

Hello everyone

On behalf of the Governors and staff at Thornton Primary School, I would like to wish you a very **Happy New Year!** We hope you had a relaxing time during the holidays and we are pleased to see the children ready for their learning challenges this year...



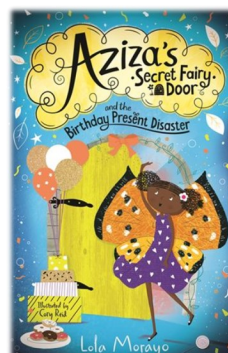
On Monday, staff training centered on phonics and early reading, as well as the next step in our **My Happy Mind** journey. This term the children and staff will explore the 'Celebrate' element which focuses on recognising our own characteristics and those of others, and celebrating them! We will send home a parent newsletter about this with more information shortly.



Tuesday saw the return of the children and a lovely buzz around school as everyone swapped stories about their holidays and caught up with one another. We were super impressed with the **Creative Homework** brought into school by many pupils—we have a fantastic range of talent at Thornton and we love to showcase it on Twitter so please take a look (QR code link at the top of the page to scan with your phone!).



We also introduced our new Author of the month, **Lola Morayo**. This is the pen name for two authors, Tola Okogwu and Jasmine Richards, who have written a range of books about '**Aziza's Secret Fairy Door**'. The children have the opportunity to borrow one of these books from school, as well as books written by all our previous authors of the month! We are also super excited to welcome the famous illustrator, Korky Paul (www.korkypaul.com) into school on World Book Day (Friday 8th March). He has illustrated the Winnie the Witch books as well as many other books.



Year 5 are going on a trip to **Blakesley Hall next Wednesday (5BA and 5TR) and Friday (5ZY and 5ST)**. We look forward to hearing all about their new learning!

IMPORTANT NOTICE — Thornton Primary School is a nut free school. As a result of experiences last term, we have made the decision to **NOT allow party or birthday food to be brought into school**. This is in order to protect ALL our children, and in particular those with severe medical allergies. If you really want to share something with your child's class, you might want to buy your child's class an age-appropriate book instead — staff will be happy to advise!

Parents' evening appointments are still available with your child's class teacher for next **Wednesday 17th January or the following Wednesday 24th January**. Please book online either using the email link sent to you, or by making arrangements with your child's class teacher if you are unable to access the online booking system. Thank you. Finally, in the event of **severe weather**, for example severe snow fall, the school may need to consider closure. If the school does have to close, we will inform you by **text message** and by adding this to the top of the front page of the **school website www.thornton.bham.sch.uk**.

Have a great weekend everyone and stay warm!

Cathy Grace, Headteacher

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School Attendance



100% Class Attendance

Congratulations to **4SH** for achieving 100% attendance for the last week of Autumn Term. They have been rewarded with a £25 gift voucher which will be used to purchase new classroom resources.



Class Attendance

Well done to the following classes who achieved our school attendance target of **97%** and above last week:

Year 3

Year 5

Year 6

3SQ

5BA

6HB

Our school attendance last week of Autumn term was 92.1%



Golden Ticket Initiative



Mrs Grace will be introducing the next Golden Ticket attendance initiative for this term.

Everyone has an opportunity to win a **Golden Ticket** for an amazing and fun attendance treat!

- **Spring Term Silver Award** – Pupils need to achieve 98% or above to qualify. More details of the reward will follow later this term.
- **Summer Term Gold Award** – Pupils need to achieve 100% for the for the whole academic year to qualify. Look out for the grand reveal of which theme park the children will be visiting at the end of the academic year!!!!!!

Ready, Respectful, Safe.

Each week we introduce a different word associated with our school's expectations to reinforce our school's ethos, which is to be ready, respectful and safe.

This week's word of the week is: **'equipped'**.

Equipped is a word linked to our expectation to be ready to learn, but what does it mean?

"Being equipped is having the equipment you need for lessons" **Maira 6ZB.**

Mr Mason – Deputy Headteacher



PE TIMETABLE

Monday 15th January

Year 6

Tuesday 16th January

Year 4

Wednesday 17th January

Year 3

Thursday 18th January

Year 5

Swimming for Class 4RE

Friday 19th January

Swimming for class 4SH

Special Census Day Meal

Miquil, our school caterer, will be hosting a special Census Day meal for all the pupils that have a school meal. If your child usually brings a packed lunch to school and would like a special Census Day meal, please call the school office to book the meal. **The cost is £2.50 per meal and will need to be paid using ParentPay,**



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