

# Thurgoland

Church of England Primary School



Learning together in Faith and Joy

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Welcome back. We hope that you have had a wonderful time over the summer.

All the children have made a great start and we are all looking forward to another exciting year. As always we aim to work closely with you to ensure that our children are happy, healthy and well-rounded individuals who enjoy learning and achieve well.

Please do not hesitate in coming to see us if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions.

### Staff Changes

There have been one or two changes over the summer. Miss Furniss has returned from maternity leave and it's wonderful to have her back. We say goodbye to Mrs Roebuck next Friday as she will be leaving us to commence her maternity leave; we send her our love and best wishes.

We are very happy to welcome Mrs Mackie, Mrs Stokoe and Mr Jordan into our school family - the children have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know them this week.

**Pupils will be bringing home a pupil information and consent form today. The format has changed to comply with the new General Data Protection Regulation which came into force in May. We would be grateful if you could complete and return it as soon as possible. Thank you.**

### Parents Information Evening

Please join us on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September when the school will be open from 3:30. This is a good opportunity to view the school and learn about priorities for the coming year. You will also have the opportunity for a brief chat with your child's teacher. Refreshments will be available and at 3:45 there will be a presentation in the school hall. This will include information about the Thrive approach which we are implementing through school this year.

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

Class 1 Jovan, Rose, Mya and Brody  
Class 2 Albert, Flynn, Sienna and Elsie  
Class 3 James, Imogen, Holly A and Aarix  
Class 4 Bruce, Andrew, Ebony and Daisie  
Class 5 Eliza, Oliver, Daniel and Ava C  
Class 6 Nova, Ruby, Adam and Ohran

### Music lessons

If your child is interested in learning to play the flute, clarinet, violin or a brass instrument please pop into the school office and let us know.

### Clubs

#### Monday

Gardening year 2 to 6 Mrs Brown  
Football year 5 and 6 Mr Jordan

#### Tuesday

Hockey year 5 Sheila 8 – 8:50am  
Multiskills year 2 Team Activ

#### Wednesday

Hockey year 6 Sheila 8 – 8:50am  
Lunchtime – story time club in the library infant pupils Ms Lukacs Miss Banford  
Yoga year 6 Mrs Blyth

#### Thursday

Choir years 3 to 6 Mrs Davies  
Cheerleading years 5 and 6 Miss Lane  
Art and Craft Club years 3 to 6 Rosie Pearsall

#### Friday

Musical theatre years 3 to 6 Team Activ  
School band Mrs Lee

**All clubs are after school - 3:30 until 4:30 - unless otherwise stated.**

Mrs Barton continues to provide sports activities for pupils at lunchtimes.

**Art and Craft Club with Rosie costs £25 for 7 sessions and runs up to half term. To secure your child's place please pop into the office with payment for all 7 sessions.**

### School Grounds Improvements

Thank you to Mr Galloway who did such a great job of removing the rotten trees in the school car park. Logs are available to take away – please help yourselves. Mr Jordan and Mr Faxon also worked hard over the holidays installing new raised beds at the back of reception class; they have also created a new seating area in the wildlife garden.

### Allergies

We have several children with nut allergies in school; we would therefore request that children do not bring snacks or packed lunches containing nuts. Thank you.

### School Meals

The cost of school meals is now £2.

Reception and Key Stage 1 pupils are still eligible for free school meals and we would encourage families to take advantage of this. Kitchen staff work hard to provide delicious and nutritious meals - we are sure that the children currently bringing packed lunches would enjoy them!

If you think that you might be eligible for free school meals, please pop in to the school office for more information. The school receives additional funding for pupils in receipt of free school meals.

### Message from the PFSA

Thank you to all the parents and children who got involved with the Friday Feasts at school last year. The money raised goes towards vital funds for the school and it's something that the children look forward to every other Friday.

For all our new parents; the Friday Feast takes place in the playground every other Friday during term time at the end of the school day when the children leave school. Each class takes it in turns to run the feast and it's the parents and children in that class who take responsibility for donating bought or baked cakes and buns, setting up the table in the playground, selling the buns and then clearing away afterwards. Set up normally starts at 3.10pm and it's normally finished by 3.45pm, so it doesn't take very long.

The PFSA look forward to your continuing support and thank you in advance 😊

### Friday Feast Schedule to October half-term

Class	Date
6	14th September 2018
5	28th September 2018
4	12th October 2018
3	26th October 2018

### Sheila's Sporting News

Here we are at the start of a new academic year which also heralds the start of a new sports event calendar.

The children have returned from the summer break with great enthusiasm and to my delight have shown that they have not forgotten the skills which they learned last year.

Over the last couple of days, the children have started a term of basketball sessions and have shown maturity in their understanding of teamwork. Progress indeed.

We will be entering many competitions covering a wide range of sporting activities and each child will have the opportunity to represent Thurgoland School in an event over the course of the academic year.

As always, we rely on the support from parents, grandparents and guardians to help transport the children to these events and I know from previous years just how much they enjoy watching the games.

Team Thurgoland will shine once more!

Clubs will be starting next week and this year I have decided to trial early morning coaching sessions. It has been shown that exercise before school (or work) not only promotes fitness and a healthy life style, but also sharpens the brain in readiness for the tasks ahead.

The response from the children has been very supportive and the clubs will be as follows:

Tuesday morning - Class 5, Wednesday morning - Class 6

Both clubs will be for Hockey and will start at 8 am They will need to wear suitable clothing depending on the weather, as they may get wet, so a spare pair of joggers will be a good idea. Trainers will be fine .

I do hope these earlier sessions work out well as I think the children will be more focussed and will benefit greatly..... that is if they are awake ! Time will tell.

I can be contacted with any queries on 07581748549 Here's to another successful sporting year for Team Thurgoland.