

# Thurgoland

Church of England Primary School



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%

### 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> October. Thank you.

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 –

### Upcoming Events

#### Parents Evening Appointments

Appointments will be sent out on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> October and return to school on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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## **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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.