

Thornton Primary School

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Remembrance 2017

Poppies and other official items are on sale in school now to raise funds for the poppy appeal organised by the Royal British Legion. The items include wrist bands, bracelets and snap bands and also poppies that have a clip attached. These are priced at 50p / £1. Paper poppies are available for a contribution of your choice. This is an appeal which school supports each year, and we have been invited to lead a dedication during the remembrance service at the memorial in Thornton Cemetery on Sunday 12th November at 11am. Some children will be leading this and we look forward to showing our support. In the meantime, our 'Poppy Shop' will be open from 3-3.30pm each day near the office. This will be held daily, so if you or your children would like any items, please send them with some money.



Christmas Fair

Our fair will take place on Friday 8th December at 3.30pm. More details will follow but please save this date and come along for fun, food and a bargain or two!



Parking

A number of residents have been complaining about some very inconsiderate parking habits being in place with parents and carers bringing and collecting children from school. The police will be monitoring this in November, and will be in the area, warning inconsiderate people first, but then issuing parking notices and fines. Please be aware of this, not because of the fines, but because of the inconvenience caused to residents. The entrance further up Thornton Road should be in use during November and this will mean that parents can park closer to this entrance and alleviate congestion lower down Thornton Road. However, please consider residents wherever you park. Thank you



Railway Entrance to School



The slope to bring pedestrians down from Thornton Road into the Key Stage 2 playground will be in use during this month.

We would really like to hold a 'Grand Opening' (or re-opening) and celebrate that we now have 2 entrances to our site.

Currently, we are thinking of ideas and we will be planning some learning projects for the children around this as well. These will take place during the first spring half term and so we have scheduled the 'Grand Opening' to take place at the end of the half term as we finish on **Friday 9th February**. Please come along for 2.30pm.

We will let you know as soon as we have more details; in the meantime, we will not wait until the Grand Opening to actually use this access and as soon as it is finished, it will be in use. This is expected to be mid November (ish!)



School will become CASHLESS

NO CASH TRANSACTIONS

From **January 2018**, school will extend the Parentpay service that many of you are using for school meals, to all payment transactions, including school trips. This will help you to manage your payments, as you will be able to log in to your account to make payments online, see how much you have paid and keep tabs on your finances. It also means that you will not have to send money to school with your child, which is better as it removes the responsibility from them of money going missing. Parentpay offers different payment options, for example, card payments online and paying through Paypoint in different stores. If you do not yet have an account, please call in to the office for details on how to set one up.





We have planned work around staying safe online with the children, and we have also planned an opportunity for parents and carers to come and find out about how to try to keep your children safe online when they are at home. This will be led by the police and is on Wednesday 7th February at 9am-10am. Please come along if you can—I am sure there will be opportunities to ask any questions you may have too.

A Plea to Dog Owners

Dog owners, when you bring or collect children from school, please do not leave your dog(s) unattended, tethered to the fence outside school. Please think of others, who may be frightened of dogs, and also of your furry friend, who will inevitably be anxious left on their own with crowds of people going past. One parent recently alerted us that she had been nipped by a dog tethered to the fence. This isn't fair on other people or on the dog, so please leave your dogs attended or at home. 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.thorntonprimary.co.uk, Twitter (TPSBD13) and Facebook (**Thornton Road Primary School**) pages.



Diary Dates

Date	Event
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
Friday 1st December	Sparkle Day—non uniform (tombola tariff)
Friday 8th December	Christmas Fair 3.30pm
Tuesday 12th December	Year 1 Christmas Show 2pm
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
Thursday 14th December	Year 2 Christmas Production 2pm
Friday 15th December	Reception Christmas Production 2pm
Monday 18th December	Year 3 Christmas Production at 2pm
Tuesday 19th December	Year 4 Christmas Production at 2pm
Wednesday 20th December	Christmas Jumper Day—proceeds to 'Save the 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***
Wednesday 7th February	Parents' meeting re Safeguarding using the Internet 9-10am
Friday 9th February	Grand Opening of the 'Railway Entrance' 2.30pm
Wednesday 14th March 2018	Parents' Evening 3.30-8pm
Please look on our website calendar for further details of forthcoming events	

