



# The Thornton Times

## Spring Term Bumper Edition



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Friday 16th February 2018

Hello everyone,

This has been such a busy term Christmas seems like a long, long time ago!

Thank you to everyone who has supported our workshops and events this term —we hope you enjoyed taking part and also learning how we teach such things as guided reading and how we prepare the children for SATs.

I've also been pleased to see how well the children are now using their Homework Planners to help them remember their homework and communicate with you and their teacher. Please carry on working with your child at home and checking the diary regularly.

Just one small plea please—we are now sending the books that the children are reading in guided reading every day and unfortunately some of these have gone missing which is very inconvenient and it means the children are not having the chance to read their book in class. Please take care of the reading material we send home. We will have to ask you for the cost of the book so we can replace it if any books are lost.



I hope you have a super half term break. See you all on 27th February as Monday 26th is a training day for staff only.

Sue Simmons, Headteacher.

### Equality and Diversity

Thank you everyone who came to the Equality and Diversity coffee afternoon last week. It was good to explore the issues around discrimination and the nine protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010 of the groups who are often discriminated against. The draft policy will now go to Governors for approval.

I also want to thank the parents who attended our 'No Outsiders' workshops with Mrs Easthope. We will now be reporting back parental feedback to the Governors Curriculum Committee at their next meeting in March when we will be deciding on next steps. In the meantime we will be listing the books we use in this programme on our website, which are all freely available and not written specifically for the scheme but do tackle issues about equality and diversity in an age-appropriate way for primary age children. Please take the time to learn more about the scheme if you can.





## Mad Hatter's Attendance Tea Party



The Mad Hatter's Attendance Tea Parties have been a great success! This was our first attendance family event and it was lovely to see all the mums and dads enjoying the tea party with their children. I would like to take this opportunity to say 'Thank You ' to all of our parents for ensuring the children attended school every day and on time.

We held four Mad Hatter's Attendance Tea Parties to accommodate the 426 pupils and their families who had achieved the school attendance target of 97% and above. Lots of cakes, teas and coffees were on offer each day.

Here are some photos from the tea parties



## Health for Life workshop



A big well done to all the parents and children who completed the Health for Life workshop with us. Over the past 4 weeks we have had lots of fun learning



about different ways we can be healthier by making small changes to our every day diets. Both parents and children have had a great time making smoothies, breakfast toppers, wraps and pizzas. Well done again and don't forget to tweet any of the recipes you have made at home to our school's twitter feed.!



## Buenos Dias!



A massive thank you to all the children and parents that made our Mexican Fiesta a huge success! All the staff in Year 6 are really appreciative of the hard work that went into the costumes



and the children (and staff!) thoroughly enjoyed learning about the 'Dia De Los Muertos' and sampling Mexican foods.



### Dates for your diary 2018

**Monday 26th February—Teacher Training Day**  
school is closed for children

**Wednesday 28th and Thursday 1st March**  
3.20pm until 4pm - Second Hand Book Fair

**Friday 2nd March 2018** - World Book Day

**Monday 5th March 2018** — Year 3 Healthy Eating workshop at 9am until 9.30am



**WORLD BOOK DAY**

### Get your costumes ready!

It's time to start planning your costumes for World Book Day, which will take place on **Friday 2nd March**, at the end of Thornton's highly anticipated Book Week.

Ms Evans— Literacy lead.

### Reading Targets

Parents look out for your child's reading targets that came home this week. These targets are taken directly from our assessment system that we use in school and will help you support your child's reading at home. Don't forget reading should be enjoyable, encourage discussion and show your child that you love reading too!

### Year 3 Healthy Eating Workshop

Dear Year 3 parents,  
We will be having a Year 3 healthy eating workshop on **Monday 5th March at 9am - 9.30am**. The workshop will be focusing on making healthy choices in our diets, and sugar content within food. As part of the workshop, we need the children to bring in some empty cereal boxes, snack bars and juice boxes. Please could you give these empty boxes to your child's class teacher. Any questions, feel free to ask Miss Rehman and Miss Ahmed.

### Is your child getting enough sleep ?

When children get the sleep they need, they have fewer learning problems and find it easier to concentrate. Sleep is as important as nutrition and exercise.

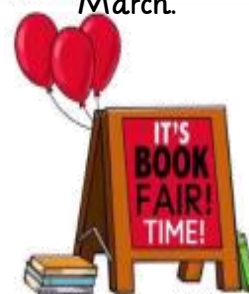
Age	Recommended	May be appropriate
Toddlers 1-2 years	11 to 14 hours	9 to 10 hours, 15 to 16 hours
Preschoolers 3-5 years	10 to 13 hours	8 to 9 hours; 14 hours
School-aged Children 6-13 years	9 to 11 hours	7 to 8 hours; 12 hours
Teenagers 14-17 years	8 to 10 hours	

### Second Hand Book Fair

Everything Below £1  
Books, Stationery,  
Exercise Books and Dictionaries.

School Hall 3.20pm-4pm

On the Wednesday 28th  
February and Thursday 1st  
March.



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