



Thorpe Hesley Primary School Newsletter

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The dinner menu for the next week is Week 1



I am very happy to welcome you all back to school. A special welcome to our new starters in Nursery and Reception and also the children joining in other classes across school. We are sure that you will all quickly feel part of the Thorpe Hesley Primary School family.

It has been lovely to see all our children this week, including our new starters who seem to be settling in really well, and hear what everyone has been up to over the Summer. We have lots of exciting learning and events planned for this year and can't wait to get started.

We are kicking off this term with a whole school 'Paris Paralympics' theme. Our children will be learning about inspirational athletes, completing teambuilding activities, participating in a range of Paralympic inspired activities provided by Rotherham United Community Trust and taking part in their own Thorpe Hesley Primary Olympic Torch relay. The topic will culminate in our very own mini-Paralympics on the school field next Friday. As always, keep an eye out on X (@thorpehesleypri) to see what we've been up to.

Also a reminder that my door is always open if there is anything that you would like to discuss with me. Please either catch me around school at the beginning or end of the day, drop me an email or pop in to either office or give us a call to arrange an appointment.



Mrs Hewitt x

Uniform

Please can you ensure all school uniform items, including PE kits are labelled clearly with your child's name so that we can return any lost items to pupils. We want to try to avoid an overflowing Lost Property box this year!

Our second-hand uniform has been sorted over the summer and is now nicely organised by size and stored in brand new storage units in the Y3/4 cloakroom in the Junior building. This also includes lots of wellies. Please feel free to access this at any time. Items can be taken free of charge or for a small donation.

Curriculum Booklets and Welcome Meetings

Over the next couple of weeks you will all receive a copy of this term's Curriculum Booklet for your child's year group. These will tell you about your child's topic for this term and outline what they will be learning in the different curriculum areas, as well as containing important information about home work, PE days etc.

All classes will also be holding welcome meetings which are an opportunity for you to meet your child's new class teacher and find out a bit about their new class. We will also be offering Stay and Learn sessions throughout the year where you are invited into school to learn a bit more about what your children are learning in school and to experience this first hand.

Please take a look at the 'Dates Going Forward' below for the dates and times for your child's class.

This week you should have received on your personal email...
Flu Vaccine Consent
Reception Dinners



Stars of the week w/c 2 nd September 2024		Class 10	Erika B
		Class 11	George F
		Class 12	Lillia S
Class 2	Sylvie U	Class 13	Oscar A
Class 3	Eliza M	Class 14	Ethan B
Class 4	Ava-Mae S	Class 15	Henry S
Class 5	Ayla C	Class 16	Macy T
Class 6	Charlotte T	Class 17	Jaycee-Leigh W
Class 7	James W	Class 18	Connor B
Class 8	Ted S		
Class 9	Caspian B		



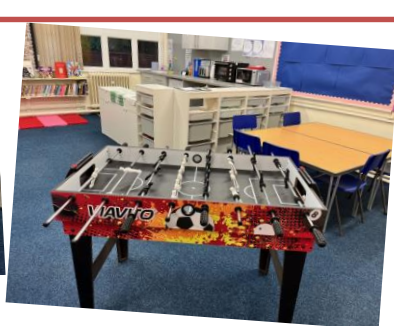
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Breakfast and After School Clubs

Over the summer we have been working hard to get our new KS2 wrap-around care room ready, as well as giving the existing room a revamp ready for our Infant children returning. The new rooms are now looking fabulous, with reading dens, new settees, comfy beanbags and a big range of new games and activities including dolls houses, Lego, jigsaw puzzles, a new Kinect for the X-Box for keeping the children active, table football and air hockey! We are also now starting our breakfast club at the earlier time of 7:30.

There are still plenty of spaces available so please contact the school office if you are interested in booking your child a place.

Just a reminder for those who do attend, our after school club staff can be contacted after hours on 07544 748241. This number is to be used for emergencies. For all other enquiries, please ring the school office.



Attendance

Congratulations to Class 2 and Class 12 who had the highest attendance this week. Adam the Attendance Ant is looking forward to a week with Class 2 and Class 12 can't wait to enjoy having the climbing wall and football pitch to themselves at breaktimes next Friday.

Dates going forward	
Monday 9 th September	9:00 Year 6 Welcome meetings
Tuesday 10 th September	9:00 Year 4 Welcome meetings
Wednesday 11 th September	9:00 Year 5 Welcome meetings
Thursday 12 th September	9:00 Friends and Relatives meeting. All welcome! Please come to the main entrance in the Junior building.
Friday 13 th September	14:45 Year 1 and 2 Welcome meetings
Tuesday 17 th September	Year 5 First Aid Training – Children to dress as a medical professional, past or present 9:00 Toileting workshop for parents 14:30 Year 3 Welcome Meetings
Thursday 19 th September	9:00 Phonics workshop for Reception and Y1 parents
Friday 20 th September	9:00 "What to expect when" workshop for Nursery and Reception parents
Tuesday 24 th September	15:30 School viewing for prospective families
Thursday 26 th September	9:00 Foundation for Phonics Workshop for Nursery Parents
Friday 27 th September	MacMillan Coffee Morning (more info to follow)



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We received some really sad news over the summer. Judy Reid, who has been a close friend of school for many years, sadly passed away peacefully in her sleep at the beginning of August. Judy was a school governor and reading volunteer in school who touched the hearts of many children and staff. She will be fondly remembered as someone keen to help others, always with a smile and a kind word. She was a very special lady who will be very missed. I'm sure you will all join me in sending our thoughts to her family. We are running a collection in school if anyone would like to contribute. All donations will go to Guide Dogs for the Blind, a charity very close to Judy's heart.



Thorpe Hesley and Scholes Village Show – Sat 14th September at Trinity Community Centre, S61 2QJ

Come and join in the fun at this exciting community event.

Entries for veg, flowers, cookery, handicrafts and children's classes from 5pm – 8pm on Friday 13th and on the day 8.30 – 10.30am.

Entrance to show is £2 for adults and children are free.

Main show opens at 10.30am with various stalls, licensed bar, refreshments, raffle, free children's activities and demonstrations by local groups. The dog show at 11.30am has fun categories like the dog most like its owner and best trick! A full list of classes is in the free booklet available at the Community Centre, Church and local shops or online at <https://www.thorpeandscholes.org/show.html>

where you can also download colouring sheets for all ages.

Why not enter one of the many children's classes like an animal made out of fruit or veg, a decorated plate, a lego model and many more. It's good fun and you could win a prize or even a cup for the best entries.

For updates and information look us up on Facebook.

Hope to see you there.

Further information from Kay Hester on 07708421017 or kayhester@hotmail.co.uk.

School Gates After School

As we have now expanded our wraparound care, we are keen to be making use of our outdoor areas for these children. To ensure the site is secure for their safety, we will therefore be locking all three gates into the Junior yards at around 15:40, once all children and parents have left after school. Access will still be possible to the main junior building and outdoor classroom via the main entrance off Upper Wortley Road.

Attendance

Research shows there is evidence of a strong link between good attendance and increased attainment. Pupils who regularly attend school make much better progress both socially and academically. Our attendance policy is published on the school website. Please note that a new national framework for attendance came into force from 19th August 2024. This clearly states that holidays can only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. Any requests for a leave of absence must be made using the application which can be requested from the school office. Five or more days of unauthorised leave of absence (holiday) may result in a fixed penalty fine. A poster, produced by Rotherham Council is attached, explaining the potential implications of taking pupils out of school, in line with the new framework.

In order to encourage high attendance, we present 100% certificates each term. Also, each week the class with the highest attendance in the Junior building gets the climbing wall and football pitch to themselves at breaktimes on a Friday and the class with the highest attendance in the Infant building gets to look after Adam the Attendance Ant for the week.

Remember every school day counts!



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Cashpot for schools with Asda Rewards is an initiative supported by Joe Wicks to help raise money for primary schools in the UK.

Every time you shop with Asda Rewards between 2nd September and 30th November, Asda will donate 0.5% of your total spends. All you need to do is download the Asda Rewards app and opt in. Choose 'Thorpe Hesley Primary School' and help raised funds for our school.

Dear parents, carers and members of our school community,

You will know from news reports, and possibly from personal experience, that our country and in particular our locality have been affected by the events triggered from the shocking murders in Southport last month. The murders sparked a wave of disinformation across social media, leading to racist riots in many areas including Rotherham.

As part of this, people of colour and police were attacked. Mosques, immigration centres and a hotel in Manvers were attacked and, sadly many people felt it was not safe for themselves or their families to go out in public.

Many people have been convicted, including several children. Convictions have been for people looting shops, damaging property, spreading online misinformation and inciting the violence. There have since been several significant custodial sentences.

This small minority of people across the country have taken part in activities and expressed views that go against our beliefs at NCLT primary schools. Their views that people from other backgrounds and other ethnicities do not deserve the same rights in our country are against everything we stand for and teach our pupils in our schools. We have many children and families who are from different backgrounds. Some may speak different languages; some may have lived in other countries; some may have parents or grandparents who have lived in different countries. Some may have different coloured skin, and some may have different religions and beliefs. BUT we are all equal and everyone is valued!!

Our schools are very proud of our communities, both within school and the wider area. It is really important that we continue to show support to our whole school community and every person within it. We will continue to show that we will not tolerate those views in our school and work with you, our families, as well as with our pupils to ensure that tolerance, understanding and having an open mind to all cultures is our way.

Below are some resources you may find useful if you wish to talk to your child now or in the future about these issues.

Please contact the school if you have any concerns or worries about your child or others in our community. We stand for the same values, we stand together and we are here to help and support our families wherever we can.

NCLT Primary School Head Teachers and staff

[Talking to children about racism | NSPCC](#)

[How to talk to toddlers and young children about race, racism & religion - BBC Tiny Happy People](#)

[Talking to Children About Racial Bias - HealthyChildren.org](#)

[BBC Radio 4 - Woman's Hour, 17/08/2019 - How to talk to your children about race and racism](#)

[Raising Antiracist Children | Penguin Random House](#) – books and activities to share with your child