



Thorpe Hesley Primary School Newsletter

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The menu for next week is Week 1



Our Reception children began their Multicultural learning this week with a visit from the Chinese Lion. We love having the Sheffield Lion Dancers in school to launch our topic work and as always they put on an amazing show for us. What an amazing experience! They have also enjoyed a flight to China and back and even had time to stop off for some Chinese ribbon dancing.

Throughout this week, children across school have enjoyed engaging in activities designed to foster understanding, empathy and respect for the many faiths and cultures represented at our school as part of Faith and Diversity week. It's been lovely to see lots of children across school wearing a scarf round their neck today to reflect their personality to mark World Hijab Day.

As part of some work we are doing to develop maths teaching and learning across Rotherham, we had some visitors in school yesterday looking at our maths provision. The feedback was extremely positive. They were blown away by the positive attitudes towards maths from our children and our staff and were impressed by the high level of challenge and high expectations across school. It's always lovely to receive such positive feedback about our school.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Hewitt x



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

Reception Dinner Choice.
Reception - Pets & Vets Day



Stars of the week w/c 20 th January 2025		Class 10	James M
		Class 11	Lucie S
		Class 12	Harriet B
Class 2	Jacob G	Class 13	Alice B
Class 3	Layla W	Class 14	Liv S
Class 4	Riley F	Class 15	Austin G
Class 5	Maxwell N	Class 16	Jaxen R
Class 6	Oscar M	Class 17	Eva D
Class 7	Clara K	Class 18	Jamie M
Class 8	Noah A		
Class 9	Isla K		



Children's Mental Health Week

Next week, Thorpe Hesley Primary School will be taking part in Children's Mental Health Week (3-9 February). This initiative aims to give a voice to all children and equip them with strategies they can use to support their own mental health. The theme this year is Know Yourself, Grow Yourself so we thought it would be an excellent opportunity to take part in some additional wellbeing activities throughout school. The week will be launched with an assembly in both buildings and all children will be engaging in some outdoor learning activities to promote health and wellbeing. Please keep looking at our X (formerly Twitter) account @ThorpeHesleyPri where you can see what we have been up to!

We have also included a parent information sheet and top tips for families both linked to Children's Mental Health Week for your information.

Parking

We are continuing to receive complaints from local residents about inconsiderate parking and pedestrians blocking access to residential streets. As I mentioned in last week's newsletter, this is very much on the radar of the local Police Community Support Officers and the Council. They have asked me to let you know that this will be being monitored and action may be taken if cars are found to be parked illegally or in an unsafe manner, particularly where pavements are blocked forcing pedestrians onto the roads. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our children and families safe.

School Drive

Just a reminder that parents should not be driving down the school drive, including using the top car park, at any time. This includes dropping off and collecting children from breakfast and after school clubs. This is for the safety of our children, families and staff. 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	96%	Class 11	82%
Class 3	67%	Class 12	100%
Class 4	84%	Class 13	80%
Class 5	79%	Class 14	93%
Class 6	73%	Class 15	100%
Class 7	94%	Class 16	94%
Class 8	93%	Class 17	100%
Class 9	96%	Class 18	99%
Class 10	79%		



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

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

Attendance

Congratulations to Class 7 and 18 who had the highest attendance this week. Adam the Attendance Ant is looking forward to a busy week visiting Class 7 and class 18 can't wait to enjoy having the football pitch and basketball hoops to themselves at breacktimes next Friday.

Dates going forward

WC 3 rd February	Children's Mental Health Week (see information above)
Monday 10 th February	9:00 Class 1 Acorn Stay and Learn session
Friday 14 th February	Break the Rules Day (more info to follow) Last day of half term.
Monday 24 th February	Children back in school.
Tuesday 25 th February	Reception Vets and Pets Day
WC Monday 3 rd March	NCLT Primaries TT Rockstars Battle
Tuesday 4 th March	9:00 Year 4 Writing Stay and Learn
Wednesday 5 th March	9:00 Year 5 Writing Stay and Learn
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day – children to dress as their favourite book character



Autumn Term Fundraising Update

We are very pleased to be able to give you an update on fundraising from the Autumn Term now it has all been totted up. As you know, along with our fabulous Friends and Relatives Team, we have put a lot of effort into fundraising so far this year to support our very tight school budget. This has included:

- o Wonka Wednesday
- o Oracy Day
- o The Big Christmas Raffle
- o Tesco Stronger starts
- o ASDA Cashpots for schools
- o Christmas extravaganza
- o Christmas film night
- o VIP Seats Raffle
- o Class fundraising through selling Christmas cards, mugs etc with the children's designs
- o Athlete visit/sponsored event
- o Book Fair
- o Christmas performance raffles

In total, across all of these events, we have raised a MASSIVE

£10,909.70

This is absolutely phenomenal for one term and we are so grateful to each and every one of you who has contributed to this effort in any way!

As well as supporting our curriculum resources budget so that we can continue to provide our rich and creative curriculum, this money has also gone towards:

- educational subscriptions (e.g. Doodle Learning, Spelling Frame, Musician of the Month, Twinkl)
- books and phonics resources across school, including Christmas gifts for the children
- PE equipment
- breaktime equipment
- outdoor learning equipment
- resources for supporting reading interventions and support.

This money really has made a massive difference to our children and we cannot thank you all enough!

