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## Thornwood Primary School

### Newsletter August 2018



I am delighted to welcome the children back to the new session. A particular

welcome to all our new primary one children and other new children who are new to our school. I am looking forward to a productive and collaborative school year with our children, staff, parents and other partners.

#### Our Staff



I would like to extend a warm welcome to the new staff who have joined us this session.

Teaching Staff	
Head Teacher	Mrs Dunleavy
Acting Depute Head Teacher	Miss MacKenzie
PEF Principal Teacher	Mrs Archibald
P.1	Ms Wilson
P.2/1	Miss Bannerman
P.2	Ms Dickie
P.3	Mrs Donnachie (Mon-Wed) / Miss Lewis (Thur- Fri)
P.4/3	Ms Randall
P.5/4	Mrs Blackwall
P.5	Miss Ferguson
P.6	Ms Meharg (Mon-Tue am) / Miss Taylor (Tue pm-Fri)
P.7	Mrs Murdoch
Treehouse	Mrs Granger (Mon-Thur) / Mrs Hunter (Fri)
EAL	Mrs Sharp (Tue - Thur)
Support for Learning	Mrs Hunter (Wed-Thur)
Support for Learning/ Non Class Contact	Miss Fenech
Non Class Contact	Miss Lewis (Mon- Wed)

Support for Learning Workers	
	Mrs Brown ( Tue-Thu)
	Mrs Haq (Wed-Fri)
	Mr McKinnon
	Mrs McNair
	Ms Robb (Mon-Thu)

#### Clerical Staff

Mrs Glenn
Mrs Thomson (Mon, Tue & Fri)

**The School Day** The school day starts at 9.00am, **with the playground supervised from 8.45am**. If children are dropped off before 8.45am they should attend breakfast club which operates from 8.00am to 8.45am. Breakfast club costs £2.00 per day or is free for children who have applied for and are entitled to free school meals.

I would like to remind parents/carers that children should be dropped off at the school gates and parents should not enter the playground in the morning. The exception to this is primary one children while they are settling into the routine of lining up. P.1 parents/carers should gradually begin to step back and encourage their children to line up independently, with parents/carers dropping their children at the school gate by the September break.

**For new P.1 children** the school day finishes at 12.30pm until Monday 27<sup>th</sup> August, when **all children will attend full time**. The school day ends at 3.00pm. P.1 and P.2 parents/carers can continue to collect their children at 3.00pm from the infant playground.

**School Entrance/Exits** The large gate on Thornwood Terrace is in use for P.3-7 children. This gate should be used for entry and exit. To avoid congestion on the pavements parent/carers of P.3-7 children may wait on the pathway inside the school gate but should not enter the playground and should avoid obstructing children's exit. The smaller gate on Thornwood Terrace is for P.1 and P.2 children only.

The side gate on Thornwood Avenue is in use from 8.00am to 8.45am for access to the breakfast club.

**Appointments during the School Day** If you child has an appointment during the school day please give plenty of notice to

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enable us to get them ready and to the school office on time.

**Latecoming** If your child is late please ensure you bring them into school and directly hand them over to a member of staff. This is very important for fire safety to ensure we know who is in the building. Please try to make sure your child is on time as late coming has an impact on your child's school day.

**Pupil Absence Reporting** There are new procedures for pupil absence reporting. Please check our website for full information.

**Home Learning** Please check your child's bag each night for their home learning, encourage and support your child to complete their homework and sign it daily to indicate that you have seen it.

**Uniform** It's great to see so many children in uniform. The children are looking very smart. I appreciate your support in maintaining school uniform for all children throughout the session. If you require to purchase uniform items they can be ordered from the school office.



This session we have a uniform bank which will operate throughout the session. Feel free to drop in if you require any uniform items. All items in the uniform bank are free. Donations of clean uniform items in good condition are welcome.

**Gym Kit** Please ensure your child has indoor shoes, shorts and a tee shirt for gym. All **clothing items should be clearly labelled**. Please note that **jewellery cannot be worn in gym** for safety reasons. It is easiest for your child if they avoid wearing jewellery on gym days.

**Mobile Phones** If your child requires to bring a mobile phone to school they should hand it in to the office first thing in the morning and collect it at 3.00pm.

**Health Promotion** We are a health promoting school and would appreciate your support in encouraging your child to bring healthy snacks.

Your child should bring fresh water to school each day which can be topped up. **Please**



**provide your child with a water bottle.** No fizzy drinks should be brought to school. **Please avoid any foods containing nuts as we have some children with a nut allergy.**

**Fuelzone** All children in P.1-4 receive a free school lunch. Lunches for P.5-7 cost £1.90 unless children have applied for and are entitled to a free school lunch. Fuelzone menus can be found on the school website with vegetarian and halal options available each day. The following snacks are also available at morning interval from the Fuelzone: toast 20p, orange juice 30p and crisps 50p. If your child brings snack money, please remind them to let their teacher know, so they can go to buy their snack at 10.30am.

**There will be a taster session in the Fuelzone for P.1's on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> August at 11.45am.** Parents/carers are invited into the dining hall to assist their children.

**Activities and Outings** During the session the children will have an opportunity to participate in a range of activities and outings which support their learning and build their confidence.

### Partnership with Parents

A home/school agreement will be issued shortly. We value your support and plan to engage regularly with parents/carers throughout the session.

**Parent Council** We are fortunate to have an active and supportive parent council. The next meeting of the parent council is on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 7.00pm. All parents are invited to attend. The parent council warmly welcomes new members.

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**Parking** Please park responsibly  
avoiding the zig zags. This helps to  
keep our children safe.

**Communication** Our school website is  
regularly updated with useful information for  
parents/carers. We will shortly be adding the  
holidays for the school year. Please also follow us  
on twitter to keep up to the minute with what's  
happening in Thornwood

I look forward to working in partnership with you.

Caroline E. Dunleavy,

Head Teacher



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