



# The Thornton Times

## Autumn Term 2 2019

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Friday 6th December 2019

Hello everyone

Firstly, on behalf of the Governing Body, we are delighted to officially welcome Mrs Katie Biddle Rawbone to Thornton Primary School as our new Assistant Headteacher! She will lead on the Curriculum, as well as other strategic roles, and we can't wait to hear all about the plans she has for developing the children's exciting learning journeys.



Secondly, as you will already be aware, we are experiencing a considerable amount of sickness and upset stomachs at the moment. To reassure you, we are doing everything we can in school to help prevent more people feeling unwell. However, it would really help us if you could reinforce at home the importance of hand washing as a quick way to help reduce the spread of these nasty viruses. It is so important that we try to prevent any absences from school because we do not want the children to fall behind with their learning. Thank you.

Have a great weekend everyone, wrap up warm, and get ready to collect your child next Friday at 2pm and come straight to the Christmas Fayre!

Mrs Cathy Grace, Deputy Headteacher

### Outstanding performance at local Maths Competition!

Students were selected to take part in a fantastic opportunity at King Edward VI Handsworth school for girls'. The girls took part in a 'Problem Solving' Maths Masterclass session on Wednesday 13th November.

The school invited gifted primary school students from around Birmingham to compete against each other in a battle of Mathematical excellence.

I can proudly say that Thornton were **victorious** and came **1<sup>st</sup>** out of 5 schools!



What a magnificent achievement girls. Well done to Zimal and Ayishah in year 5 and Hadiyah, Hiba and Maira in year 6.



### The NSPCC and Lidl Competition

The NSPCC and Lidl, are running a competition offering schools the opportunity to win £5000 (in vouchers) for our breakfast club.

To enter, we need pupils to convey- why they love their school.

This can be done in 100 words or less (poetry or prose), via a short video (no more than 1 minute long), or through a picture either a photograph or drawing.

All completed entries can be dropped off to Mrs Biddle Rawbone.

Deadline for applications is Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

<https://www.lidl.co.uk/about-us/our-partners/nspcc/school-voucher-competition>



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



## Christmas Jumper Day

We will be supporting the Save the Children's Christmas Jumper appeal day on **Friday 13th December**. Children who would like to get involved are invited to wear a Christmas style jumper in place of their school jumper. The children are expected to wear the rest of their uniform as normal. We are asking for £1 donation from all the children who participate.



## Christmas Fayre

Our annual Christmas Fayre is on Friday 13th December. The Christmas Fayre starts at **2pm until 5pm**. School will close at 2pm on this day so all the children can take part in the festive activities.

## Dates for your diary

Important  
DATE!

Christmas Dinner Dates—**Tuesday 10th December from 11.45 am**

**Wednesday 11th December from 11.45 am**

**Thursday 12th December—Election Day—School closed for all pupils.**

Christmas Jumper Day— **Friday 13th December**

Christmas Fayre — **Friday 13th December from 2pm until 5pm. SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 2PM ON THIS DAY**

Year 3 Nativity—**Tuesday 17th December 9-10 am**

Last day of Autumn Term 2— **Friday 20th December—we close at 2.30pm**

Teacher Training Day—**Monday 6th January (school closed to pupils)**

## Help! Year 5 Collecting Plastic Bottles



Year 5 need your help in collecting plastic bottles for their DT project. They will be making and launching their own rockets. If you have any plastic bottles, one and a half litre to two litre (not milk bottles, thank you), we would really appreciate it. The children can drop them off to the Eagle Owl 5. Thank you for support.

## Tuck Shop

We are pleased to announce we have introduced fruit to our tuckshop. This has been a great success so far. Fruit is being sold for just 10p per piece. It will be on sale before school from 8.30am until 8.45am in the upper playground and during break times in both playgrounds. Children can also purchase a cup of squash during break time for 10p.

## Break time Snacks

Please ensure all break time snacks are nut free and healthy snacks such as fruit or cereal bars (please check the sugar content). Please do not send your child to school with crisps, chocolate or fizzy drink. **PLEASE HELP US BE A HEALTHY SCHOOL** Thank you.



## Class Attendance

Well done to the following classes who achieved 97% and above attendance last week.

**Year 3 – Tawny Owl 3, Eagle Owl 3 & Barn Owl 3**

**Year 4—Tawny Owl 4**

**Year 5—Eagle Owl 5 & Barn Owl 5**

**Year 6 – Eagle Owl 6, Great Horned Owl 6 & Tawny Owl 6**

Please contact the school office by 9am to report the reason for your child's absence.

## Contact Details

This week we have had a few incidents where children have been unwell and we could not contact the parents. It is very important that the school has up to date contact details for safeguarding purposes. Please inform the school office if your telephone number or address details have changed.



Headteacher: Mrs Sue Simmons

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Cathy Grace

Assistant Headteachers: Mr Couldrey, Miss Loach and Mrs Biddle Rawbone

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