

Thurston CE Primary Academy



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November Newsletter 2019

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'With God all things are possible' Matthew 19:26

We were delighted to see so many parents and grandparents supporting our Church service last week on Remembrance Day. We were delighted that Mr Palastanga and Mr Calver were able to join us with the Royal British Legion Standard for the minute silence. The pupils reflected on remembering all those people who gave or risked their lives to give us the freedom we enjoy today. We linked the day to our Christian value of 'Compassion' which we have focused on this term. If we are compassionate we think about those people who may be less fortunate than ourselves, or those people who feel anxious or unhappy, and try to help them the best we can.



Parent Evening and the Online Questionnaire

Many thanks to everyone who came to discuss their child's attitude, progress and attainment last week and the week before. It was a pleasure to meet you all and talk positively about the children's work.

Also, we are grateful that so many of you completed the survey which tells us so much about what you think we do well at our school and how we can work with pupils and parents to continue to support you. The result of the survey was very positive and we will share it with you as soon as we have evaluated key findings.

School Library
Every Tuesday 3.30

Mrs Pratt will open the school library for children and parents of Reception (Wren) and Year 1 (Kingfisher) to borrow a book using their school library card.

Please come along after school (outside Year 4) and share a book, biscuits and squash on offer!

Share our success

Log into Twitter @ThurstonPSchool or www.thurstonprimary.net to keep abreast of the photos, celebrate our achievements and check diary dates.

Our Christian Vision and Values

Working together to inspire, challenge and achieve

"..with God all things are possible." Matthew 19: 26

Be the best we can be

We accept each other's differences

We are kind and peaceable

We look after our world

We behave well

We never give up

Golden Rules

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| Do be gentle | Do not hurt anybody |
| Do be kind and helpful | Do not hurt people's feelings |
| Do work hard | Do not waste your or other people's time |
| Do look after property | Do not waste or damage things |
| Do listen to people | Do not interrupt |
| Do be honest | Do not cover up the truth |

Our Christian Value this half term is 'Compassion'

We take safeguarding very seriously at Thurston C of E Primary Academy.
We will always inform you of any updates to keep your children safe.

Please do take a look at the NSPCC website for accessible information, activities and tips for parents and children to use to ensure they are always safe online.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Bacon Butty Morning

Our Bacon Butty and reading for pleasure event was a tremendous success. Thank you to Miss Earrye for organising and to Mrs Billings and her team in the kitchen for providing the breakfast rolls.



Governor Committee News

I am delighted to inform parents that Nicola Powling has agreed to take on the role of Chair of Governors. She will make an excellent chair, with her knowledge of our school, her experience as a governor and her educational background. I would like to thank Nicola for offering her time so generously.

I am also and equally delighted that Hayley Pollard has agreed to be vice Chair of Governors. Hayley has not been a governor for very long so to step up like this is very generous. I am confident that Hayley will do a fantastic job and we welcome her on board.

We are seeking a parent governor from February 2020. If you are interested please make an appointment to speak to one of the head teachers, Mrs Lambert or Mr Bayes in the first instance.

Polite Reminder

We are happy for parents to bring children to school a few minutes earlier than the doors open in the morning which is at 8.45am.

We would like to remind parents that until children are able to come into school they are the responsibility of parents. We would appreciate that parents and children support the school's behaviour policy and playground rules during this time.

Many thanks for your understanding in this matter.

Our new school site from September 2021

We are consulting on the proposed enlargement of Pupil Role and the Relocation and expansion of premises at Thurston C of E Primary Academy.

Thedwaste Education Trust has published a Statutory Proposal to relocate and enlarge the premises at Thurston C of E Primary School from 210 places to 420 places. The proposed enlargement to the premises is driven by new housing in the area. Proposals include a new school building and associated facilities to accommodate the additional 210 pupils at a new location within the town. The current school site is not large enough to accommodate the additional number of pupils. The building work is planned to be completed by July 2021 ready for opening in September 2021.

We will be putting details of the consultation on our website. **The consultation will begin on Monday 28th October and will be open for six weeks.**

Please do look at the website and follow the links.

Absence Requests

Thank you to the majority of parents who refrain from taking term time holidays. It makes a huge difference to outcomes for your children. May I remind you that only in exceptional circumstances will term time absences be granted. Our overall attendance figures for 2016-17 remain above the national average.

The school is obliged to refer cases of unauthorised absence of 8 sessions (4 days) or more within a 12 week period to the Education Welfare Officer.

Guidance can be found in our Attendance Policy on the website at

<http://www.thurstonprimary.net/school-information/policies-1>

Football finals

Our Year 6 team have got through to the County finals. Well done team!



We have registered for 'The Sun Books for Schools'

We will be collecting tokens from November 23rd to January 18th and aim to collect 3,500 tokens to earn a collection of 100 books. A collection box will be in the school foyer.

Dates for your Diary (we hope that we have included as much information as possible)

Wednesday 20 th November	Owl Class Assembly
Thursday 21 st November	Year 6 WW2 Workshop
Friday 6 th December	Year 6 Xmas lunch at TCC with carols
Friday 6 th December	FOTS Christmas Fair 3.30 -6.30pm
Monday 9 th December	KS2 Carol Concert in the Church 2.30
Tuesday 10 th December	EYFS and Years 1/2 Christmas Play 9.30
Wednesday 11 th December	EYFS and Years 1/2 Christmas Play 2.00
Thursday 12 th December	EYFS and Years 1/2 Christmas Play 9.30 KS2 Carol Concert in the Church 6.30
Friday 13 th December	Christingle Service in the Church 9.30am
Tuesday 17 th December visitor!)	Pupils' Christmas dinner (followed by a special
Tuesday 17 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 19 th December	Last day of term