

Thurgoland

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Learning together in Faith and Joy

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School News

Weekly Attendance

Class R – 94.6%

Year 1 – 100%

Year 2 – 97.6%

Year 3 – 100%

Year 4 – 97.7%

Year 5 – 97.2%

Year 6 – 98.5%

Well done to the following pupils who receive a Special Mention certificate in assembly today:

Class R –

Class 1 –

Class 2 – Everyone for being so generous

Class 3 – giving lots of food for our Harvest

Class 4 – charity

Class 5 –

Class 6 –

Harvest Festival

We celebrated this important event on the Christian calendar with a special service in church today. All the children performed poetry and songs as part of the assembly, and we talked about the importance of giving thanks and helping others at this time of year. We are so grateful for all the donations for our foodbank and would like to thank you all for your generosity.

10 Day Active Travel

Monday 15th October marks the start of this year's challenge, when pupils are encouraged to walk, run or scoot to school for 10 consecutive school days. There are prizes for everyone who completes the challenge so please encourage your children to join in and get active! Dave Atherton launched this event with an assembly on Monday, (you may remember that he was in school last year serving breakfast and giving our bikes an MOT) and he will be joining us in a led walk to school next Friday morning.

Please read the attachment to the email for further details about the walk.

Photographs

Could you please return your order form by Wednesday 17th October. Thank you.

Upcoming Events

Parents Evening Appointments

Appointments will be sent out on Tuesday 19th October. Please check your child's book bag. We always endeavour to give you the appointment time you have requested but it may differ slightly due to the popularity of certain times.

Armistice Day Art

The whole school will come together next Thursday to make poppies to mark the centenary of the end of the First World War. These will be displayed outside church after half term. Please send your child to school with a small plastic bottle (300ml or 500ml) before the day. Thank you.

Dates

We break up for half-term on Friday 26th October and return to school on Tuesday 6th November. Staff will be participating in first aid training on the INSET day on Monday.

Clubs

Next week is the last football club.

There will no multi-skills for year 2 on Tuesday 23rd October due to parents evening. Team Activ will organize an additional session for these children soon.

All other clubs will run as normal up to half term. Information about clubs running after half-term will be in next week's newsletter.

PFSA News

Thurgoland School Fashion Show

Thank you so much to everyone who came to the fashion show on Tuesday. A good night was had by all and over £600 was raised for school. A special thank you to our models – we were particularly impressed with how confident the younger members of our school were!

PFSA Autumn Disco

Reception and KS 1 – 3:30 – 4:30

KS 2 – 4:45 to 6pm

The school disco is on Friday 19th October. Class R, 1 and 2's disco is straight after school at 3:30. Entrance to the disco is £1.50 and the children can bring some change for snacks and games.

Infant children staying for the disco will be taken straight to the hall at 3:30 by a member of staff. Children not attending will be brought out by a teacher as usual. At the end of the disco we ask that parents come in to school through the pupil entrance to collect the children from the hall. Children can come in fancy dress if they wish but no scary outfits please!

New Parents Open Morning

School is open from 9 – 10:30 on Thursday 18th October for prospective parents and members of the community. Mrs Brown will deliver a presentation about the school followed by a tour led by some of our wonderful pupils. Please spread the word to friends/ family members who might be interested in experiencing Thurgoland School life.

Upcoming information sessions/ workshops for parents:

E-safety

Wednesday 7th November at 6pm

Sheila's Sporting News

Many of the children have had yet another fun-filled week of sports, ranging from hockey clubs for Y5 and Y6, multi-skills for the younger pupils from Y1 and Y2 and cross country competition for years 3,4,5 and 6. The early morning hockey clubs are still proving to be very successful and at last the children are arriving all smiles and raring to go. It's a joy to welcome them. There are still some sleepy-heads who have forgotten to set their alarm clocks though ... you know who you are 😊 and I'm sure we'll see you back in club very soon.

Yrs 1 & 2 took part in their multi-skills competition at Penistone Grammar School on Monday evening where they competed against other schools in 9 events. Even though they were tired after a full day in school, each child worked very hard and represented our school brilliantly. Behaviour was fantastic. Well done to these younger members of our school. What a treat we had in store on Wednesday afternoon when we took 60 children to compete in the Cross Country event at Penistone Showground. The weather was glorious, sunny and very warm but our superstars shone even brighter. The course is not a short one for any of the youngsters but our athletes showed much determination with some very classy and impressive displays of running.

Many of our superstars were placed in the top ten with Katy Rose Y6 and Rose Y3 coming 1st in their races and Rafe from Y6 2nd in the boys' race. No mean feat as they were competing against a very big field of runners.

Those who came in the top ten overall will take part in the next qualifying cross country event at Cannon Hall after half-term. Many parents and guardians came to support Team Thurgoland and this is always greatly appreciated. We are tremendously proud of our amazing sports stars and continue to support and nurture them along their sports' journey through school.

10 day Active Travel challenge

Dear Parent / Carer,

Our school will be taking part in South Yorkshire Safer Roads Partnership's 10 day Active Travel Challenge starting on **Monday 15th October** and finishing on **Friday 26th October** 2018.

The challenge is for pupils & their families to choose an **active way** of getting to school over the 10 day period. There are prizes for everybody who completes the challenge, as well as class and whole school prizes!

We need everyone to take part and make an effort to travel to school in an active way during the challenge. The challenge is also open to school staff and we will be making every effort to take part too.

Walking, cycling, skating, scooting and park & stride are all active ways of travelling and we hope by taking part in the challenge it will:

- Improve health & wellbeing of our pupils & their families
- Encourage pupils and families to be more active
- Reduce congestion and parking problems around our school
- Promote active travel for the journey to school and for families to continue to do this after the challenge!

During the challenge each classroom will have a wall chart on which pupils who have travelled actively will record their journey by adding a special sticker to the chart. Those pupils with 10 stickers on the chart at the end of the 10 day challenge will be awarded a prize.

Please be aware if you live a long way from school and need to drive you can still take part by parking away from school (at least a 5 minute walk) and walking the last part of your journey, this is called Park & Stride.

Our school could also win some fantastic prizes like scooter storage or even a visit from a theatre company. We are competing against schools from across South Yorkshire so we really do need your help. Please do your best to be active on your journey to school and help us complete the challenge.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

South Yorkshire STARS Walk to School event – Friday 19th October 2018

The South Yorkshire STARS project is all about getting active on your way to and from school. To celebrate all that is good about walking, we would like everyone who can, to join us on a special walk to school day. The walks coincide with the schools 10 day Active Travel Challenge competition which runs from the 15th October to the 26th October.

There will be two led walks on the morning shown on the maps below. People living on the south of Halifax road are encouraged to join the led walk led by Mrs Mackie & Walk Well Barnsley where as people on the north are encouraged to join the walk led by Dave Atherton & Mr Jordan.

The walks will start at **08:20**, we're asking parents to arrive a few minutes earlier so we can register children and be in with a chance of winning some Stars branded goodies. We are not able to wait for people to join us so please arrive on time to ensure that we arrive at school ready for the start of the school day.

Parents are still responsible for their children getting to school safely! Thurgoland C of E Primary staff **Mrs Mackie and Mr Jordan** will be joining us on the led walk along with Dave Atherton from South Yorkshire Stars and Walk Well Barnsley. Every pupil that joins in the walk will be entered into a prize draw to win some active travel goodies!

It would be great if you could join us!

Dave Atherton, Active Travel Officer for Barnsley

Walking Maps

