



Hello everyone

We will be finishing early on **Friday 18th December**. In order to maintain social-distancing and keep everyone safe, parents and carers will need to arrive to collect their child(ren) at the following times:

12.30pm - Year 3

12.35pm - Year 4

12.40pm - Year 5

12.45pm - Year 6

The staff have already started making plans for the children to ensure that they can safely have lots of fun on the last day of term in their class bubbles! All I can tell you so far is that the staff are very busy rehearsing...

Please check your child's school bag, or your email, to read the letter I have sent home today telling you more about this.

Can I also remind you that if anyone in your household has Covid-19 symptoms, everyone in the household must self isolate until a negative test result is received. If a positive test result is received, everyone in the household must self-isolate for 14 days from the date when the positive case's symptoms first started. You must also inform school if anyone in your household has symptoms or has a positive test result, thank you.

Have a great weekend everyone, and stay safe.

Cathy Grace, Acting Headteacher

Updating your contact details

It's really important you keep us up to date with your contact information. If your mobile number or your email address has changed, please let us know by emailing:
updatecd@thornton.bham.sch.uk

Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

We're taking part in Christmas Jumper Day on
Friday 11th December.

Don't forget to wear your festive jumper and donate £1 to join the fun and save children's lives.



Christmas Trees

The talented floral decorations team from Birmingham City Council put up our Christmas trees this week. The school is starting to look festive!



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These two sisters have made an Impressive drum and a guitar for the Christmas music competition. We cannot wait to see what other fantastic designs we will be getting.

What a fantastic Christmas themed guitar, well done!

School council members from every year group took part in a virtual tour of the Houses of Parliament.

Harvest Festival Contribution



Last Friday, we were visited by the **Bearded Broz**, a voluntary-run organisation who support the community in many ways.

The organisation run Salma foodbank, the biggest in the UK and this year they received the Birmingham Pride Award in recognition of their hard work.

The organisation is run by Imran and he came to school on Friday to receive the donations. Imran was impressed by the generosity of our Thornton families and grateful for all the support. Pupils had the opportunity to ask Imran questions about the food bank.

A heartfelt 'thank you' to all pupils, staff and parents for their support during the Harvest festival. We were able to donate a full van of items!

For more information about the organisation please scan the QR code



Year 3's Climate Change Campaign

This week, Year 3 have been focusing on the effects of climate change on the world, to find out what it is doing to animals and wildlife around the world. On Monday, some of the Year 3's watched a live talk from the Antarctica and found out what it is like to live there. They also discovered how climate change is affecting the continent. Year 3 have also begun their climate change campaign by designing some impressive posters to encourage others to make small changes to save the planet, such as recycling, growing plants and walking to school.



Blueberry and Banana Smoothie

Ingredients

- 75g blueberries (fresh or frozen)
- 2 small ripe bananas
- 400ml semi-skimmed milk
- 1/2 tsp vanilla extract



Method

1. Tip the blueberries into a blender and slice in the bananas
2. Add the milk. Whizz together for a few seconds until smooth and blended, then pour into 4 glasses. Serve at once.



DON'T FORGET TO TWEET
YOUR CREATIONS
@Thornton0wls

STEM Advent Calendar

Leading up to Christmas, explore the wonderful Eco-STEM science advent calendar. This calendar has some fantastic videos and ideas for you to access with your child. The activities are simple and easy to follow and will really help us engage our pupils, ready for next year!



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PE TIMETABLE

W/C 30th December

Monday 7th December
Year 3

Tuesday 8th December
Year 5

Wednesday 9th December
Year 6

Thursday 10th December
Year 4

Friday 11th December
6NI

E-Safety

Did YOU know that a cybercriminals main goal is to trick you into downloading malware programs or apps that carry viruses which are designed to steal **YOUR** information.

Malware can be disguised as an app which could be anything from a popular game to something that checks traffic or the weather.

Therefore the most important advise is: **DO NOT** download apps onto your smart devices or programs onto your laptop and desktop computers that look suspicious or come from a website you don't trust.

Attendance

Well done to the following classes who achieved our school Attendance target of 97% and above:



Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
3MJ-99.3%	4DR -98.5%	5TR - 98.6%	6HB-97.9%
3SQ-97.3%	4AB- 99.3%	5ZY-97.0%	6ZB-97.1%
			6NI - 97.1%

Last week our whole school attendance was:
96.5%

Well done Year 6! Your year group have the most classes that have achieved the school attendance target!

Golden Ticket Attendance Initiative

All the children who achieve the bronze award will be awarded a special golden ticket for extra play time. The children will get the extra play time next term! We also have another exciting treat for the children... They will get this during the last week of this term!



Dinner Money

Dinner money is **£2.40** per day and **£12.00** per week.

Please use ParentPay every Monday to pay for your child's meal in advance. Thank you



Attendance

Please can you contact the school office to inform us of the reason for your child's absence. Parents/carers please give school as much information as possible about your child's absence.

If you need to discuss your child's symptoms with the school nurse please ring the school office.

Thank you for your support.



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Birmingham FOOD Club

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Good-quality food at a low price

Family Action has launched FOOD (Food On Our Doorstep) Clubs in Birmingham to provide families with good-quality food at a low cost, while also reducing food waste. It costs just £1 a year for your family to become a member.

Once you've joined, you can purchase a bag of tasty food items every week worth approx. £15 for just £3.50!

To become a member you must live or work within 15 minutes of the club.

Where and when

- Norton Hall Children and Family Centre, Ralph Road, Saltley, Birmingham B8 1NA

- Wednesday 3.00pm - 5.00pm
- Friday 9.30am - 11.30am

(starting Friday 4th December)

To find out more call

- Dani : 07816 408746
- Marissa: 07816 408755

email

birminghamfoodclubs@familyaction.org.uk

www.family-action.org.uk

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