



Thornton Primary School

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Welcome Back

September 2017 has come around very quickly and it is lovely to see all the children so eager to learn in their smart new uniforms. A big thank you to parents and carers for getting children here so promptly.

I hope you have had a smooth start to the new school year and if you find that you need help or just to speak to somebody in school, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the office in the first instance, and they will direct you to the right person.

Exciting News—Bookworms

Learning to read is one of the most important things your child will learn at school. As part of our commitment to promote reading for pleasure we are launching 'Bookworm' sessions which will be held in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere in your child's classroom. A letter has been sent home with your child regarding the details of the sessions in their particular year group. We look forward to seeing you enjoying some quality reading time with your child very soon.



MacMillan Coffee 'Cake Off'

Once again we will be holding a 'Cake Off' for the MacMillan Cancer Support. We are excited once again to welcome our celebrity judges 'Paul Dollywood' and 'Mary Cherry', you may remember them from last year! They will be here to judge your baking skills and give their professional feedback. Make a note of the date in your diary—Friday 29th September at 2pm.



Thornton Gala

In conjunction with Thornton United, we are hoping to hold a Community Event incorporating a football tournament with a full day village gala. The proposed date for this is **Saturday 23rd June 2018**, and we will have a planning meeting in the new year, on **Thursday January 11th** at 7pm, for those interested in helping to organise. We hope to engage with the community of Thornton as widely as possible to make this a really memorable day and hopefully an annual event.



Emails

Many parents receive communication via email which is the most economical and efficient way for the school use. If you think you should be receiving emails and aren't, can you please either ring us on 01274 833839 or email us on tps.responses@focus-trust.co.uk to ensure we have your correct details. Likewise if you change your mobile phone number, you will no longer receive text messages and we may need to contact you in an emergency.



Diary Dates

Please see the list of dates below for events which are happening in school.

We try and give as much notice as possible; however, things do change and we will let you know with as much notice as we can if they do.

PARKING

We have received complaints from local residents about parents who park outside their homes and prevent residents from getting in and out of their drive or parking near their home.

Please park responsibly. Although school has no jurisdiction over this, please think about how you would feel if you lived in one of the local houses and could not access your drive.

Work has started on the entrance to school via a ramp from the old station entrance, and once this is complete (around October half term) this should ease the congestion.

No More Cash!



Soon, school will operate on a cashless basis. At the moment, ParentPay is set up for dinner money so that parents can pay online for their child's school meals. The system seems to be working well enabling parents to keep a track of what they have paid and when. Also, children are not left with money that can potentially go missing.

We are hoping to widen this to avoid any money coming in to school at all, so any trip payments, water bottles, school events etc. will be payable online.

Would all parents please make sure that they are registered to use this system, even if your child is not paying for school dinners at the moment. We can then look at extending the system to cover all transactions involving payment. Thank you.

Our office staff are always happy to help you..... Please contact us if you would like our help.

We ask that you treat us kindly; we will always try our best to put you in touch with the right member of staff if we cannot help you with your query. Please give us a ring on 01274 833839.

Alternatively, email us at tps.responses@focus-trust.co.uk

Also, please visit our website www.thorntonpri.co.uk, Twitter (TPSBD13) and Facebook (**Thornton Road Primary School**) pages.



Diary Dates

Date	Event
Tuesday 5th October	Year 6 Drop In 2-3pm
Tuesday 17th October	Harvest Festival at St James Church for Years 3 & 4—time to be confirmed
Tuesday 17th October	Year 1 Drop In 2-3pm
Wednesday 18th October	Nursery Diwali/Bonfire Open Day—times to be confirmed
Wednesday 18th October	Parents Evening
Friday 20th October	Finish for half term
Monday 30th October	Start of new half term
Wednesday 1st November	Year 4 Drop in 2-3pm
Thursday 9th November	Reception Open Day 9-10am and 2-3pm
Tuesday 14th November	Year 5 Drop in 2-3pm
Tuesday 21st November	Year 3 Drop in 2-3pm
Tuesday 12th December	Year 1 Christmas Show
Tuesday 12th December	Nursery Christmas/Winter open day - for Ants, Bees & Crickets children
Wednesday 13th December	Years 5 & 6 Christmas Concert at St James Church—time to be confirmed
Thursday 14th December	Nursery Christmas/Winter open day - for Tadpoles, Caterpillars & Crickets children
Wednesday 20th December	Finish for the Christmas break
Thursday 4th January 2018	Start of the spring term
Thursday 25th January 2018	Training Day ***school closed***



Please look on our website calendar for further details of forthcoming events