



The Thornton Times

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Friday 8th November 2019

Welcome back everyone—we hope you had a super half term break.

A few reminders: Please can you make sure your child has PE kit in school—they need to change for PE and not struggle to take exercise in shoes and uniform. On PPA days we would like you to send your child to school in their PE kit— something like a tracksuit and t-shirt with trainers/pumps as this will save time changing for PE. Next week it is PPA on Wednesday for Year 3 and on Thursday for Year 5.

I am sure you all saw that we had a small meteorite land on the school premises during the holiday—Year 5 are investigating. More news on that later.



Have a great weekend everyone!

Sue Simmons, Headteacher.

SPELLING!

Stay and Spell

At our last inspection, Ofsted identified that the children's spelling is an area that could be improved. We have been changing how we teach in school to help the children's progress. We also need the children to be supported in this at home. To help you to help your children, we are inviting parents and carers to join us in school to share a spelling session. This should be a fun chance to enjoy some quality time with your children. We hope you can join us.

Year Six—Tuesday 12th November 9.00am – 9.30am

Year Three—Friday 22nd November 9.00am – 9.30am

Year Four—Wednesday 27th November 9.00am – 9.30am

Year Five—Tuesday 3rd December 9.00am – 9.30am

Please come through the reception door and we will take you up to your child's class. Please arrive in time for a nine o'clock start. Looking forward to seeing lots of you.

Ms Evans, English curriculum lead.

Parking

Can you please be super-careful when dropping off your children in St Agatha's Road as we are having building work done which is restricting access to school.

NO 3 POINT TURNS PLEASE ON ANY PART OF THE

ROAD. Please try and go up St Agatha's Road from Alum Rock road wherever possible.



Poppy Appeal

Our School Council have been selling poppy appeal merchandise during break times to raise money for The Royal British Legion. We are extremely pleased that all our stock has sold out. Thank you for your support.



Art Gallery

There are many local galleries to Birmingham which have free entry. All of the children at Thornton would benefit from seeing artworks in person as we are fortunate to have so many on our doorstep.

Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery is in the city centre. It has a range of different collections, many of which link to the topics taught as part of our curriculum. There are ancient Egyptian, Roman and Victorian rooms. There is even a children's mini museum for those under the age of 5. <https://www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/bmag>

The Barber Institute of Fine Art is located at the University of Birmingham. They have weekly workshops for children. These can all be booked online by following the link. <http://barber.org.uk/learning/>

Ikon Gallery Internationally acclaimed art gallery situated in central Birmingham which has more contemporary artworks. It is located at Brindleyplace. <https://www.ikon-gallery.org/events/category/family-friendly/> Family Saturdays, First Saturday of every month*, 12–4pm, FREE

Dates for your diary

Year 3 Black Culture Assembly - Monday 11th November 9am -10am

Year 6 Black Culture Assembly - Thursday 14th November 9am -10am

Children in Need- Friday 15th November 

General Election Day- Thursday 12th December (school closed to pupils)

Christmas Dinner Days- 10th and 11th December from 11.45 am-letter coming soon!

Christmas Fayre - Friday 13th December from 2.00pm until 5pm

Last day of Autumn Term 2- Friday 20th December

Teachers Training Day-Monday 6th January (school closed to pupils) School Re-opens to pupils - Tuesday 7th January

Food Donations

Food donations have been delivered to **The Hub, Bromford**. They arrange a hot meal, a place to chat, meet people and get involved. It's Pay as you Feel which means paying for your meal with either money or time; feel free to visit. **The Real Junk Food Kitchen**, 146 Bromford Drive-12noon to 1.30pm. Karen the project manager was very thankful to all the pupils and families for the generous donations.

Roots & Branches Community Kitchen Families are also welcome to visit Roots & Branches Community Kitchen, open on the first Monday of every month from 5pm-7pm, Apostolic Faith Church, 4 Monk Road, B8 2TS. If you require further information please see Ms. Devi, Pastoral Manager. Thank you

Best Class

Attendance Award
Congratulations to **Eagle Owl 3** who won the Best Class Attendance Award for Autumn Term 1 with **98.9%** this term. This is a fantastic achievement. They received a £50.00 gift voucher to spend on a VIP Cinema Experience. 

Happy Healthy Tuesday



November Programme

St Margaret's Church, St Margaret's Rd, Birmingham, B8 2BA
Contact Rashita for more information 07455 242 156

Women Only

5th	12th	19th	26th
Health and wellbeing day 10am-2pm Reflexology £3 Massage £3 Facials £3 Ara and Crafts £1 Refreshments Booking is essential for treatments	Women in Conversation 10am-12pm Free Exercise Class Move It or Lose It 12.30pm-1.30pm £1 Yoga 7pm-8pm £1	Chai and Chat 10am-12pm 50p Yoga 12.30pm-1.30pm £1 Exercise Class Move It or Lose It £1 7.00pm-8.00pm	Chai and Chat 10am-12pm 50p Exercise Class Move It or Lose It 12.30pm-1.30pm £1 Yoga 7pm-8pm £1



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