



Thorpe Hesley Primary School Newsletter

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Safeguarding lead: Mrs S Hewitt. **Deputy Safeguarding:** Mrs Oakley, Mrs Rawlinson, Mrs Lilleker and Mrs Shaw

Wellbeing Officer: Mrs Brooks **Chair of Advisory Group and Safeguarding Governor:** Mrs S Scott

The menu for next week is Week 2



It has been wonderful to welcome our children back to school this week and hear all about what they've been up to over the summer! We hope all of our families have had a wonderful summer.

School has been a hive of activity over the summer and we are so excited to share some updates with you. Our new Community Courtyard is well underway, complete with raised beds, seating, gorge walk, bird-watching area and pergolas. We have loved working with Twiggs on this project and they have kindly offered to come in to work with our children over the next few weeks on the planting. The finishing touches, including canopy, pond and pond-dipping platform, will be added over half term. We can't wait!

Building work has finished on The Nest – our brand new two-year-old provision. The outdoor provision, which we have worked with Precision Timber to design and create, is stunning and our Nest team are busy setting up all of the new furniture and resources to create a beautiful indoor environment to match. As we didn't want the rest of our Early Years to feel left out, our Nursery and Reception classes have also benefited from lots of new furniture and equipment to enhance their existing provision.

Our Junior hall has had a make-over with the original wooden flooring being restored to its former glory and a new lighting and sound system installed. Thanks to further investment from our Trust and our tireless fundraising, we have bought lots of new curriculum resources, including new iPads and laptops for the children to use, DT, Science and Music resources. Thank you to all of our wonderful families who have supported our various fundraising activities over the last year to help make this possible. We are extremely grateful.

We have welcomed Aspens, our new catering providers, into school this week. Despite a few delays in deliveries (we are now fully stocked with jugs, cups, trays and cutlery for next week), they have made a wonderful start. We have been really impressed with the quality of the food and the increased portion sizes. I have treated myself to a school dinner every day this week and can highly recommend the vegetable strudel and the bangers and mash!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Hewitt x



Our Junior hall floor restored to its former glory



Community Courtyard

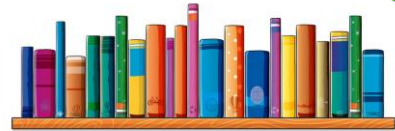


The Nest Outdoor Provision



Our beautiful new library complete with new books and resources





The Power of Reading at Home

Reading regularly at home plays a vital role in helping children develop their vocabulary, imagination, and confidence. We kindly ask for your support in ensuring your child reads at home at least three times per week and records it in their planner. To celebrate this effort, we've updated our reading rewards system: when a class achieves 100% of pupils meeting their reading target, it will be recorded and celebrated. After reaching this milestone three times, the class will earn a reward—chosen together—which might include a treat like an ice pop, a film afternoon, or a woodland adventure. Thank you for helping us foster a love of reading!

Paying for School Dinners

Good news! The price of a school meal has now reduced to £2.85. School meals are payable through Arbor. Please ensure that you are keeping up to date with your balance. If you feel you may be eligible for free school meals, please contact the Junior office.

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

Class 2	n/a	Class 11	n/a
Class 3	n/a	Class 12	n/a
Class 4	n/a	Class 13	n/a
Class 5	n/a	Class 14	n/a
Class 6	n/a	Class 15	n/a
Class 7	n/a	Class 16	n/a
Class 8	n/a	Class 17	n/a
Class 9	n/a	Class 18	n/a
Class 10	n/a		

Attendance

Congratulations to Class 7 and 12 who had the highest attendance this week.

Adam the Attendance Ant is looking forward to a busy week visiting Class 7 and Class 12 can't wait to enjoy having the football pitch and basketball hoops to themselves at breaktimes after Easter.

Stars of the week w/c 1 st September 2025		Class 10	Samantha G
		Class 11	Daisy F
		Class 12	Elliot S
Class 2	Zak W	Class 13	Scarlett F
Class 3	Marnie T	Class 14	Poppy W
Class 4	Joey W	Class 15	Joe M
Class 5	Eva W	Class 16	Parker W
Class 6	Riley F	Class 17	Brody R
Class 7	Isabelle C	Class 18	William W
Class 8	Jacob F		
Class 9	Harvey J		

Dates going forward

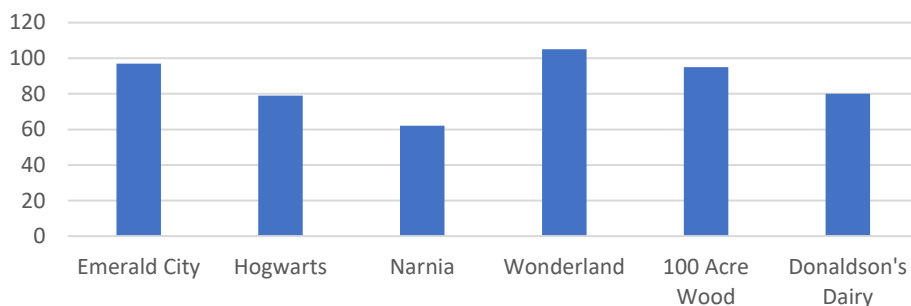
Tuesday 9 th September	Sheffield Wildlife Trust in school working with KS1 pm 15:20 – 15:50 Y1/2 Welcome drop-in for parents in classrooms
Wednesday 10 th September	Sheffield Wildlife Trust in school working with KS1 all day 15:10 – 15:40 Y3/4 Welcome drop-in for parents in classrooms
Thursday 11 th September	Sheffield Wildlife Trust in school working with KS1 pm
Friday 12 th September	Open afternoon for The Nest - our brand new two-year-old provision based at Thorpe Hesley Primary School
Monday 15 th September	Year 3 Viking Day 15:10 – 15:40 Y5 Welcome drop-in for parents in classrooms
Wednesday 17 th September	Year 4 Viking Day
Thursday 18 th September	9:00 – 9:30 Reception phonics workshop for parents
Friday 19 th September	Rhyme time sessions all day in The Nest for our new 2-year-old starters 9:00 PTA meeting. All welcome.
Monday 22 nd September	The Nest 2-year-old provision opens



House Points

You may have heard you children come home this week talking about our new house points. All children have been placed in to a 'house' and are working together in teams to collect as many house points as they can. Our houses are linked to fictional places from some of our favourite books: Narnia, Emerald City, Hogwarts, 100 Acre Wood and Donaldson's Dairy. The 'house' with the most points at the end of each term will win an afternoon off timetable to do something fun and exciting (class teachers are currently collecting suggestions and ideas from the children). We have set up house point stations in both buildings and results will be shared each week in star assembly, on the newsletter and on Twitter so make sure you keep checking to see who is in the lead!

Number of points



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

Year 6 – Trip To Lifewise Centre

Join our PTA

KS1 Reminder for payment/consent Wildlife trust visit in school

Parent Teacher Association

Just a reminder that our first PTA meeting is on Friday 12th at 9:00am in the junior building. New members are more than welcome—please join us if you're interested.

Thorpe Hesley and Scholes Village Show – Sat 13th 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 12th 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 or 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 – Diorama in a shoebox, a decorated plate, a lego model and many more – its 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

Parking

Just a reminder to please be considerate when parking in the local area for drop-off and pick-up. There is no access for vehicles on the school drive or in the staff car parks for parents/carers at any time. This is for the safety of our children. If you think you may be eligible for a parking permit, please contact the school office.

