



Thornton Primary School

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New Website

We are very excited to have launched our new website in partnership with Focus-Trust. All the information that you are used to seeing will be on the website and it looks very easy to navigate.



Please have a look at www.thorntonprimary.co.uk when you have the chance.

Use of Social Media

Could parents and carers please contact school directly if they have a concern. We have recently seen some really unpleasant comments on social media and whilst we understand that we cannot please everybody all of the time, some of the comments are just generally unfounded and unexplained. We will be contacting parents and carers directly who are clearly very unhappy about school to find out what your concerns are and whether we can work together in a more productive way.

Holiday Dates for 2018-19

Dates for the academic year starting in September 2018 to July 2019 have now been decided and you should have had a letter with this information. You can also visit our website where you will find the dates. We have been told by many parents that having 2 weeks at Spring Bank is very popular and so we have moved things around a little to maintain this.

Y3 and Y4 productions

We made the decision to move the Y3 and Y4 productions from the end of the autumn term to the end of the spring term. Last year, it became very difficult for 5 year groups to have enough time in the hall to practise and be fully prepared. We have received communications from 3 different families about this, although many more communications have been sent to us as they have appeared on facebook. We understand that Christmas is a special time of year and parents enjoy seeing their children in a production. Parents have explained that having the production at the end of the spring term will not be the same and asking staff to stage 2 productions is unfair on them, so please respond using the tps.responses@focus-trust.co.uk email address simply saying "Autumn", "Spring" or "Either" and, if the feeling is so strong, we will try to look at an alternative way of rehearsing and staging all of the productions. We will also be seeking the views of the children whose opinions are a priority.

Parental Views

We have sent out a link to a questionnaire by text to try to ascertain the views of parents and carers and find out what you think we are doing well and what you would like us to improve. Please take the time to let us know as we want your child's school experience to be the best that it can be and to have very positive memories of their primary education. Whilst enjoying their experience at school, we also want them to achieve their best and will be conducting a survey with the children at the same time.



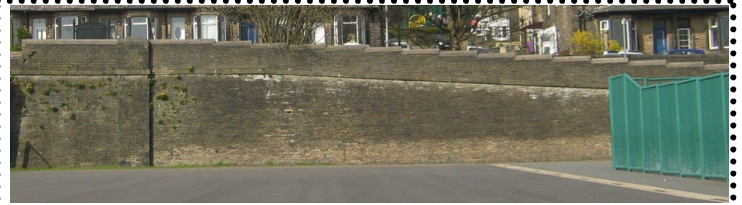
CAKE OFF!

Remember this Friday 29th September is Cake Off day, with special guest stars Mary Cherry and Paul Dollywood as judges.

All for a very good cause—Macmillan Cancer.

Come and enjoy a cup of coffee and see what wonderful cakes and buns the children have made. We look forward to seeing you at 2pm.

Get ready—BAKE!



Access to School

You may have noticed that work is in progress on a new ramp that will open up direct access to the top playground from Thornton Road. This will start from the old station entrance and we are told that it should be ready in November. The ramp will follow the existing path and then turn through 180° and a new ramp will be constructed to bring pedestrians out in the playground. We will keep you posted about this and we are looking forward to easing the congestion of the morning and afternoon drop off / pick up.

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.thorntonprimary.co.uk, Twitter (TPSBD13) and Facebook ([Thornton Road Primary School](https://www.facebook.com/ThorntonRoadPrimarySchool)) pages.



Diary Dates

| Date | Event |
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| Thursday 12th October | Year 6 Drop In 2-3pm *please note these details have changed since the last newsletter* |
| Friday 13th October | Art Drop In for all parents at 2.30pm |
| Tuesday 17th October | Harvest Festival at St James Church for Years 3 & 4 — 10am |
| 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 |
| Thursday 19th October | Year 2 Drop In 2-3pm |
| 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 | Christmas Sing-a-long at 2.30pm 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