



The Thornton Times

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Welcome back everyone!

We are delighted to see everyone back in school looking so smart and ready for the start of the school year.

We are really excited to share with you our theme for this academic year: is the 'Year of the Mind!' Hopefully, you will have spotted our special logo on your the front cover of the homework planner your child has brought home. We decided this year to focus on further developing the children's growth mindset and mental well-being. Having a growth mindset helps children (and adults) to understand that they can't do something YET, and not have a closed mindset where they think they cannot do things. It is all about developing resilience, growing confidence and risk-taking. We will be holding some parent workshops later in the term to tell you more about this, so keep an eye out in the newsletter for the dates! We look forward to sharing. We look forward to sharing our ideas with you. Have a great weekend everyone!



Mrs Grace, Deputy Headteacher and Mrs Simmons, Headteacher.

Homework Club

Homework Club runs every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 8.15am to 8.45am. It is a chance for children to get help with their homework and also for those who do not have access to the internet at home to complete their homework in school. All children attending Thornton are welcome to attend, but must arrive in the main Reception area on time so that the club can start promptly!

Homework Club will begin on Monday 10th September at 8.15am.



IMPORTANT: Dinner Money

Pupils who have school dinners in Year 3 must now start paying for their school meals. You are **no longer** entitled to Universal Free School Meals. It is very important that payment is received on Monday mornings and not at the end of the week. Please pay via ParentPay. Letters have been sent out with activation codes this week. Dinner money is £11.50 a week, £2.30 a day.

However, you may be eligible for Free School Meals please come into school to check your eligibility.

Any questions regarding school meals, please contact the school office.

Snacks and drinks

Children can bring a snack and drink into school for breaktime. Please ensure that you send only healthy snacks and drinks such as sugar free flavoured water, water, fruit, flapjacks, raisins etc —**no crisps, chocolate biscuits, fizzy drinks or fruit juice please.** We have a tuck shop on the St Agatha's Road playground each morning where you can buy reasonably priced healthy snacks and drinks. Please encourage your child to keep hydrated by bringing in their water bottle every day and keeping it topped up!!



School Uniform

Please remember to label **all** of your child's clothing. Clothing can get lost very quickly in a big school like Thornton and it can be very difficult to identify which item of clothing belongs to which pupil.

Don't forget to label coats and PE kits too!

PE kits

Every child at Thornton **MUST** have a PE kit in school every day. White T-shirt, black/navy shorts or leggings and a tracksuit as the weather gets colder. Pumps and trainers too please!



Volunteer placements

Are you a parent of a child currently attending Thornton who has some spare time?

Would you like to spend some time in school helping in a classroom or the school library?

If you would like to volunteer to work in school for a morning or an afternoon, or even a whole day in school, then we would like to hear from you!

We are about to begin meeting with people to organise our volunteer timetable, so, if you are interested, please complete a 'Volunteer Form' which you can get from Reception or our website under Vacancies, and hand it into the main Reception by 9am on Friday 14th September.

Lots of parents who volunteered have gone on to either further study or even to work at Thornton so it can be very worthwhile for you as well as the school.

We look forward to receiving your form, thank you.

Mrs Grace,
Deputy Head
Teacher.



Road Safety

Please do not park on the zig zag lines between the school hours. Our Senior leadership will be taking photos of any cars that are unlawfully parked and the car registration will be forwarded to the police. Thank for your cooperation in ensuring the safety of our children.



No parking

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Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Grace

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