



# The Thornton Times

## Spring Term 1

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Hello everyone,

In July 2018 the DfE produced draft guidance for schools on the new proposals for Relationships education and Sex education. I know some parents have been worried by rumours about this new guidance (which is yet to be finalised) so can I bust some myths in the meantime?



- Only relationships education, not sex education, will be compulsory in primary schools.
  - If a primary school chooses to teach sex education, parents have the right to withdraw their child (except for any sex education in the science curriculum).
  - Schools will be expected to consult, and work with, parents on the development of their programmes of lessons.
  - Hope that helps. Look out for news of workshops once the DfE has produced its final guidance.
- Have a great weekend everyone! Sue Simmons, Headteacher.

### Attendance Pantomime

All the children who achieved 97% and above attendance during the Autumn Term were invited to watch the 'Dick Whittington' pantomime on Monday 14th January. 426 pupils thoroughly enjoyed watching the pantomime and were fully engaged with the cast.

Head Girl Mehreen said

*'The pantomime was a phenomenal experience which I really enjoyed. The Pantomime got everyone clapping to all the songs even the teachers! I have been to some other pantomimes but this one was the best because it was really energetic and it got us all involved'*

All the children behaved extremely well during both showings of the pantomime. We are pleased to inform you that out of 426 pupils 221 pupils achieved 100% attendance during the Autumn Term. This was a fantastic achievement for all the children. We would like to thank all the parents who ensure their children are in school on time and everyday.

We are excited to announce we are currently planning our Spring Term Attendance Award. All the children who have achieved above 97% attendance at the end of the Spring Term will be invited. More details will follow later on in the term. The golden rule is to send your child to school every day on time. Please try and avoid booking appointments such as Dentist and Opticians during the school day. However we understand hospital appointments can not always be booked after school. **GOOD LUCK EVERYONE!**



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



# Star Pupils!

## Year 2

Aisha A

## Year 3

Qasim Z  
Yusuf H  
Mohammad A  
Muhammed S  
Maira A

## Year 4

Zaeem B  
Masuud H  
Anish K  
Daniel I  
Ayyan M

## Year 5

Iqra R  
Anis H  
Abdus-Samee F  
Arman H  
Hiba A

## Year 6

Laiba S  
Tayyib M  
Irha K  
Mehreen A  
Sahara B



Star Pupil Assembly :

Wednesday 23rd January 9.00 am-9.00am



### 100% Class Attendance

Well done to Great Horned Owl 4, Tawny Owl 6 and Eagle Owl 6 who achieved 100% class attendance last week.



### Important Dates



Siblings Parents Evening - Monday  
28th January 3.45pm - 5.30pm

Non Sibling Parents Evening - Monday 4th  
February 3.45pm - 5.30pm

PLEASE REMEMBER TO GO ONLINE TO  
BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT

School Photographer - This Monday,  
21st January

**BEST UNIFORM PLEASE.**

### Healthy Packed Lunch and Healthy Snacks

Please ensure all sandwiches are healthy and you provide your children with healthy snacks such as fruit and yogurt in their packed lunches.

All snacks need to be nut free.



Chocolate cereal bars, biscuits and crisps are not allowed in your child's packed lunch. All the drinks you provide for break time and lunch time must be sugar free. This term we are selling sugar free squash at morning break times for 10p. The children must bring a bottle from home in order to take part in this trial. So far the drinks refill scheme at tuck shop is very popular, hopefully it should reduce our waste of single use plastic.

After half term we will be selling a selection of fruit in our tuck shop. Watch this space!



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