



Thorpe Hesley Primary School Newsletter

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The menu for next week is Week 1



I hope all of our families had a lovely half term break. A huge congratulations to Mrs Allison (formerly Miss Clarke) who got married over the holidays. I have included a sneaky photo, as promised.

We have exciting news to share - our duck eggs and incubator have arrived in EYFS this week. We can't wait to see what will happen!

We've had a fun week in school. Our Reception children loved bringing their poorly pets to school on Tuesday to be treated by the resident vets. We hope that they are feeling better soon. Yesterday, our Year 3 children had a visit from an ecologist. They spent time in the woodland identifying types of trees and then used quadrants to help look for organisms in specific areas. Laura told us all about her job and the children definitely enjoyed hearing about Otter poo!



Mrs Hewitt x



Calling all Year 4 children...

As our Year 4 children across our trust are busy preparing for the multiplication tables check, we thought we would put their skills to the test in an epic battle of times table knowledge! Next week (WC 3rd February) our Year 4 children we will be battling against the Year 4s at Anston Greenlands and Redscope primaries to see who can score the most points on TT Rockstars. So, Year 4, get your brains and fingers limbered up ready and let the battle commence!

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

Reception Dinner Choice



Stars of the week
w/c 24th February 2025



Class 2	Myla J-W	Class 10	Freya B-G
Class 3	Mollie H	Class 11	Lyla R
Class 4	Arthur S	Class 12	Archie B
Class 5	Alfred S	Class 13	Charlie B
Class 6	Harry P	Class 14	Esmae c
Class 7	Elias H	Class 15	Nicole B
Class 8	Indie L	Class 16	Finley E
Class 9	Emilie H	Class 17	Minnie B
		Class 18	Joe A



Home Reading Books

Please could you support us by ensuring that our children are looking after their home reading books and returning them to school promptly. It is school policy to charge families £5 to replace any missing or damaged books. We try our best to avoid doing this but it is currently costing school a lot of money to replace damaged and missing books and it also means that the books that children need often aren't available. Many thanks for your cooperation with this.

Attendance

Congratulations to Class 9 and 10 who had the highest attendance this week. Adam the Attendance Ant is looking forward to a busy week visiting Class 9 and Class 10 can't wait to enjoy having the football pitch and basketball hoops to themselves at breaktimes next Friday.

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

Class 2	81%	Class 11	85%
Class 3	82%	Class 12	100%
Class 4	79%	Class 13	91%
Class 5	79%	Class 14	100%
Class 6	48%	Class 15	94%
Class 7	88%	Class 16	100%
Class 8	77%	Class 17	100%
Class 9	93%	Class 18	100%
Class 10	91%		

Reading at Home

Although many of our children read regularly at home and we are really grateful for your support with this, I am sad to see some of our percentages dropping well below where we'd want them to be. We are putting lots of work into encouraging home reading within school, including planning exciting home reading rewards for each class at the end of each half term for those who have met their targets. We would be very grateful if you could also encourage your children to read as much as possible at home.

I've also challenged the children to see if we could have a week where every single class in their building got 100% of children reading 3 x or more. I have some confetti cannons ready in both buildings to celebrate when this happens! Come on THPS – we can do this!!

Dates going forward

WC Monday 3 rd March	NCLT Primaries TT Rockstars Battle World Book Day Character Hunt open in our school woodland after school every day this week and next
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. Deadline for Character Eggstravaganza entries
Friday 7 th March	Year 5 Theatre trip to see Pig Heart Boy – Please remember to Consent on Arbor. I have to inform you that payment for the trip is at the discretion of parents.
Wednesday 12 th March	9:00 Year 3 Writing Stay and Learn
Monday 17 th March	Class photographs
Wednesday 19 th March	14:15 Rocksteady Concert
Friday 21 st March	Red Nose Day – please see details below
Tuesday 25 th March	Easter celebrations in Church - Reception, Y1 and Y2 9:30; Y3 and Y4 10:15; Y5 and Y6 11:00



World Book Day Character Hunt

We are all ready for you to come and explore our Woodland Character Hunt!

Don't forget to pop to the office in either building to pick up your booklet for just £3 and just remember to return your booklet so that your name can be entered into our prize draw! The hunt will run from 3:10pm every day straight from school from Monday 3rd March until Friday 14th March.

We can't wait to see you down there!



Book Fair

We are excited to announce that the Scholastic Book Fair will be back with us as of Monday 10th March. Following the roaring success that we had with the fair in December, it seemed like the perfect time to bring it back just after celebrating World Book Day. Please join us to explore a fabulous range of books, located in the Infant building from Monday 10th March - Thursday 13th March 2025. The book fair will be open for browsing each day from 3pm. Pupils will be given chance within their classes to visit the book fair and will each be provided with a 'Wish List'. No cash? Well, you can now pay for books online whilst they're at the Fair! You can simply scan the displayed QR code located at the Book Fair and by scanning the code on your phone you will be able to access the parent pay website.

It is also worth noting that The Scholastic team have specially selected some books for just £1 which can be paid for using the World Book Day Vouchers. The vouchers can also be used towards any of the other items at the fair - so keep hold of those vouchers!

We can't wait to see you there! Mrs Foxton xx

Red Nose Day 2025 – Dress Through the Decades! Friday 21st March

We are excited to announce that for Red Nose Day 2025, we will be celebrating in style with a fancy-dress theme – "Dress Through the Decades!" as Red Nose Day will be 40 this year. Children are invited to come to school dressed in outfits inspired by the 1980s through to the 2020s – think bright neon from the '80s, grunge from the '90s, funky Y2K fashion, or any iconic styles from the past 40 years!

In addition to dressing up, we will be holding a bun sale, so children are welcome to bring 50p to buy a bun. If you could, any donations of buns will be welcomed. There will also be fun activities in class throughout the day to help raise money and awareness for this fantastic cause.

We look forward to seeing all the creative outfits and having a fun-filled day while supporting Comic Relief. Thank you for your continued support!



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

1. Archie D, Year 4
2. Dylan K, Year 4
3. Frank M, Year 4
4. Alby C, Year 4
5. Henry T, Year 4



During Mental Health Week the children in KS2 were invited to apply to become a With Me In Mind Wellbeing Ambassador for our school. The children needed to complete an application form to be a Wellbeing Ambassador stating why they would like to be one, why they think they would make a good ambassador and what top tips they could offer other children. The response was amazing and I have been absolutely blown away by the number of children that wanted to be a Wellbeing Ambassador. I initially stated to the children that I would be choosing 1 child per year group, however due to the number of responses we have decided to increase this to 2 Ambassadors per year group. Our children at Thorpe Hesley Primary continually make us so proud and I could not be prouder of how important our children consider Mental Health and Wellbeing. Our new Ambassadors will attend events, support other children in school, raise awareness of Wellbeing and become part of a wider network of school Ambassadors. We will be announcing the chosen Ambassadors in a celebration ceremony held by Gemma Thompson from With Me In Mind in the next couple of weeks. Exciting times and opportunities for the children at Thorpe Hesley Primary.

Mrs D Oakley, School Mental Health Lead