



# Thorpe Hesley Primary School Newsletter

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The menu for next week is Week 2



I hope all of our families have had a lovely Easter break. I'm looking forward to the term ahead with lots of exciting learning and events taking place. We've kicked off our Summer term with our whole school 'All Change' topic, incorporating aspects of art and design, science and outdoor learning. The children had a fantastic time on Wednesday morning during two special science assemblies delivered by Mr Shaw from Winterhill school. There were lots of exciting experiments and investigations. It was also lovely to see lots of our families enjoying our outdoor activities. The water challenge was a big hit and I saw some expert den makers. The clay faces were also very popular and look fantastic! Thank you to our fabulous Eco Champions for helping prepare and run the activities.

Our Nursery and Reception children have had a wonderful day today at their Minibeast Ball. They have all looked brilliant in their outfits and have enjoyed taking part in lots of minibeast inspired activities.

Thank you to everyone who came to our book look yesterday. It was wonderful to see our children brimming with pride as they shared their work with you.

Wishing all our families a happy Easter and a lovely long weekend.

Mrs Hewitt x



## In Our Place – Wellbeing for school parents

Inourplace is funded in your area to provide your family with free access to expert learning about childhood development, wellbeing, brain changes, and much more to help you to connect with your children and make sure they thrive.

Here's a quick round up of what we think is great on In Our Place this month.

- Preparing for the move to secondary school
- Anxiety: All feelings welcome
- Understanding your pre-term or sick baby
- A wellbeing guide for SEND parents
- The impact of the pandemic: 5 years on

To access these free resources, please visit

<https://mailchi.mp/681cd7889170/wellbeing-for-school-parents-new-online-resources-12761658?e=88ce747116>

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

VE Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration

Reception dinner choice

Year 6 Residential parental/medical consent

Year 2 after school dance club



## UPCOMING CHILDRENS CAPITAL OF CULTURE PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS:

- House of Fun at Wentworth Woodhouse, launching on Saturday 26th April: The House of Fun is arriving this spring! Immerse yourself in the playful and interactive experiences taking place at the historic house, including aerial acrobatics, a silent disco, and more!
- WOW Rotherham in Rotherham town centre on Saturday 10th May: Welcome back WOW Rotherham's fearlessly fun, one-day festival of women, girls, trans and non-binary communities. There will be street performances, talks, workshops, exhibitions and creative activities. Come and celebrate the diverse and colourful identities that make up our borough.
- Festival of Stories at Grimm & Co's Emporium of Stories and across the Rotherham borough from Monday 19th May – Sunday 1st June: Celebrate the borough's literary talent at Rotherham's own literature festival. Discover the exciting stories of children and young people as they connect with their hometown.
- SELF: There's More to Me Than What You See at Clifton Park Museum from Saturday 3rd May 2025: A brand-new exhibition opening this spring at Clifton Park Museum. Join us on an exploration all built on the foundations of a seemingly simple question: 'Who are you?'

## Star of the Week and Reading Percentages

As we won't be in school tomorrow, the first stars of our Summer Term will be announced next week. Next week will also be our first week of collecting in reading percentages and, therefore, our first chance at achieving our bronze certificate for Fletcher's Full House Reading Challenge. You should all have received an email about this earlier this week. The basic premise is that for every week we can get 100% of children across school reading at least 3 x at home, we will be awarded a special certificate. If we manage this for 3 weeks in this half term, we will receive £500 to spend on books for school! We therefore need your support with this to make sure that your children are reading regularly at home, recording this in their planners and remembering to bring their planners into school every day. I have everything crossed for next week being our first 100% week!!



## Clifton Fun Park Easter Egg Hunt

We have been asked to share details of an Easter Egg Hunt happening at Clifton Fun Park on Easter Sunday, 20th April, 2025! Fun for the entire family with goodies available for the youngsters.

All children must have a ticket, which includes a egg hunt map and train ride. Adults can accompany free of charge. Only paid tickets will receive a prize at the end of the completed hunt.



## Dates going forward

Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> April and Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Bank holidays (school closed)
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	pm Nursery parent consultations
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Nursery to Year 6 parent consultations
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	KS1 Trip to The Deep
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	9:00 Friends and Relatives Team meeting. All welcome. We are really keen to expand our friendly team to help organise some more fabulous events and raise even more money to support our children.
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	15:30 School viewing for prospective parents 17:00 Wingfield Parent Information meeting in the Junior Hall
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	9:00 Class 1 Oak Stay and Learn 14:00 Class 1 Willow Stay and Learn 14:30 Class 3 Stay and Learn
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 5 walk to Keppel's Column
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	9:00 Class 1 Willow Stay and Learn 14:00 Class 1 Oak Stay and Learn 14:30 Class 2 and 4 Stay and Learn





# Musician of the Month



**It's competition time!**

This term, we will be celebrating the work of...

**Joni Mitchell (April)**

**Fisherman's Friends (May)**

**Aretha Franklin (June)**

**Guarinder Kaur Kainth (July)**



Whether you love to paint, write, dance, or build, I invite you to create a project that captures the essence of one of these inspirational musicians. The choice is yours... let your imagination soar and show us how their legacy inspires you.

There will be a **special prize and certificate** for the winner in **both the Infant and Junior Building**. To enter, please bring your project to your class teacher by **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July**. The winners will be announced on the following Friday in assembly and on our school newsletter.

**I can't wait to see where your creativity takes you!**  
**Mrs Caborn**