



# The Thornton Times



## Home Learning - Special Edition 11

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Hello everyone

I just want to share with you all, on behalf of all the Governors, my absolute pride in the total commitment and energy shown by ALL the staff of Thornton Primary School. They have been extremely busy this week beginning the preparations to ensure we will be ready to welcome ALL PUPILS back into school in September. **A heartfelt 'thank you' to each and every one of them.** We are also sending out a letter to you today about our plans for the full reopening of school, which contains as much detail as we are able to provide at this moment in time, whilst remaining mindful that the government will finalise information for schools during August. It will, therefore, be necessary to write to you again during the summer holidays with final information. As always, all our correspondence with you will be put onto the school website, as well as sent out electronically using the eSchools app.

We have also been extremely lucky this week to have the opportunity to welcome our new year 3 children into school in small groups. These transition visits have been lovely experiences for both staff and children, and have helped reduce some of the anxiety around starting a new school. **We very much look forward to officially welcoming all our new Year 3 children in September!**

And finally, we have begun to say a very fond farewell to our amazing Year 6 children. This is proving to be an extremely joyful and emotional experience for both children and staff. We are incredibly proud of all of the children who have shown the resilience and positivity that we knew they always had! We also know that they are destined for success as they move forward into the next chapter of their educational lives and, on behalf of everyone at Thornton, I would like to wish them every happiness for their future. And remember, **once you are part of the Thornton Family, you are ALWAYS part of the Thornton family!**  
Take care everyone, and keep safe.

Mrs Grace

## Year 5 secondary school applications

It is never too early to be planning ahead for applying for your child's secondary school place. This week, Birmingham City Council have written to all current Year 5 parent to inform them about the process of applying for a **secondary school place for September 2021.**

This is an online process that must be completed between **1 September 2020 and 31 October 2020.** The closing date for applications is 31 October 2020.

**[www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions)**

This letter and a link to Birmingham City Council's School Admissions website can be found on our school website, as well as at the end of this newsletter —select the 'Parents' tab and then 'Applying for a secondary school place'.

## Year 3 Teacher's Message



I hope you are all enjoying making things at home with your family and spending quality time with them. Remember to try and get as much fresh air out in your garden as possible (hopefully the sun will be back soon!). Mrs Begum

### Rice Crispy Cakes instructions

### Year 3 Activity

You will need:

Rice krispies, Chocolate, Bowl, Wooden spoon, Paper cases, Baking tray

#### Method:

1. Put the paper cases into the baking tray.
2. Snap the chocolate up and put it into the big bowl.
3. Put it in the microwave for 1 minute. Make sure you keep your eye on it and mix as it goes. Keep putting it back in until it is fully melted.
4. Whilst that is happening get your rice krispies out of the box.
5. Once the chocolate is melted, add some rice krispies and mix them with the chocolate. Be careful not to add too many! Do a bit at a time.
6. Put the mixture into the paper cases evenly.
7. Finally, put them into the fridge for at least 20 minutes and then enjoy!

Don't forget to post photos of your Rice Crispy cakes on Twitter !



Video 1 <https://twitter.com/Thornton0wls/status/1280854585159159809>

Video 2 <https://twitter.com/Thornton0wls/status/1280854811353714690>

Mrs Begum is showing us how to make delicious rice crispy cake on the school Twitter account.

## Year 4 Teacher's Message



Hello children,  
Hope you are all staying safe and keeping busy. As you all know I love to do lots of fun and arty activities. So I have planned a super fun t-shirt craft for you to try at home. Have a go and share your creativity with me. Stay safe, Mrs Mughal

### T-shirt craft

### Year 4 Activity

You will need

A t-shirt, 2 sheets of paper, scissors, crayons, pencil, sharpener and an adult to iron.

Don't forget to post photos of your own T-shirt Craft on Twitter !



#### Method

1. Firstly sharpen lots of different coloured crayons and keep all the crayon shavings aside.
2. Next cut out a template or shape of your choice, I chose to make a heart.
3. Place the template flat on top of the t-shirt.
4. Scatter the crayon shavings around the edge of your chosen shape.
5. Gently cover the shavings and template with another sheet of paper.
6. Ask an adult to iron over the piece of paper safely.
7. Switch the iron off and leave it to cool in a safe place out of the way.
8. Allow the t-shirt and piece of paper to cool down.
9. Now gently remove the piece of paper, once it is safe to do so, ensuring it has cooled down from the heat of the iron.
10. Finally you can wear your amazing design and show it off to your friends and family.



(<https://twitter.com/Thornton0wls/status/1280025083491356673?s=20>)

Mrs Mughal is showing us how to make T-shirt craft on the school Twitter account.

## Year 5 Teacher's Message



Hello to all! I hope that you are well and safe. I can't believe that the summer holidays are fast approaching which will give me an opportunity to complete some half-finished D.I.Y projects! Remember, to look after yourselves, eat healthy foods and take time to both revise and play every day. I hope to see you all back to school in September.  
Mrs Bibi

## Year 5 Activity

### Oat and raisin cookies

#### Ingredients (Serves 12)

- 100g margarine
- 25g light brown sugar
- 2tsp spoons honey
- 100g self-raising flour
- 100g oats
- 50g raisins
- ½ tsp mixed spice (or ground cinnamon)



Don't forget to post photos of your Oat and raisin cookies on Twitter



#### Method:

1. Preheat the oven to 170°C/150°C fan or gas mark 3.
2. Line the baking sheets with greaseproof paper.
3. Place the spread, sugar and honey in a saucepan and stir until melted.
4. Stir in the flour, spice, oats and raisins. Mix well and cool.
5. Roll tablespoons of the mixture into balls and flatten down onto the baking sheet. Space them well apart.
6. Flatten the tops slightly with a fork.
7. Bake for 15 minutes until golden brown.
8. Leave to cool on the wire rack.

## Year 6 Teacher's Message



Hello Year 6, What a strange feeling it is saying goodbye to you all after a very unique and eventful year together. We hope you have enjoyed the lovely messages and activities we have been sharing with you throughout your time at home. We are extremely happy that we have been given one last opportunity to meet you all at your class farewell picnics taking place over this week and the next. Lots of you will be attending to say your final goodbyes to your classmates and the staff at Thornton. For those of you who are unable to make it, we will miss you and hope to see you return some point in the future to let us know how you are getting on. We wish each and every one of you the best of luck for your new start at secondary school. Remember never give up and show a growth mindset! Believe in yourself and good things will happen! Mrs Mazar

## Year 6 Activity

Why don't you write a letter or postcard to your school friends and let them know you have missed them and what you have been up to. You could pop it in the post or through their letter box. I am sure your friends will be happy to hear from you.



*I appreciate your time and efforts.*

*I will miss you and hope  
you will keep in touch  
with me from time to time.*

*Farewell!*





## Inclusion Team



Hi everyone! It has been so wonderful meeting our new Year 3 children this week! There were lots of smiling faces and we can't wait to welcome you officially in September. Remember to keep safe when going out and about, continue to wash your hands and maintain social distancing at all times.  
Miss Shaheen

## SEND Activity of the week



Hi everyone, take some time and enjoy the weather! Have a go at some of these yoga poses. Remember to stretch, take your time and be safe.  
Miss Wilcox

## GARDEN YOGA FOR KIDS



### Pretend to be a tree

Tree Pose: Stand on one leg. Bend the other knee and place the sole of your foot on your inner thigh. Sway like a tree in the breeze. Now the other side.



### Pretend to be a frog

Squat Pose: Come down to a squat with your knees apart and arms resting between your knees. Touch your hands to the ground. Jump like a frog.



### Pretend to be a seed

Child's Pose: Sit back on your heels and bring your forehead down to rest on the floor. Pretend to be a seed in the garden.



### Pretend to be a butterfly

Cobbler's Pose: Sit on your buttocks with a tall spine. Bend your legs with the soles of your feet together. Flap your legs like the wings of a butterfly.



### Pretend to be a flower

Flower Pose: Lift your bent legs, balancing on your sitting bones. Weave your arms under your legs, palms up. Pretend to be a flower in bloom.



## Important- Medication for September

If your child needs an inhaler Epi-pen or Piriton whilst at school please remember to **bring it into school on the first day back in September.**

A medication consent form will need to be completed authorising the school nurse to administer the medicine.

To save time this form is available to download from the school website under the parents tab for you to complete in advance. If you require further assistance please ask at the reception desk.



A message from the school nurse, Miss Pegg, about inhalers:

Please provide a spacer device with your child's inhaler as it ensures the medication enters the airways more effectively. Your GP should be able to prescribe you one with the inhaler. Any children who have been shielding due to their medical issues and have concerns about returning to school in September. Please contact the school office to arrange a phone call with the school nurse.



Our ref: AA/CP/Jul2020

10 July 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Apply online for your child's secondary school place – September 2021**

Your child is due to transfer from primary to secondary school in September 2021. Local authorities co-ordinate secondary transfer admissions for all publicly funded (non-fee paying) schools. This means that parent/carers should apply to the local authority in which they live (the council to which they pay council tax).

If you live in Birmingham you should apply for your child's secondary school place online at [www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions) between 1 September and 31 October 2020. It is important that you submit your application by 31 October 2020. Applications received after the national closing date of 31 October 2020 will be treated as late applications, late applicants are less likely to be offered a place at one of their preferred schools and these applications will be processed after 1 March 2021 in accordance to Birmingham's coordinated admissions scheme.

We know it is an important time for you and your child and you should find out as much as you can about local schools and how the admissions process works before you make your application.

**Information about the application process will be available on the council's website from 1 September 2020 [www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions)**

The website includes information on the types of schools, how to apply online, how places are offered, information on the individual schools and their admissions arrangements and what to do if you are not offered one of your preferred schools. If you do not have a device that can access the internet, your child's primary school may be able to help you. You may also be able to access a computer via a friend or relative.

We also strongly advise you to visit the website of your preferred schools for further information about the school and for any related interactive online events, or details of any open days or evenings. You should also carefully consider how likely you are to be offered a place at one of your preferred schools. Find out more about the order in which places are offered (oversubscription criteria) by reading the information on the schools you are interested in. Please note that before completing your online application you **must** confirm that you have read the admissions arrangements.

You may also find useful information on the My Ed Website <https://myed.com/> on your preferred schools.

If you are applying under the distance category, make sure you check the last distance an applicant was offered over the past three years (where applicable). While this cannot guarantee whether your application will be successful for September 2021, it will give an indication of whether you should consider including a school as one of your preferences.

We advise you to use all six preferences to maximise your chances of getting a place at one of the schools you prefer.

You can amend your school preferences on the online admissions form as many times as you like until the closing date of 31 October 2020. Please remember if you do make amendments to your original online admissions form that you **must re-submit** your application for the latest changes to take effect by selecting **submit** again. **If you do not re-submit your application**

**after going back in to make changes, your previously submitted application will be disregarded accordingly.**

Your application will be processed using the address currently held by your child's primary/junior school. **Please note, if the address on your application differs to the address held on our database, you will be asked to send us proof of your correct address** in the form of your most recent council tax bill for 2020/2021. **If you do not provide adequate proof of address by the closing date of 31 October 2020 your child's application will not be processed.**

You will receive an email confirming which school your child has been offered by the end of the day on Monday 1 March 2021.

If you have any questions about your child transferring to secondary school please visit: [www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions) where there are answers to the most commonly asked questions to help you through this process.

Yours sincerely,



Alan Michell  
Head of School Admissions Service