



# Thorpe Hesley Primary School Newsletter



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Next week the menu is week two. Please make sure you check the menu for any changes. The menu is on our web site.



Well done to all of the Playground Leaders for another great month. I am so impressed with the variety of games that you are leading. Lots of children received votes but the Playground Leader of the Month for November goes to Emily (Class 18). Emily received lots of votes for being kind, setting up great games and for having a fabulous personality. Well done Emily, keep up the great work! Mrs Marsden



## ***Christmas celebrations have really been in evidence this week.***

A huge thank you to our amazing parents for the wonderful donations to our Christmas Gift Service. As always we were completely blown away by the number of lovely gifts for our two chosen charities. **Families First**, and **Age UK**. The services in church were so beautiful and we are eternally grateful to the Holy Trinity church and Reverend Lynn for allowing us to celebrate with them. The poems and the singing were fabulous and, as always, our staff and pupils did us proud.

This was my final service attended as Thorpe Hesley Primary School Head Teacher. It was, as always, amazing and despite a great deal of sadness I felt a huge amount of pride to be part of that community and of the fact that we encourage our children to think of others at all times. The generosity of our parents is reflected in the attitudes of our children. We have such kind and thoughtful families. #citizensofthefuture



Well done to our Nursery children and staff for a fabulous performance of the Nativity on Wednesday.

There was acting, singing, musical instruments, a bit of crying (that was just the staff!) and someone fell asleep!

All in all it was the perfect Nursery performance! The staff in the setting work so hard and do an amazing job – so this was just the icing on the cake!

On Monday and Tuesday, Years 3 and 4 performed their amazing show – **The Primary School Christmas Musical!** All three performances were fabulous! The play was about a Christmas performance in a primary school and how it takes over the life of the school, in the story there are some hiccups along the way but by the end there is a marvellous production. The same could be said for the Year 3 and 4 shows, despite the ups and downs of both children and staff going down with some of the nasty bugs circulating, they were brilliant. The singing was some of the best we have ever had, all the children had such enthusiasm and gusto – you would never know so many were missing!

At the end, the children and staff surprised me with an extra song just for me, written by some of the staff and performed by our gorgeous pupils. I was already very wobbly and it was a good job I had plenty of tissues to hand! It is a moment I will always remember.

Thank you so much to the staff and children for making it so special!



What an amazing performance by our Reception children this week for their **Whoops A Daisy Angel** play. As always they were brilliant, but it does need pointing out how well those children who delivered lines did. Lovely clear voices and speaking out to a huge group of adults – wow!

The acting and singing was fabulous, as was the dancing. Our staff really know how to put on an amazing show and how to encourage the very best from the children.

You lucky parents, I hope you all enjoyed it!

*A big thank you if you have bought VIP tickets, raffle tickets, programmes etc, the money raised will go towards improving the stage lighting in both buildings.*

The first of the Year 5 and 6 performances of **Snow White** was today. (Next two on Monday.)

Parents and staff watching were absolutely blown away by the performance. Yet again, our children showed how to put a performance on. The acting, singing, dancing – and piano playing – was brilliant and we are so proud of the way our children have really given it their all.

If you haven't seen it yet and you have tickets for next week, all I am saying is – you are in for a treat!

Who knew we had such talented young people, Rotherham Civic here we come!



As you know, there are some pretty nasty bugs out there at the moment and it has been recommended that we share the contents of this communication with our community. There is some advice and guidance on keeping your children safe, particularly those under 5 years of age.

<https://ukhsa.blog.gov.uk/2022/10/25/5-ways-to-protect-your-under-5s-this-winter/> .

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-protection-in-schools-and-other-childcare-facilities>

This week you should have received on your personal email.....



KS1 mindfulness after school club
Y5 Winterhill taster day
Xmas jumper day donations
Y3/4 white t-shirt
KS1 Curriculum newsletter
Infant Bg Dinner Choice Form
Woodlies & Breakfast Club booking forms

### ⊕ Thorpe's Super Sport Report ⊕

On Monday 5th December, it was the turn for the Y3/4 girls' football team to compete in the 'Winterhill Cup Tournament' and wow, what a fantastic afternoon of football it was. Our girls played brilliantly and went through to the final after coming joint top of the group stage.

It was a very competitive final where every player gave it everything. Even though we unfortunately lost, our girls certainly did us proud and showed such fantastic team spirit. Well done girls, you were amazing!

Here are the quotes of the day -

- ⊕ I like working as a team and it was such fun with my friends. ⊕ Eliza, class 13
- ⊕ I loved being in the team and getting the ball to shoot and trying to score. ⊕ Freya, class 11

### MOST ACCURATE ROCKER OVER THE LAST 7 DAYS

A huge thank you to all children who took part this week. The leaders will be announced next week.

Our Christmas Card Post Boxes are open!

Please ensure that any cards your child writes have clear information on the front:

**First and last name or initial and Class number.**

Otherwise our sorting elves find it tricky to deliver them!



*The library will be open next week as usual (Tuesday and Thursday) in the infant building. We even have a few Christmas books left if anyone would like to borrow them for over the Christmas holidays!*

**Don't forget to return your Raffle stubs & money ready for the big draw Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Dec. You could be a lucky winner!!!!**

We are offering a Mindfulness afterschool club in January to year 1 and 2 children. This will be delivered by our local Mindfulness specialist Francine Evans. Currently, we are trialling this with our year 1 and 2 children, but hoping to offer to other year groups in the future.

Year 1 and 2 parents please check your weekly emails for full details and how to reserve a place for your child.

Today we will have been on our pantomime visit to the Rotherham Civic theatre to see Beauty and the Beast.

We take all the children who wish to come and that means we fill the theatre twice! The children from the Infant Building will have been this morning and the Junior Building this afternoon. We have a sweet treat ready for them and know that they will – as always – be the best behaved pupils in Rotherham and indeed the world! Staff always comment on it!



**WE won't be having Stars of the Week this week as they have all been stars! However, we will be choosing some for Celebration Assembly on Wednesday next week so watch this space!**

### Dates going forward

	Whole school to Rotherham Civic Beauty and the Beast
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	Year 5 / 6 (Classes 15,16,17,18,19,20) performance – 9.15 and 1.30 - TICKET ONLY
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	Year 1 / 2 (Classes 5,6,7,8,9) performance – 9.15 and 2.00 - TICKET ONLY
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	Year 1 / 2 (Classes 5,6,7,8,9) performance – 2.00 - TICKET ONLY
	Carols Round the Christmas Tree – Junior Yard 5.00 – all welcome!
	Wear a Christmas Hat and bring a (battery operated) candle or lantern
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	Last day of term
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2023	Teachers only in school
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	Children return to school for Spring term