



Thorpe Hesley Primary School Newsletter

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The menu for next week is
Week 1



It's been another busy and exciting week in school.

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended our recent parent consultations. We hope you enjoyed learning about your child's achievements and discussing their progress.

Our KS2 pupils enjoyed an inspiring assembly delivered by prefects from Winterhill School. They shared their journey to becoming prefects, including the challenges and rewards along the way. It was especially lovely to see several former Thorpe Hesley Primary pupils returning as role models for our children.

We were also thrilled to welcome the Rotherham Children's Capital of Culture team into school this week. They came to film our amazing KS2 dance group after being blown away by their performance at last term's music festival. The footage will be used as part of their promotional material—what an exciting opportunity to showcase our talented pupils!

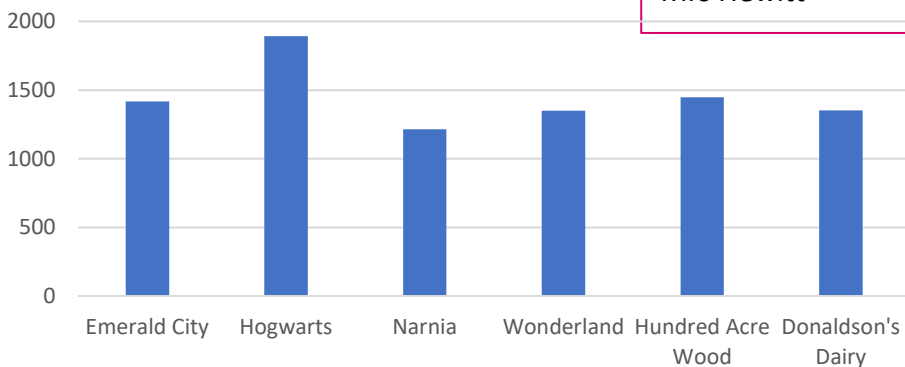
Thank you to everyone who attended the parent workshop run by With Me in Mind on supporting children with worries. It was a fantastic session full of practical advice and strategies to help children manage their emotions and build resilience. We hope you found it useful.

Finally, a group of our KS2 pupils took part in an inclusive bowling tournament this week. They represented our school brilliantly, showing great teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the event. Well done to everyone involved!

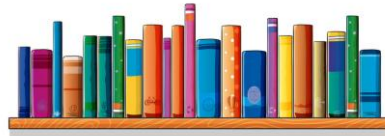


Mrs Hewitt

House Points



Well done to Hogwarts who are storming ahead!



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

Halloween Disco & Film Event
Lock down Drill
Harvest Festival

Well done to the following children who have earned the most coins this week:

1. George C, Year 4
2. George G, Year 4
3. Lucy W, Year 4
4. George F, Year 4
5. Henry CS, Year 4

100% Reading

A huge well done to Class 15 for being the first class to achieve their reward for 3 weeks of 100% reading in a row!

The following classes have achieved 100% Reading this week:
Class 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18

This means that Classes 5,6, 11 & 18 have now also achieved their first reading reward! Yay!



Attendance

Congratulations to Class 5 and 12 who had the highest attendance this week. Adam the Attendance Ant is looking forward to a busy week visiting Class 5 and Class 12 can't wait to enjoy having the football pitch, climbing wall and basketball hoops to themselves at breaktimes on Friday.

Stars of the week		Class 10	Olivia W
		Class 11	Evie B
		Class 12	Henry B
Class 2	Amaan A-N	Class 13	Orla W
Class 3	Saffi F	Class 14	Freya B – G
Class 4	George C	Class 15	Victory O
Class 5	Billie W	Class 16	Harriett B
Class 6	Isabelle H	Class 17	Vinnie B
Class 7	Harry P	Class 18	Isabella T
Class 8	Leo M		
Class 9	Charlotte C		

Dates going forward

Monday 13 th October	Lockdown drills in school
Tuesday 14 th October	Harvest Festival at Church (9:30 Y1/2, 10:15 Y3/4, 11:00 Y5/6) Reception Skeleton Day
Friday 17 th October	TT Rockstars Dress-Up Day – get your rockstar outfits ready for a day of times tables fun!
Monday 20 th October	Individual and family photographs
Tuesday 21 st October	Intrahealth in school delivering flu vaccines to children from Reception to Year 6
Wednesday 22 nd October	15:30 Halloween film in the Infants and Halloween disco in the Juniors
Thursday 23 rd October	Parent consultations for The Nest children
Friday 24 th October	Children's last day in school for this half term
Monday 3 rd November	Children's first day back in school
Monday 3 rd to Wednesday 5 th November	Year 6 Residential to Newby Wiske Hall
Wednesday 5 th November	Year 5 Space Dome in school
Friday 7 th November	14:30 Year 1 and 2 Reading and Phonics Stay and Learn
WC 10 th November	Anti-bullying week



A Reminder About Respectful Communication

I'd like to take a moment to thank the vast majority of our families for the continued support, kindness and respect you show to our staff. It makes a real difference and helps us create a positive and welcoming environment for everyone.

However, we have recently experienced a small number of incidents where staff have not been treated with the respect they deserve. We understand that emotions can run high at times, especially when discussing matters concerning your child, but we kindly ask that all communication with staff—whether in person, by phone, or online—remains courteous and constructive. Our team works incredibly hard to support every child and family in our school community, and they deserve to feel safe and respected in their workplace.

Thank you for helping us maintain a culture of kindness and mutual respect.



Spy Pups and Spy Cats

We have been made aware that several titles in the Spy Dogs, Spy Pup, and Spy Cat series by Andrew Cope contain a weblink at the back of the book that no longer directs people to information about the books. Instead, the link has been compromised and now leads to inappropriate and unsafe material, containing pornographic content with no age restrictions.

We have removed copies of the book from our school library and classroom book corners. Below are images of some of the front covers in the series to help you identify the books should you have any at home. We advise you remove them immediately. Should any be the property of the school, please return them and we will dispose of them accordingly.

Many thanks.

School Drive

Please can we remind our families that there is no access for cars down our school drive at anytime unless this has been agreed with school. This includes for breakfast and after school club. We have several parents who have parking permits for valid reasons who are struggling to get parked in a morning or are being blocked in by parents who should not be using the driveway. We are very limited for parking space, particularly in the infant building, so this is causing a significant issue. Thank you for your understanding.

Punctuality

We are noticing an increasing number of children arriving late to school in the mornings. While we understand that occasional delays can happen, regular lateness has a significant impact on both learning and the smooth running of the school day. When children arrive late, they miss valuable learning time and can find it harder to settle into lessons. It also disrupts the class and affects the start of the day for everyone. In addition, frequent late arrivals place extra pressure on our office staff, who are constantly having to leave their work to answer the door and sign children in. This takes them away from important tasks that help keep the school running efficiently. Please help us by ensuring your child arrives on time every day. A calm and punctual start sets children up for a successful day of learning. Thank you for your support in this matter.



Spelling Frame Super Stars

We are delighted with how well our children are engaging with Spelling Frame both in school and at home. A big thank you for your support with this.

The following children have received certificates and treats in assembly today for earning the most points this week:

Year 3 – Jack A
Year 4 – Ella C
Year 5 – Victory O
Year 6 – Divine O

Well done!