



Thornwood Primary School Newsletter January 2019

Happy New Year

On behalf of the Thornwood staff team I would like to wish all of our children and families a Happy New Year! Thank you for your support in 2018. You have helped to build our Thornwood Community. You should be particularly proud that as a school we raised an amazing £1836.42 for Children in Need!

I look forward to continuing to work in partnership with you in 2019.

Thornwood Uniform / Dress Code

Thank you for continuing to support our uniform policy. We are still aiming for 100% of children in full uniform! Please work with us to achieve this. Please note that uniform items, including ties, can be purchased from the school office throughout the session. We also have a uniform bank of items in good condition which you can access at any point. If you have uniform items in good condition which can be handed in that would be greatly appreciated.

Staff Changes

Mrs Archibald will be leaving Thornwood on Friday 18th January. She will be greatly missed as she has been in Thornwood for 13 years. In recent years she has led the school's improvement challenge and made a significant contribution to our school.

We are delighted to welcome back Mr Graham who will be returning to Thornwood on 21st January.

We also have a new member of office staff Mrs Chisholm who joined our staff team on Monday 7th January.

Holidays 2019

February mid-term	Monday 11 th and Tuesday 12 th February
February in-service day	Wednesday 13 th February
Spring Holiday	29 th March (school closes at 2.30pm) to Friday 12 th April inclusive.
Good Friday and Easter Monday	Friday 19 th April and Monday 22 nd April
May Day	Monday 6 th May
May in-service day	Tuesday 7 th May
May weekend	Monday 24 th May and Friday 27 th May
School close for summer holiday	Friday 28 th June at 1.00pm

Family Ceilidh

We are delighted to announce that we will be holding our **Family Ceilidh** in Thornwood on **Tuesday 5th February from 7.00-8.30pm**. There will be a ceilidh band, Scottish country dancing and refreshments of Irn Bru and shortbread. Tickets are on sale at £5 per family (up to two adults and school aged children). If additional family members, e.g. aunts, uncles or grandparents, wish to attend they can purchase a single ticket for £2. Tartan sashes and ribbons will also be on sale nearer the time. We hope you can attend this fun family evening.



Scottish Poetry Recital

Winners of our Scottish Poetry competition will recite their poems at a special assembly on Friday 1st February at 2.15pm where all of the children will sing a Scottish song.

Parent Council

Thank you to the parent council for organising the Craft Fayre after our Nativity. It was a lovely opportunity for parents to both fundraise and socialise.

The next Parent Council meeting is **Monday 4th February at 7.00pm**. All are welcome.

Another reminder that a simple route to fundraising is to sign up to www.easyfundraising.org.uk and search for Thornwood Primary Parent Council. This is a good way to fundraise for the school whilst shopping online.

HMI Inspection

The school and nursery class will shortly be inspected by HMI and the Care Inspectorate. Parents/carers should have received a text to ask them to complete a survey. I would be grateful if you could complete this so that the inspection team can have an accurate picture of parents and carers views.

Parental Links

Our school leadership team will continue to be available for parental drop-ins to discuss any issues/ concerns each Thursday from 2-3pm. No appointment needed.

Groupcall

You will have received a letter regarding the school moving to Groupcall for our communication with you. Please complete the form and return as soon as possible.

School Clubs

A range of clubs have been organised for this term:

- Monday lunchtime Dodgeball
- Tuesday breakfast session (8.15-8.55am) Karate
- Wednesday after school Badminton
- Thursday lunchtime Basketball/Badminton
- Thursday after school Girls Football
- Friday breakfast session (8.15-8.55am) Taekwondo
- Friday lunchtime Gymnastics
- Friday afterschool P6/7 Football Team training



Other clubs are currently being planned, to ensure all classes are offered a range of activities across the session. All clubs are led by qualified sports coaches.

Our Values

Respect Honesty Kindness Doing Our Best Good Sportsmanship



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PE

- P5 swimming lessons will continue on Friday mornings until 8/03/19.
- On Tuesday P5 and P6 classes will have a block of football coaching.
- On Thursday P4 and P5 will have a block of basketball coaching.
- On Friday mornings P4 have Soccer4 sessions.

Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)

We are delighted that our MUGA is nearing completion. Senior pupils from the pupil council are being consulted as to the best way to use the area.

Families into Film

On Friday 8th February at 3.15pm we are inviting families to another Families into Film session. This month the film is "Tom and Jerry".

PE Kit and Jewellery

Please note your child's PE day and ensure they have the correct kit. Children should have a white tee shirt and navy or black shorts or leggings. A blouse or shirt is not suitable as it is too restrictive for exercise. Children should also have suitable indoor shoes, either sandshoes or indoor trainers. This will enable them to fully take part and enjoy the lesson.

Please also note that for safety reasons **no jewellery** can be worn in gym. It may be easier for children not to wear jewellery on a gym day.

Safe Parking Parent/ carers are reminded that they should not park or drop off on the zigzags. Please help to keep our children safe by parking away from the school gates.



Behaviour at the School Gates and within the Playground

In Thornwood we aim to provide a safe, secure and nurturing learning environment. I would appreciate if parents could support this by ensuring their language and behaviour is appropriate at all times. School staff and parents/ cares are role models to children.

Yours in partnership,
Caroline E. Dunleavy
Head Teacher



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Kindness

Doing Our Best

Good Sportsmanship