



Thorpe Hesley Primary School Newsletter

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As we will not be in school for the full week, we are sending out a slightly shortened version of the newsletter. All of the usual end of week celebrations - Stars of the week, TT Rockstars, Spelling Frame, House Points etc - will return after the half-term break.

Our class teachers loved having the chance to chat with all of our parents and carers this week about how well your children have settled in to their new classes. We are always super proud of our children and it is lovely to have a chance to share this with you. I spoke to lots of happy parents and children following your appointments yesterday. A big thank you to Mrs Hill from our Junior Kitchen for bringing samples of her delicious school meals for you all to try. I heard lots of people raving about her chili, pasta and desserts!

We are really proud of how well our children behaved during our lockdown drill today. Everyone was super calm and sensible and all went extremely smoothly.

Please remember to keep an eye on our Instagram and Facebook accounts so that you can see what's happening in school (@thorpehesleyprimary). I have included some pictures from Instagram on this page.

Wishing all of our families a lovely half-term break and we look forward to seeing you back on 2nd November.

Mrs Hewitt x



The menu for the first week back will be week 1 of our new menu





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100% Reading

We are absolutely delighted that our children and families have risen to the challenge and have helped us achieve 4 weeks with 100% reading across school! This means that we have achieved our Gold Award from Mr Fletcher along with £200 to spend on new books for school.

This is an amazing achievement. A HUGE thank you to everyone who has supported us with it by encouraging your children to read at home.

Although this challenge has come to an end, please continue to encourage your children to read as much as possible at home. Reading regularly has such a positive impact on children's learning and development in so many areas, as well as their overall wellbeing. We will continue to celebrate reading at home through class reading rewards.

Sibs

We would like to share a useful resource for families who have a child with a brother or sister who has a disability, special educational need or long-term health condition. Sibs is a UK charity dedicated to supporting siblings and their families. They provide information and resources to help parents and carers understand some of the experiences siblings may have and how they can support their emotional wellbeing.

There are also opportunities to access an online workshop if you would like to develop your knowledge and feel more confident supporting siblings yourself.

You can find further information here:

<https://www.sibs.org.uk/sibs-workshops-and-training/parent>

We currently have staff completing training through Sibs and are looking at delivering a sibling support group within school next term. We will share more information nearer the time. Watch this space.

Free Kellogg's breakfasts at Morrisons

Many families can feel additional financial pressure during the school holidays, so we wanted to share a helpful initiative available this October Half Term. From 12th October to 1st November, all Morrisons Cafés are offering a free Kellogg's Breakfast to both children and adults. Families can enjoy a bowl of Corn Flakes or Rice Krispies with dairy or non-dairy milk, plus a piece of fruit, completely free of charge. If this would be helpful to your family, simply visit your local Morrisons Café and ask for a Kellogg's Breakfast. We hope families will take advantage of this generous offer and enjoy a healthy breakfast together during the holiday.



Dates going forward

Monday 2 nd Nov	Children's first day back in school
Wednesday 4 th Nov	9:00 Year 5 Reading Stay and Learn
Friday 6 th Nov	2:30pm Year 1 and 2 Reading Stay and Learn
Monday 9 th Nov	Year 5 Rugby session with Rotherham Titans
Tuesday 10 th Nov	2:30pm Class 2 and Class 3 Maths Stay and Learn
Thursday 12 th Nov	2:15pm Class 1 (Nursery) Stay and Learn 2:30pm Class 4 Maths Stay and Learn
Friday 13 th Nov	Children in Need – More info to follow
WC Mon 16 th Nov	Anti-bullying week – More info to follow
Tuesday 17 th Nov	Class 1 (Nursery) eye tests in school
Thursday 19 th Nov	Class 1 (Nursery) eye tests in school 3:30pm Nest and Class 1 welcome meetings for January starters