



# Thorpe Hesley Primary School Newsletter

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First week back after Christmas the menu is week three.  
The menu is on our web site.



So, this is my very last newsletter for Thorpe Hesley Primary. It has been a real blast and a true privilege to be Head Teacher of such an amazing place.

I have had a wonderful few last weeks with lots of Christmas fun, performances and celebrations and it has been absolutely the right way for me to leave. As you know, it was a very difficult decision to retire from being Head Teacher of the fairy kingdom that I love so much. However, it is the right time for me to go and spend more time with my husband and our children and grandchildren. Apart from one lot who live nearby, they mostly live all over the country from Manchester to Staffordshire to Salisbury - and one lot in France! So, it will be amazing to have time to travel and see them more frequently. Plus, I am looking forward to taking all those holidays in term time at 'term time prices'!

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to the people who have made my time here at Thorpe Hesley Primary School so amazing. First of all, the children! We certainly have the #bestpupilsinRotherhamandindeedtheworld. Our children are kind, bright, creative and thoughtful. They care for each other and the enthusiasm and love of learning they have makes our job easy. Secondly the parents and families and the friends who have stuck with us even though their children have left long ago, this includes the fabulous volunteers who do so much for us in school. You people support us in so many ways and sometimes a kind word, a thoughtful email, or even just a smile makes all the difference when the going gets tough. You can make a member of staff's day with just a word and we know you support us so much. Thirdly the Governors who give their time to be on the Local Governing Board. Those people are amazing and challenge as well as support – making our school even better. We are very lucky.

Finally, our incredible staff. There is no bunch of people who are more dedicated, hard working and ready to go the extra mile every time for the children in this school. It seems that whatever is asked, they do it and more! 'Let's do a Santa run' – sorted! 'Shall we have a big rubbish tip on the field' – there we are! 'What about having carols round the Christmas Tree with a brass band, dancers and singing?' – here we are! I have never worked with a more amazing bunch of people – we are so lucky to have them and I know that you appreciate as much as I do the efforts they go to for the children.

This is not the end of school life for me, I will still be doing a couple of days a week for the new Multi Academy Trust (NCLT) providing support for the schools and Head Teachers so I shall be going into all three schools every now and then and may see you around. I have left a bench for each building which you may realise has my stamp on it. I hope you like them.

I wish you all the best, a merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

Tinkerbell over and out..... 😊

Thank you. Trudi Toms



This week we have had the brilliant Year 1 and 2 performances of 'The Midwife Crisis'. What an amazing show it was. It was so lovely to see the joy in the children's faces as they acted, sang and danced – and oh my, what dancing there was! Strictly look out because if there is ever the need for the funkiest Shepherd, we have him right here!

As always, parents (and staff who were watching) were blown away by the wonderful performances, the star's solo was amazing!

All the actors were brilliant and how they remembered all those lines I will never know!

As the final performances in my career as a Head Teacher, they are some I will remember with great fondness – this is what Christmas is all about, and Thorpe Hesley do it so well!

Well done to all the children and staff for a brilliant show.



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>



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.

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

KS1 mindfulness club
Infant Blg Dinner Choice form wc 4/1/23
Christmas News
Information for parents

A big thank you from me to all the staff, parents, children and friends of Thorpe Hesley Primary School for the amazing send off I have had. What a lovely final few weeks I have had. So many cards, gifts and lovely memories. I will be forever grateful and miss you all so much.

Trudi Toms

**Message from the Hawkridge family**

As a family we would like to thank everyone who took part in the Santa Dash and to everyone who has supported our fundraising cause. We are so grateful for the continued support, as it is our mission to help children to get the research and trials they deserve, going forward.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Toms. She has been an absolute rock at times and has helped us through. She has always supported us wherever and whenever we have needed it and has helped us raise so much money for #teamjude. We will miss her very much and wish her all the best in her retirement. Love from the Hawkridge family xx

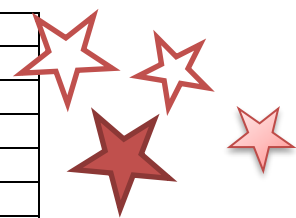
As we said at all our shows this year, the money we raise from sales of raffle tickets, VIP seat draw and any other bits will go towards improving the stage lighting in both buildings.

The lighting in the Infant Building is in desperate need of refurbishment, some of those bulbs are probably older than me! The Junior stage has always needed proper stage lighting and we feel the time has definitely come to invest and get it sorted. The school budget just can't stretch to cover these things and so, as always, we are relying on our fabulous community of parents, carers and friends to help.

We will be asking for some expert help from professionals and the money we have raised will certainly help towards paying for it. However, if anyone out there is an expert, or has a business that would like to sponsor new lighting – we are always up for that!

Please contact either office if you can help in any way!

<b>Stars of the week</b>		Class 10	Noah O
w/c 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2022		Class 11	Lily W
		Class 12	Tia C
Class 2	Whole Class	Class 13	Amelia J
Class 3	Whole Class	Class 14	Whole Class
Class 4	Whole Class	Class 15	Whole Class
Class 5	Whole Class	Class 16	Logan B
Class 6	Whole Class	Class 17	Tilly M
Class 7	Whole Class	Class 18	Cameron H-W
Class 8	Whole Class	Class 19	Millie O-W
Class 9	Whole Class	Class 20	Kobie C



**Dates going forward**

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

