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School News

It has been another lovely calm, productive week in school with the children settling into their new classes and routines beautifully. There has been a buzz around the school with all classes working hard learning about different artists, to collaborate on corridor displays. Once they are complete towards the end of September, we will share some photos with you.

Why is Thurnby Special?

Being new to Thurnby Mead, I have posed this question to lots of people. The overwhelming response has been that we are a team, a family and we all look out for each other. I thought that one of our year 6 children's response summed it up perfectly: **"Because we all fit together!"**

Principal's Welcome Meeting

It has been lovely to see many of you in the playground and introduce myself to you over the past two weeks. I realise some of you have other commitments and may not collect your child/ren from school, so would like the opportunity to say hello and share Thurnby's vision for the year ahead.

Please join me for a short Zoom meeting to allow me to introduce myself more formally.

Time: Sep 9, 2021 6:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/91932320907?pwd=TCtvOOctLejhEVzc1b1kwK05hWXZsZz09>

Meeting ID: 919 3232 0907

Passcode: uT3ssB

Road Safety

Our Key Stage 2 children have been considering how to keep safe whilst coming to school. One of the issues raised has been around the parking of vehicles on the surrounding streets. The children will be designing posters to display, reminding us all of safe parking. Please be mindful of where you park and try to keep the roads and paths as clear as possible, to ensure all our children and families can walk along the approach to school safely. Many thanks for your co-operation with this.

Packed Lunches

Please be reminded that we are a nut-free school and packed lunches should not contain nuts or nut products. We appreciate your support with this, ensuring the safety of all staff and children.

After School Clubs

We are really keen to re-start after school clubs as soon as possible. We are currently planning what we are able to offer and we will let you know what exciting opportunities are available soon. Watch this space!

Key School Event Dates

Week beginning 6th September – Meet the Teacher on TEAMS – individual teachers will inform you of dates and times

Week beginning 27th October – Parents Evening calls (calls will be scheduled instead of face-to-face meetings in line with our school Covid-19 Risk Assessment)

Week beginning 13th December – Christmas Parties in class

Key Charity Dates

Jeans for Genes - Friday 17th September 2021 – dress up in non-uniform and denim and bring a voluntary contribution of £1 to support the charity.

Developmental Language Delay Awareness Day – Tuesday 12th October – more details to follow.

Children in Need – Friday 12th November 2021 – non-uniform and dress up in all things spotty or teddy bear themed and bring a voluntary contribution of £1 to support the charity.

Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 10th December – non-uniform and wear Christmas themed jumpers – can be home-made/decorated jumpers and bring a voluntary contribution of £1 to support the charity.

TERM DATES 2021-22

Autumn term 1:	
School opens	Wednesday 25 th August 2021
August Bank Holiday (School Closed)	Monday 30 th August 2021
School closes	Friday 15 th October 2021
Autumn Half Term Holiday	Monday 18 th October 2021 – Friday 22 nd October 2021
Autumn 2:	
School opens	Monday 25 th October 2021
School closes	Friday 17 th December 2021
Christmas & New Year Holiday	Monday 20 th December 2021 to Monday 3 rd January 2022

Spring term 1	
School opens	Tuesday 4 th January 2022
School closes	Friday 11 th February 2022
Spring Half Term Holiday	Monday 14 th February 2022 to Friday 18 th February 2022
Spring 2:	
School opens	Monday 21 st February 2022
School closes	Friday 8 th April 2022
Easter Holidays	Monday 11 th April 2022 to Friday 22 nd April 2022

Summer term 1:	
School opens	Monday 25 th April 2022
May Bank Holiday (school closed)	Monday 2 nd May 2022
School closes	Friday 27 th May 2022
Summer Half Term Holiday	Monday 30 th May 2022 to Friday 3 rd June 2022
Summer term 2:	
School opens	Monday 6 th June 2022
School closes	Friday 8 th July 2022
Summer Holiday begins	Monday 11 th July 2022
Bank Holidays (school closed)	Teacher days (school closed to pupils)
30 th August 2021 27 th & 28 th December 2021 3 rd January 2022 15 th and 18 th April 2022 2 nd May 2022 and 3 rd May 2022 2 nd and 3 rd June 2022	23 rd and 24 th August 2021 20 th December 2021 11 th and 12 th July 2022 (disaggregated 4)

Please be aware of the additional bank holiday this year on 3rd May for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

Contacting Staff:

If you would like to discuss a matter relating to your child, please contact the class teacher in the first instance.

If you would like to speak with your child's teacher for any length of time, please arrange to speak with them at the end of the school day. This will allow them to give you dedicated time.

Speaking to your child's teacher in the first instance is always best as they have detailed knowledge of your child. If your matter can not be resolved with the class teacher, they may direct you to speak with the Phase Leader or Family Support Worker. If the matter needs further attention, then you may be directed to speak with the Principal.

We will continue to operate a one person only system in the foyer/office reception area. Many thanks for your continued co-operation with this.

Phase Leaders

Phase 1 - Nursery, Reception and year 1 – M Miles

Phase 2 – Years 2, 3 and 4 - B Harvey

Phase 3 – Years 5 & 6 - L Woszczyński

Updated Covid Isolation Rules:

- If your child has symptoms of covid-19, they must isolate immediately. You should seek a PCR test and your child must isolate until the results are returned to you.
- In the event of a negative test your child may return to school.
- If your child tests positive on a Lateral flow Test and is awaiting results of a PCR test, they must isolate.
- In the event of a family member having symptoms of covid-19 and they are awaiting a test result your child may continue to attend school.
- If anyone in your household has a positive PCR test, then your child will be advised by Track & Trace to take a PCR test.
- Any child who is isolating, will be signposted to online learning by their teacher.
- If your child is identified as a close contact, they will be advised to get a PCR test within 2 days but continue to attend school whilst awaiting the result (unless they develop symptoms). **This procedure has been set out by the Government and Public Health and came into effect from the start of the new term.**

We will of course, keep you informed of any updates as we receive them from the DFE and Public Health. Thank you for your understanding at this challenging time.

Have a lovely, relaxing weekend with your delightful children.

Kindest Regards,
Michelle woodhouse

