

Hello everyone

Thank you to everyone for ensuring the children came to school with a named school coat this week. This means that we can make sure the children get as much outdoor playtime as possible! If you could make sure jumpers are named too, we would be really grateful.

Can I remind anyone who has not yet had chance to download our school communication app to please do so. We use 'SchoolComms' to send text messages and letters so we can share information quickly with you—just follow these easy steps to download it today! Thank you.

1. Search for "School Gateway" in the Google Play / Apple App Store

2. Select 'don't have an account' and then 'sign up'

3. Sign in with your mobile number and your email address - these **MUST** match the details you have already given to the school as priority contact details. You can telephone school to check the details if your sign up does not work – 0121 327 0824



Congratulations to everyone involved in achieving the **School Games Mark Framework 2020-2021** led by the awesome Mr Bates! We are so proud of the way Mr Bates leads PE at Thornton – why not stop him and say 'thank you'!



Congratulations also to Mrs Ahmed who earned the school a special certificate thanking us for our involvement in the **2021 School Wheelbarrow Competition**. We have a feeling that her entry this academic year may well be a winner!



And finally, can I remind you that **the school day starts at 8.45am. ALL children must be in school for 8.45am**, although children can enter their classroom from 8.30am to access additional learning. The school gates will be closed by 8.50am and as we have a lot of learning to do this year it is really important the children are in school on time!

Have a great weekend!

Cathy Grace, Headteacher

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YEAR 3

This week in Year 3 we have been designing, creating and making our own pots using clay. We used the book *Belonging* to talk about nature and how it grows over time and the importance of nature for us. The children have really enjoyed using clay to make the pots. We then left them to dry out and designed the pots. Once the paint dried we used PVA glue to varnish the outside of them. We are going to keep them in the classroom to show how all the children belong to their class.



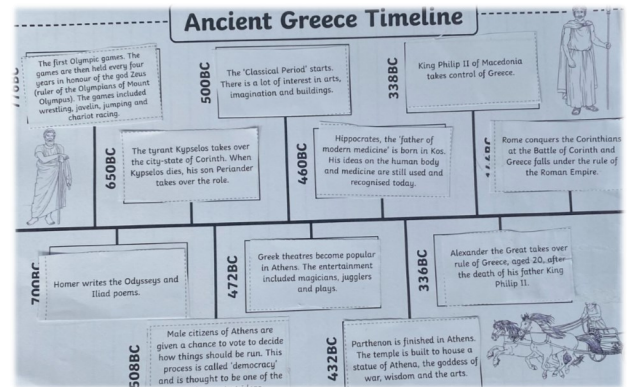
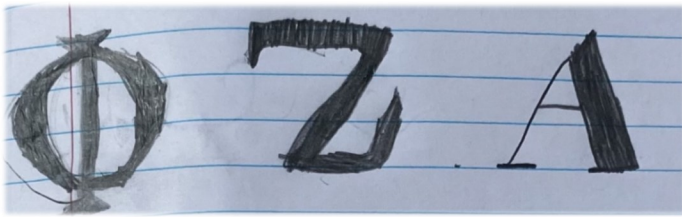
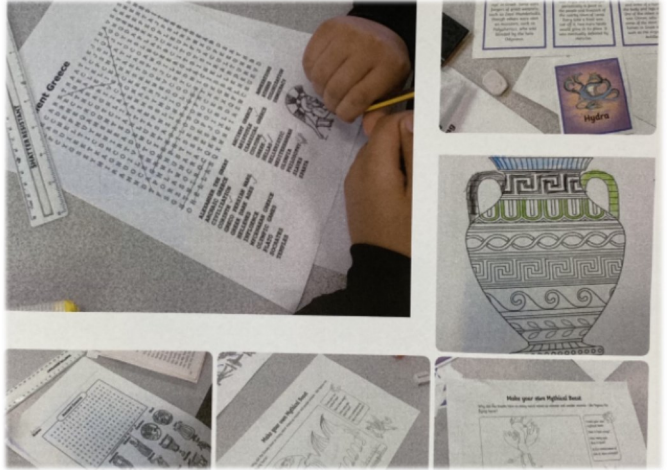
YEAR 4

This week in Year 4, we have been discussing our goals and targets within PSHE lessons. The children were really enthusiastic about sharing their ambitions for the year, which were all lovely to hear. The children understood that they needed to take small steps to help them achieve their goals. We discussed the most important thing is that they keep working hard! Lots of children wanted to receive a postcard home, learn their times tables and get a handwriting pen. Let's see how they get on this year...



Year 5

This week Year 5 have begun our topic about Ancient Greece. The children have already identified where Greece is on a map and how it has changed from Ancient Greece to modern day Greece. We have completed a time line to show this period in history and have discovered how to write our names using the Greek alphabet. Children have completed a range of activities where they had to design their own Greek vase, identify mythical creatures and match them with the correct description and research ten facts about Ancient Greece.



Year 6

This week, Year 6 looked at the story 'Belonging' by Jeanie Baker. This book showed the journey of different changes that occurred in a city and how the main character felt a sense of belonging once it was a much improved place to live in. The children worked exceptionally hard to recreate the views the main character could see through her window. Each child used different materials to make their collage look unique.



School Photographer

On **Monday 20th September** we have booked the 'School Photography' company to take photos of all the pupils. Please make sure your child is dressed smartly in their uniform on this day.

Unfortunately, this year we will not be able to do any family or sibling photos due to the covid-safe procedures.



Attention all Year 6 Parents! Secondary Transfer 2022

Applications for your child's secondary school place in September 2022 are now live on the following website: <https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/school-admissions>

The online application is very simple and quick but if you need support completing the form please contact the school office to arrange an appointment.



Coffee Morning

Thornton will be holding out first outdoor parents' Coffee Morning (outdoor Classroom) on **Tuesday 5th October 9-10 am**.

Come and join us for coffee and a chat we look forward to seeing you, especially our new Year 3 parents!



Uniform

We currently have a uniform stock clearance sale, all items have been reduced in price and can be purchased from the school office. Unfortunately the year 6 ties are out of stock at the moment, we will let you know as soon as there are in stock!

School Jumpers/Cardigans £5

Polo Shirt £3 or two Shirts for £5

P.E T-shirt £2(only medium available)

The full range of the school uniform can be purchased from Trutex Schoolwear in the Erdington store see below for the address.

Trutex Erdington

71 High Street

Erdington

Birmingham

B23 6SA



Please visit the website for online orders. www.crestedschoolwear.co.uk

Parent Pay



Dinner money and Club money must be paid in advance Via Parent Pay.

Dinner money is **£2.40 per day and £12.00 per week**. Breakfast Club is **£1 per day and 50p for any siblings**. After school club is **£2 per day and £1 for any siblings**

Could you please ensure that all Dinner, Breakfast, Afterschool clubs debts have been cleared at the start of each week.

YEAR 3 SPECIAL

Give it a try!!

DINNER DAY

Monday 27th September

Chicken burger in a bun

or

Veggie burger in a bun



Chips



Beans



Jacket potato & fillings,

cheese or tuna sandwiches



Chocolate chip cookie



Give it a try!!

P.E.

Monday 20th September ' YEAR 3
**UNIFORM & TRAINERS NOT FULL
PE KIT (PHOTO DAY)**

Tuesday 21st September YEAR 5

Wednesday 22nd September
YEAR 4

Thursday 23rd September YEAR 6

**A perfect P.E. kit consists of the
following:**

Blue or black jog bottoms or shorts

White Thornton t-shirt or a plain white
or blue t-shirt.

Trainers or black plimsolls

Warm blue or black
round neck jumper or
tracksuit top .



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 the
nurse.

Thank you for your support.

**Please ring the school
office on 0121 327
0824 our lines open
from 8am .**



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

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