



Thorpe Hesley Primary School Newsletter

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The menu for
next week is
Week 2



The children have really been getting into the flow with their learning this week and it has been wonderful to see how enthusiastic they are about their new topics. Classrooms have been buzzing with curiosity, creativity and discussion as pupils have started exploring the exciting learning planned for this term.

We have also been delighted to welcome so many parents into school this week. Thank you to everyone who attended our Year 6 welcome meeting and the Year 1 to Year 5 drop-in sessions. We hope you enjoyed the opportunity to visit your child's new classroom, meet their teacher and find out more about the year ahead. We greatly value our partnership with families and appreciate your continued support.

On Tuesday, our Year 3 and Year 4 children enjoyed a fantastic Stone Age Day. They took part in a range of hands-on activities, including creating their own version of Stonehenge and making Stone Age jewellery. The children also had the opportunity to hear from an expert about what life was like during the Stone Age, bringing their history learning to life in a memorable and engaging way. It was a brilliant day that sparked lots of excitement and curiosity about their new topic.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Hewitt x





Looking After Our Smiles

Good oral hygiene is an important part of keeping children healthy, happy and ready to learn. Brushing teeth twice a day with fluoride toothpaste, limiting sugary snacks and drinks, and attending regular dental check-ups can help prevent tooth decay and support overall health and wellbeing. We encourage families to explore the following trusted resources for practical advice and support:

- NHS: How to Keep Your Teeth Clean <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-teeth-and-gums/how-to-keep-your-teeth-clean/>
- Healthier Together: Oral Health <https://sybhealthiertogether.nhs.uk/parentscarers/general-wellbeing/oral-health>
- British Society of Paediatric Dentistry (BSPD) Kidsvids <https://www.bspd.co.uk/Kidsvids>
- Rotherham Children's Public Health Nursing Service (0-19) <https://www.therotherhamft.nhs.uk>

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

1. Ezra R, Year 6
2. Henry B, Year 5
3. Lydia S, Year 6
4. Evelyn S, Year 6
5. Jasper G, Year 2



Emotional Health Resources and Advice

As children return to school for another exciting term and year of learning, we're delighted to share some helpful resources for parents experiencing all the big emotions of growing children.

<https://togetherness.co.uk/>

Attendance

Congratulations to Class 6, 9, 13 & 18, who had the highest attendance this week. Adam the Attendance Ant is looking forward to a busy week visiting Class 6, 9, 13 & 18 can't wait to enjoy having the football pitch and basketball hoops to themselves at breaktimes on Friday.

Stars of the week		Class 10	Alice H – S
		Class 11	Nellie R
		Class 12	Isabelle F
		Class 13	Vinnie D
Class 2	Lilith B	Class 14	Ted S
Class 3	Olivia S	Class 15	Ella C
Class 4	Millie H	Class 16	Isla R
Class 5	Lydia M	Class 17	Harriet W
Class 6	Layla K	Class 18	Laurie S
Class 7	Jesse S	Class 19	Maisie B
Class 8	Marley K	Class 20	Evie S
Class 9	Jacob G		

Dates going forward

Thursday 17 th September	9am Phonics workshop for parents of Reception children
Friday 18 th September	Flu vaccinations in school (Reception to Year 6) – this has now been pushed back to 13 th Nov due to supply issues pm KS2 dance club performing at the sculpture exhibit opening at Rotherham Minster KS1 after-school football club starts
Monday 21 st September	School viewing for prospective new families
Wednesday 23 rd September	9:00 – 9:30 Year 3 and 4 Reading Stay and Learn 9:00 – 10:00 Oral Health coffee morning for parents in the infant hall
Thursday 24 th September	9:00 Phonics workshop for Nest and Nursery parents



100% Reading

The following classes have achieved 100% Reading this week:

Class 5, 14, 17, 18, 19 and class 20

Remember:

- 2 weeks with 100% of children in school reading at least 3 x per week earns us the bronze Fletcher 100% Club Challenge award;
- 3 weeks at 100% earns us the silver award;
- 4 weeks at 100% earns us the gold award plus £200 to spend on new books in school.

Please support us with this by encouraging your child to read at home and reminding them to record this in their planner and bring their planner to school every day.



Parking

Just a reminder to please ensure that you are parking considerately at drop-off and pick-up times. Our local Police Community Support Officer has been in touch to let us know that they are patrolling the area at drop-off and pick-up times and will be issuing tickets and advisories. We just wanted to give our families a heads up. Many thanks for your support in keeping our community safe for all.

Maths Sets

All of our children from Year 2 to Year 6 have been split into their new maths sets this week. When making these decisions, staff take into account how they performed in the Summer Term assessments, as well as feedback from their previous teachers. These groups remain fluid throughout the year and it is not uncommon for children to move between groups as the term progresses to ensure that they are in the set that is right for them and that all children are being supported and stretched. Please do not worry if your child mentions moving sets. This is perfectly normal. If you do have any concerns or queries, please speak to your child's class teacher.



Numbots and TT Rockstars

Passwords for Numbots and TT Rockstars have been sent out this week in pupils' planners. Please encourage your children to log-on and utilise the maths games that are available. This is a great way for children to boost their arithmetic skills whilst having fun. As a school, we monitor how much the children are accessing this and give out regular rewards and certificates for those who are engaging well.

Urgent Plea: Barbies

Our wraparound care Barbies and Barbie accessories are very popular but currently looking a little worse for wear. If you have any that are in a good condition and your child no longer uses, we would be very grateful for any donations.

Many thanks,
Mrs Lilleker