***Dates for your Diary***

Please note the following dates when the school will be closed:

**October Holiday**

Friday 12th October (in service)

Monday 15th to Friday 19th October

***Industrial Action***

Due to industrial action the school will be closed on Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th October.

**Halloween Disco**

The Halloween Disco will now take place on Monday 29th October at the following times:

Nursery to P.2 – 6.00- 7.00pm

P.3 - P.7 – 7.15 - 8.30pm

***Supporting our Local Charity*** Thank you to everyone who generously donated to our term 1 charity Glasgow Foodbank

***World Mental Health Day***

As part of World Mental Health Day on 10th October the children had great fun taking part in a number of activities to promote mental health.

Thank you to parents/carers for sharing positive messages with your children. It was also great to see such a super turnout at our family yoga session.

***Health Week***

Our Health Week is week beginning 29th October. Look out for further details and how you can be involved.

***Partners***

This has been a busy start to this session with a range of partners working with or supporting our school. These include:

* Arnold Clark who have donated £350 towards purchasing football strips for girls football team.
* The Co-op who have provided food for our Harvest Tea and additional food for our Foodbank donations.
* Glasgow University STEM ambassador, John Smith, who has worked with the P.6 and P.7 children.
* Debt Aware who have worked with P.6 pupils.
* Glasgow Dyslexia Support Service (GDSS) who have provided staff training, assessment of children and will provide weekly input to the school this session.
* St. Aloysius College senior pupils volunteer weekly as part of their Arrupe project.
* Youth Music Initiative (YMI) are working with the school weekly and will provided timetabled music input for all classes.

***Show Racism the Red Card***

The children enjoyed taking part in a themed anti-racism assembly and sharing a positive message. It was great to see so many children supporting this day by wearing red.

***Master Classes***

Our first block of master classes has now finished. However, we would like to further extend the children’s opportunities by inviting parents/carers to participate by running a master class. If you have a skill you could share and are able to participate in any way please contact the school and we will provide you with guidance as to how to get a Protection of Vulnerable Groups (PVG) certificate to work in school. Our next set of master classes start on Friday 23rd November.

***Snapshot Jotters***

The children’s snapshot jotters have now gone home for the first time. I hope you enjoyed seeing your children’s work and commenting on their progress and next steps. These snapshot jotters will be sent home each month.

***Interim Reports***

You will shortly receive an interim report for your child. We are adopting a new reporting system and would appreciate your feedback on how you find it. You should receive your child’s report on Friday 9th November.

***Parents’ Evening***

Our Parents’ Evening will be held on Wednesday 7th November. Appointments will be sent out shortly.

***Diwali Assembly***

Parents/carers are invited to our Diwali Assembly on Thursday 1st November at 2.15pm. This will be led by P.2.

***Pupil Leadership***

We are continuing to promote pupil leadership across the school and particularly in the senior classes. Children currently undertaking leadership roles are:

**House Captains**

**Rosevale-**Jude

**Exeter-** Ghala and Leah

**Kennoway-**Ziyad

**Apsley-**John Paul

**Vice Captains** These will be confirmed following house elections.

**Digital Leaders**

Stacey

Apurba

**Sports Captains**

Aamirah

Lexi

**Pupil Council**

**P1 representatives**William and Nadia

**P2 representatives** Zaina and Charlie

**P3** **representatives** Cal and Freya

**P4 representatives** Rosie and Olivia

**P5 representatives** Reece and Hugo

**P6 representatives** Shaikha and Badr

**P7 representatives** Cameron and Jamie-Lee

***Political Awareness***

We are delighted that our P.6 and P.7 pupils have participated in a Westminster Parliament survey about social media use. The data gathered will be used as part of a STEM select committee report. It’s great to see the children beginning to understand and participate in democracy by sharing their views.

***Parent Council***

The next meeting of the parent council is on Monday 12th November at 7.00pm. Please come along and get involved.

C:\Program Files (x86)\Microsoft Office\MEDIA\CAGCAT10\j0301480.wmf***Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)*** After a slow start the work on our MUGA is now underway. Work should take approximately six weeks. The school will continue to liaise closely with City Building and the site manager during this work to ensure health and safety is paramount.

***Communication***

Our school website is regularly updated with useful information for parents/carers. 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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