McAlinden

Year 5

5BA Mrs Ahmed (HoY) and Mrs Margetts

5ZY Ms Younis and Mrs Parween

5NG Miss Garnett and Mrs Begum

5ST Mrs Tahir and Mrs Masud

5TR Mr Ryall and Mrs Tanner

Year 6

6NI Mr Iqbal (HoY) and Mrs Thompson

6ZB Mrs Bibi and Mrs Mir

6MF Miss Ferrante and Mrs Kumar

6HB Miss Butt and Mrs Ayyaz

6AB Mrs Begum and Mrs Hazelwood

School Meals



Changing from dinners to sandwiches? or vice-versa?

We are sorry but you can only change at the start of each term and not mid term. Please call the office at the beginning of the term if you wish to change your child's dinner preference so that we can make the necessary changes to our records and inform the school kitchen.

Payments

Could you please ensure that all Dinner, Breakfast and Afterschool club debts have been cleared at the start of each week. If you are having any issues with payment please contact the school office for support. As we are approaching the end of term, please clear all your dinner debts before the holidays start. **Dinner money must be paid in advance and is £2.40 per day and £12.00 per week.**

Breakfast Club must be paid in advance and is £1 per day and 50p for any siblings.



Reporting Absence to school

If your child is absent from school please telephone before 9am to let us know the reason.

Please give school as much detail as possible about your child's absence. If you need to discuss your child's symptoms with the school nurse please request a call back from Miss Pegg.

Thank you for your support.



ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-2022



Autumn Term 1 Dates 2021

Teaching Training Day: Thursday 2nd September 2021
Teaching Training Day: Friday 3rd September 2021

Term Starts: **Monday 6th September 2021**

Term Ends: **Friday 22nd October 2021**

Half Term: Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October

Autumn Term 2 Dates 2021

Term Starts: **Monday 1st November 2021**

Term Ends: **Friday 17th December 2021**

Christmas holiday: Monday 20th December to Monday 3rd January

Spring Term 1 Dates 2022

Teaching Training Day: Tuesday 4th January 2022

Term Starts: **Wednesday 5th January 2022**

Term Ends: **Friday 18th February 2022**

Half Term: Monday 21st February to Friday 25th February

Spring Term 2 Dates 2022

Term Starts: **Monday 28th February 2022**

Term Ends: **Friday 8th April 2022**

Easter holiday: Monday 11th April to Friday 22nd April

Summer Term 1 Dates 2022

Teaching Training Day: Monday 25th April 2022

Term Starts: **Tuesday 26th April 2022**

Teaching Training Day: Thursday 5th May 2022

Term Ends: **Friday 27th May 2022**

Half Term: Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June

Summer Term 2 Dates 2022

Term Starts: **Monday 6th June 2022**

Term Ends: **Thursday 21st July 2022**

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