

Hello everyone

I can't quite believe we have almost reached the end of the academic year—the Sumer Term has flown by and the resilience shown by all members of our #thorntonfamily continues to grow! On behalf of the Governing Body, thank you so much to everyone for working together to support our children so brilliantly.

We are aware that next week many of our families will be celebrating Eid on Tuesday 20th July (this is an authorised absence) — '**Eid Mubarak**' to everyone who is celebrating! As the following day, Wednesday 21st July is a Teacher Training Day, most of our pupils will only be in school next week on Monday 19th July. Therefore, **as Monday 19th July will be the last day for many of our children, the children can come to school in their party clothes if they would like to!**



The children will be returning to school on **Monday 6th September 2021**. I will be writing to you next week to confirm the start and end times of the school day once our risk assessment is completed.



On a different note, I cannot wait to share with you some brilliant news...**Miss Butt**, one of our Year 6 Teachers was nominated for **Primary Teacher of the Year** as part of the 2021 Titan Awards! I'm even more excited to tell you that she won! Congratulations, Miss Butt—we are all incredibly proud of you and delighted you have received the recognition you deserve for your outstanding teaching!



Sadly, this year, we are saying **goodbye to Mrs Roberts** (Year 6 teacher), **Mrs Sofina** (Year 5 Teaching Assistant), **Mrs Mulla** (Breakfast Club Supervisor) and **Mr McDaniel** (Learning Mentor). We wish them all well and remind them that they will always be part of our #thorntonfamily!

Headteacher - Mrs Cathy Grace

Assistant Headteachers - Miss Loach,

Mrs Biddle-Rawbone, Mrs Mazar

Chair of Governors—Mr Amjid Ali

Vice-Chair of Governors—Mr Johur Uddin



Thornton Road
Ward End,
Birmingham B8 2LQ
01213270824

enquiry@thornton.bham.sch.uk

Twitter- @ThorntonOwls



We also want to wish **Mrs Mazar** (Acting Assistant Headteacher) and **Mrs Shaheen** (Inclusion Manager and SENDCO) the very best as they leave us in September to start their maternity leave. We will update you with news on their new arrivals as soon as we find out!



In September, we will be welcoming **Mrs McPherson** who joins us for the year on secondment as an Assistant Headteacher with responsibility for supporting Years 5 and 6. Please make sure you give her a warm welcome when you spot her on the gates at the start and end of each day. Thank you!

Sadly, it is that time of year when we also say **goodbye and an extra special good luck to our Year 6 pupils** who are definitely ready to continue their exciting learning journey when they start secondary school in September. We will miss them, but console ourselves with some very happy memories, particularly the lovely graduation award ceremonies that have taken place over the past few weeks.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming our new Year 3 children in September from Sladfield Infant School. There have been some really great online virtual meetings with the children and the parents over the past few weeks to help with transition. We have also made sure there is lots of information on the school website to help the children make a happy move—there is a special page just for our new Year 3!

And finally, can I remind you **what to do if your child tests positive during the Summer holidays:**

Parents and carers only need to inform the school of a positive case where the child developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school. This means if your child has Covid-19 symptoms up to Friday 23rd July and then tests positive you must inform the school by emailing:

covidinfo@thornton.bham.sch.uk

Where your child tests positive for Covid-19 during the holidays, having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, you are NOT required to inform school. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace (Telephone 111).

Have a great weekend everyone, and stay safe! **ALL children are expected to be in school on Monday 19th July unless they are unwell or have to isolate.**

Cathy Grace, Headteacher

Class teachers for next year will be:

OLD CLASS

NEW CLASS

Year 3 Intervention Miss Tabassum

Sladefield 4	3EB	Miss Brown (HoY) and Mrs Bevan
Sladefield 3	3DR	Ms Dixon-Ricketts and Mrs Kamran/Mrs Cherry
Sladefield 2	3AW	Mrs Ahmed/Miss Webster and Mrs Mughal
Sladefield 1	3SQ	Miss Qureshi and Mrs Boden

Year 4 Intervention Mrs Jalil

3AH	4SH	Miss Hughes (HoY) and Mrs Parvin
3EB	4MJ	Miss Jabeen and Mrs Bi
3MJ	4TW	Mr Wareing and Mrs Ahmed
3SQ	4GJ	Mr Jones and Mrs McAlinden

Year 5 Intervention Ms Evans

4AB	5BA	Mrs Ahmed (HoY) and Mrs Margetts
4DR	5ZY	Ms Younis and Mrs Parween
4GJ	5NG	Miss Garnett and Mrs Begum
4TW	5ST	Mrs Tahir and Mrs Masud
4SH	5TR	Mr Ryall and Mrs Tanner

Year 6 Intervention Mr Morgan

5BA	6NI	Mr Iqbal (HoY) and Mrs Thompson
5ZY	6ZB	Mrs Bibi and Mrs Mir
5TR	6MF	Miss Ferrante and Mrs Kumar
5NG	6HB	Miss Butt and Mrs Ayyaz
5ST	6AB	Mrs Begum and Mrs Hazelwood

Year 3

Hi Year 3! What a year it has been! I have absolutely loved getting to know the whole of Year 3 this year. You are such a fantastic bunch of children and whenever I see you in the corridor you never fail to say hi to me and make me smile. It has been an unusual year but you have taken it on so well and you are all ready to move up to Year 4. You are going to make Thornton proud in the following years. All the year 3 staff are going to miss you next year. Good luck in Year 4!

From Miss Brown. Head of Year 3



This half term our topic has been Scrumdiddlyumptious. This week, we made healthy smoothies using bananas, apples, strawberries and different juices. The children got to cut and measure out their own ingredients. They also created their own label to go on their smoothie bottle.



Year 4

Hello everyone, it is Miss Hughes here.

I just wanted to say a huge **THANK YOU** to all the Year 4 staff and children, who have worked incredibly hard this year considering all the challenges we have faced. What a crazy year it has been! I am extremely proud of the hard work and dedication you have all shown throughout the year, whether that was in the classroom or whilst isolating on Google Classroom. You should all be very proud of yourselves! This year, Year 4 have had great fun learning about many new topics such as the Ancient Egyptians, Anglo Saxons, Misty Mountains, Blue Abyss, Burps, Bottoms and Bile, and Road trip USA. Take a trip down memory lane by looking at the photos below.

From Miss Hughes
Head Of Year 4



Year 5

As we come to the end of this academic year, it is with great pride that I can look back at the many achievements of the children in Year 5. They have worked incredibly hard despite the challenging circumstances at various times throughout the year. No doubt, it was a year of many changes but the children have tackled it with determination at every step of the way. Due to their continuous diligent effort, the children in Year 5 have produced many outstanding pieces of work that they should all be tremendously proud of. I am sure they will approach their final year at Thornton Primary School with the same resilience and confidence that they have continuously demonstrated in Year 5.



On behalf of the Year 5 Team I would also like to thank all parents and carers for their support this year. A great deal of what we do in school cannot be achieved without you and your co-operation and backing.

Thank you and good luck year 5!

Mrs Ahmed

Head of Year 5

Children in **Year 5** designed their artwork using things found in nature. Their work was inspired by the artist and sculptor Andy Goldsworthy.

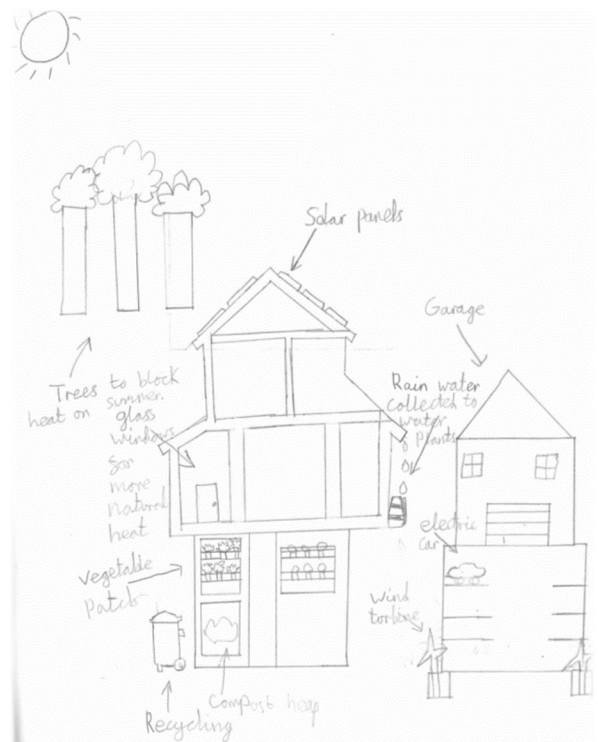


As part of our **topic** on 'allotments' some children enjoyed a visit to the Thornton allotment.



YEAR 6

Pupils in **year 6** had the opportunity to create a sustainable and environmentally friendly house and community. The children used their prior knowledge about sustainability and the environment and came up with some very interesting and thoughtful design ideas. The designs included using solar panels, water containers, garden roof top terraces and compost heaps. 6ZB made a mini 3D sustainable community, which included an allotment, water mill and wind turbines.





Attendance Celebration



On Monday 12th July we celebrated our Spring and Summer term attendance with a special social distanced assembly.

GOLD AWARD



Congratulations to the 59 children who achieved 100% attendance for the whole academic year! This is a fantastic achievement we are very proud of you all. WELL DONE!

The children were rewarded with a Marcus Rashford book, attendance wrist band sticker and a VIP smoothie making session. The children thoroughly enjoyed using the smoothie making bike, and became very competitive but had lots of fun!

SILVER AWARD



Congratulations to the 79 children who achieved 98% and above attendance for the Spring and Summer term they received slap bands and refreshments.

MAGIC 20 RAISING ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Well Done to all the children who achieved the Magic 20 awards, Each was given a small prize and refreshment.

Thank you to all the parents for ensuring the children attend school every day and on time.





Dear all,

It has been an absolute pleasure to watch the current Year 6 students grow into the talented young individuals. For many there have been academic achievements but also many of them have grown in confidence during their time with us. They have given us so many memorable experiences and we will miss them very much. What a talented, funny, gifted group of children!

To celebrate all the good times at Thornton-Year 6 will be holding a Prom! It will be an

opportunity for pupils to get autographs, enjoy some food and have a dance (if they want to!).

We would like to wish our Year 6 children the very best for their future at their new secondary schools and hope that their years at Thornton will stand them in good stead.

For parents who are leaving us for the final time with their youngest child, thank you for your support over all the years that you have been involved in the school. We appreciate all the hard work during lockdowns to ensure that learning, which was set by teachers either through live or uploaded lessons, was completed at home. We wish you all the best for the future.

Kindest regards,

Mr Iqbal and the Year 6 team.

A farewell poem

A good farewell does not end with crying
It's all about a new beginning
It's all about trying
A good Farewell is all about a positive light
When things will be just great and all will be bright
As you depart on a new journey,

A little wish

May you stay blessed
where ever you go
Just want you to know
That you will be
missed!



IMPORTANT!
All parents eligible for Free School Meals (FSM)

Birmingham City Council has secured the provision of supermarket vouchers for children eligible for free school meals (FSM) over the summer holidays, using funding that has been allocated through the government's COVID Local Support Grant. **The school have issued vouchers to the value of £60 for each FSM eligible primary school child for the summer break via email as we have done previously.** Can you please check your inbox or Junk box to redeem your vouchers. Please add the following email address to your safe list: fsm@thornton.bham.sch.uk so that you do not miss out!

Thornton Green Day

A massive 'thank you' to all children, staff and parents
for their support during Thornton's Green Day.

We raised £277.63!

Wow!!!

This amount should buy us a big polytunnel!

Thank you again!

Hodge Hill Girls School



Parents/carers of Year 7s who are joining us in September should have received an email from AdmissionsSupport@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk which will enable you to login to our Admissions system. Please access the link and complete the required information to support your daughter's admission to Hodge Hill Girls' School.

Please contact AdmissionsSupport@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk or telephone us on 0121 4643094 if you need any help with this process.

Medical Notice

All medication kept in school will be sent home with your child on Friday. Epi pens will need to be collected from reception by parents on the last day your child is in school.

We have emergency medication in school should your child need them on Monday or Tuesday.

Medication for September will need to be in school on the first day back any illness or allergies that your child has, please can parents state this on the contact form when we return in September.



School Meals



Changing from dinners to sandwiches? or vice-versa?

We are sorry but you can only change at the start of each term and not mid term. Please call the office at the beginning of the term if you wish to change your child's dinner preference so that we can make the necessary changes to our records and inform the school kitchen.

Payments

Could you please ensure that all Dinner, Breakfast and Afterschool club debts have been cleared at the start of each week. If you are having any issues with payment please contact the school office for support. As we are approaching the end of term, please clear all your dinner debts before the holidays start.

Dinner money must be paid in advance and is £2.40 per day and £12.00 per week.

Breakfast Club must be paid in advance and is £1 per day and 50p for any siblings.



Reporting Absence to school

If your child is absent from school please telephone before 9am to let us know the reason.

Please give school as much detail as possible about your child's absence. If you need to discuss your child's symptoms with the school nurse please request a call back from Miss Pegg.

Thank you for your support.



Summer Term 2 Dates 2021

Term Starts: **Monday 7th June 2021**

Term Ends: **Tuesday 20th July 2021**

Teacher Training Day: Wednesday 21st July 2021

ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-2022

Autumn Term 1 Dates 2021

Teaching Training Day: Thursday 2nd September 2021
Teaching Training Day: Friday 3rd September 2021

Term Starts: **Monday 6th September 2021**

Term Ends: **Friday 22nd October 2021**

Half Term: Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October

Autumn Term 2 Dates 2021

Term Starts: **Monday 1st November 2021**

Term Ends: **Friday 17th December 2021**

Christmas holiday: Monday 20th December to Monday 3rd January

Spring Term 1 Dates 2022

Teaching Training Day: Tuesday 4th January 2022

Term Starts: **Wednesday 5th January 2022**

Term Ends: **Friday 18th February 2022**

Half Term: Monday 21st February to Friday 25th February

Spring Term 2 Dates 2022

Term Starts: **Monday 28th February 2022**

Term Ends: **Friday 8th April 2022**

Easter holiday: Monday 11th April to Friday 22nd April

Summer Term 1 Dates 2022

Teaching Training Day: Monday 25th April 2022

Term Starts: **Tuesday 26th April 2022**

Teaching Training Day: Thursday 5th May 2022

Term Ends: **Friday 27th May 2022**

Half Term: Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June

Summer Term 2 Dates 2022

Term Starts: **Monday 6th June 2022**

Term Ends: **Thursday 21st July 2022**



Headteacher - Mrs Cathy Grace
Assistant Headteachers - Miss Loach,
Mrs Biddle-Rawbone, Mrs Mazar

Chair of Governors—Mr Amjid Ali
Vice-Chair of Governors—Mr Johur Uddin



Thornton Road
Ward End,
Birmingham B8 2LQ
0121 327 0824
enquiry@thornton.bham.sch.uk
Twitter— @Thornton0wls