



# Thorpe Hesley Primary School Newsletter

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The menu for next week is Week 1



It's been lovely to have our children back this week and hear all about what they've been up to over the Christmas break. This week has seen the start of our Multi-Cultural half term. Our Year 3's kicked this off with a Brazil day on Wednesday where they enjoyed taking part in Samba dancing workshops, made their own carnival headgear and created some beautiful Brazilian inspired artwork. We are looking forward to lots more creative learning about each year group's chosen countries as the term progresses. Don't forget to ask your children what they've learnt about their country so far.



Mrs Hewitt x



### Exciting news!

We had a fantastic Christmas present here at Thorpe Hesley Primary School and wonderful news to share for a New Year! We have been successful in our bid to the Community Fund (National Lottery) to create a Community Courtyard in the centre of the Junior Building. Our rather run-down quad will be transformed with the help of this funding into a space which can be used by both the school and a number of community groups including the cubs, scouts, beavers, brownies and rainbows, our Thorpe Hesley Childminders network and Artworks. Plans include a new pond and pond-dipping platform, planting beds, amphitheatre seating for a whole class and a story telling chair, small group seating and wheelchair access. This will obviously all take a little while to get in place but we are so excited for our new outdoor resources and for the wonderful community project that we will be part of. Watch this space!

### Parenting Support

Would you like support with arguing siblings, coping with teens or even co-parenting? Then the Family lives website might be what you are looking for.

<https://www.familylives.org.uk/how-we-can-help/online-parenting-courses>

It is a free online resource that offers parenting courses which can be a great way to get advice and learn new skills in the comfort of your own home and at times to suit you. All of the courses are filled with helpful techniques and ideas developed by experienced parenting professionals to help you become a confident and happy parent.

This week you should have received on your personal email...
Reception Dinner Choice
Yr 5 – Congo Dress up day.

Stars of the week w/c 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025		Class 10	Betsy D
		Class 11	Scarlett F
		Class 12	Charlie W
Class 2	Jack T	Class 13	Imogen F
Class 3	Ahney F	Class 14	Lana K
Class 4	Jasper G	Class 15	Ben J
Class 5	George C	Class 16	Lilly May S
Class 6	Freddie M	Class 17	Ivy H
Class 7	Harriet P	Class 18	Archie W
Class 8	Ronnie K		
Class 9	Francesca G		



### A Plea from EYFS

Our Nursery and Reception classes are on the look out for good quality wooden toys, e.g. train tracks, kitchen role-play equipment etc. If any of our families are having a post-Christmas clear out and have any wooden toys that they no longer need, we would be extremely grateful for any donations. Many thanks, the EYFS team xx

### History Competition

Polite reminder that our History competition deadline is the end of January, however, it is not too late to take part. All the children need to do is create a piece of work related to their latest history topic and hand into their class teacher. I will judge all entries in the few weeks of February, I can't wait to see all the wonderful and creative pieces.

Many thanks,  
Miss Quinn

### Parking

Please can we ask that our families are considerate when parking in the vicinity of school for drop-off and pick-up. We appreciate that this has been tricky during the bad weather this week but we have received a number of complaints from local residents about drives and pavements being blocked and drivers not being very polite. Many thanks.

### Percentage of children in each class who have read at least three times a week and recorded in Reading Record books

Class 2	85%	Class 11	65%
Class 3	66%	Class 12	100%
Class 4	79%	Class 13	80%
Class 5	50%	Class 14	90%
Class 6	30%	Class 15	94%
Class 7	36%	Class 16	84%
Class 8	71%	Class 17	100%
Class 9	62%	Class 18	95%
Class 10	78%		

Smart watch devices that can receive or send messages are not permitted. Please ensure your child does not wear these in school.



Well done to the following children who have answered the most questions correctly this week:

1. Alby C, Year 4
2. Victory O, Year 4
3. Frank M, Year 4
4. Wyllan S, Year 4
5. Frederick O, Year 4

### Attendance

Congratulations to Class 3 and 17 who had the highest attendance this week. Adam the Attendance Ant is looking forward to a busy week visiting Class 3 and Class 17 can't wait to enjoy having the football pitch and basketball hoops to themselves at breaktimes next Friday.

### Dates going forward

Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	9:00 Y5/6 Parent Workshop on supporting children with stress run by 'With Me In Mind' 9:00 Class 1 Willow Maths Stay and Learn 14:00 Class 1 Oak Maths Stay and Learn 14:30 Class 3 Writing Stay and Learn Year 5 Dress up in Bright Colours – Congo Day
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	14:30 Year 1 and 2 Maths Stay and Learn
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	09:00 Year 3 Maths Stay and Learn
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	9:30 Pupil Premium Coffee Morning
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	9:00 Year 4 Maths Stay and Learn
WC 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Wellbeing week – more information to follow
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	9:00 Class 1 Acorn Stay and Learn session
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Break the Rules Day (more info to follow) Last day of half term.
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Children back in school.