



School News

Spring Term Attendance:

Class R – 97.16%
Class 1 – 96.81%
Class 2 – 97.01%
Class 3 – 96.70%
Class 4 – 98.32%
Class 5 – 96.80%
Class 6 – 97.68%



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Class 3 Play

Well done to our talented year 3 pupils who performed their Egyptian play for their parents on Wednesday. They had worked so hard to perfect their performances and have gained so much confidence from the process. Well done to them, and thank you to the huge number of parents and friends who came to watch.

Easter Bake Off Competition

Mary and Mrs Brown had the very difficult task of judging the cake competition on Wednesday. We had 48 entries in total and the standard was very high. Thank you to all the children who entered, and well done to our winners : Lily in Y6, Annie in Y5, Ebony in Y4, Ollie in Y3, Charlotte in Y2, Freddie in Y1 and Jamie in Class R.

We also appreciated the fact that the cakes were donated to school so that they could be sold to raise money for the PFSA - thank you bakers for your wonderful generosity!

Easter Craft Activities

We had a fantastic turnout for the craft afternoon on Wednesday. The children (and parents) had a lovely time decorating eggs, making Easter baskets and much more. Thank you to all the teachers and parents who helped to make this event so special, and to everyone who came along to join in the fun.

Well done to the following pupils who received a Special Mention certificate in church yesterday:

Class R – Freya, Henry, James, Sophie
Class 1 – Sam, Sebastian, Ameila L, Max
Class 2 – Arthur G, Poppy S, Emilia, Franky
Class 3 – Katy, Lennon, Joel, Imogen
Class 4 – Isis, Claudie, Bruce, Oliver
Class 5 – Isabelle, Jacob, Jenson, Olivia
Class 6 – Aaron, Katherine, Ben, Jyoti



Easter Activities

We have had a fantastic day full of Easter-themed activities. The day started with an I-Spy walk to school from the Green Dragon, with some of us sporting beautiful Easter bonnets. We estimate that around 150 people participated, and the main road was certainly much quieter than usually. The walk was led by a character from Anglo-Saxon history, who then visited assembly to tell us about the origins of some of our Easter traditions. We had lots of fun throughout the day telling terrible egg-themed jokes and rolling our eggs. The teachers chose the best decorated egg in each class – this was a very difficult task as many of our pupils had been so inventive and creative with their designs.

Summer Term Dates

- Monday 29th April – Back to school
- Tuesday 30th April – Outdoors spring clean
- Monday 6th May – Bank holiday
- Monday 13th May - SATs week year 6
- Week beginning Monday 20th May Art Week
- Thursday 23rd May - break up Spring Bank holiday
- Friday 24th May - INSET

Church News

Messy Church is this Sunday at 4pm. Please come along and join in the fun!

We would like to wish you a happy and restful Easter break and thank you for all your support this term.

Sheila's Sporting News

Three competitions have taken place this week with the first being Y3 & Y4's Tag Rugby Festival at Barnsley Rugby Ground on Monday. At this stage in school these youngsters are only just learning the basics of rugby, but this did not hold back our boys and girls who battled from start to finish improving their skills as game followed game. It's an absolute joy to see our sports stars learn as they play and this was witnessed by our amazing parents and guardians who once again were our taxis for the day. Thank you all so much. The final result was second place for both teams. Well done!

On Wednesday our seniors from Y6 played in the Area Tag Rugby Finals again at Shaw Lane. Their games were tough and their determination was repaid when they made it into the finals. It was neck and neck right to the end where they were pipped at the post by just one try. A fantastic result for Y6 boys and girls!

Another tournament took place on Thursday afternoon at Barnsley Honeywell Sports Hall when an excited and nervous team from Y5/6 competed in the Handball Area Competition. Handball is a very exciting, fast game and is a super spectator sport. Along with our taxi Dad Mr Shewring - and huge thanks to you for your endless support - we were all on tenterhooks as our amazing players thrilled us match after match. Our final game was commented on by the umpires as being one of the best matches in the entire competition. So very proud of each and every player today. Thank you Team Thurgoland, you are superstars.

Handball is a relatively new sport to junior schools but is already majoring in High Schools and is now part of the A level exams.

It's almost the end of this term and competitions will be coming fast and furious when we return to school. One of the tournaments will be Y3/4 hockey and as yet we do not have a team ready to play. To help remedy this situation, I am willing to do some extra coaching during the Easter holidays with any of the children who have been interested in playing hockey and who have been joining me at lunch times.

Sheila's Sporting News Continued....

If you can make it on the morning of Thursday 25th or Friday 26th April please give me a ring on 07581748549. This extra coaching will be invaluable in creating more skills and confidence in our 'yet to be decided' team.

Come on Team Thurgoland - I know the best is yet to come!

Clubs

Clubs start in the first week after Easter unless otherwise stated:

Monday

Gardening Club Years 2 to 6 Mrs Brown Mrs Marrison
- starting **Monday 13th May**

Athletics Years 3 to 6 Mrs Barton Mr Jordan

Tuesday

8am **Gymnastic** club Years 1 to 6 – please sign up at the school office – the cost is £30 for the summer term

Wednesday

Summer sports 8 am Year 5 – starting with netball in week 1

Cooking club for Year 2 – letters will be going out to individual children in the next few days

Thursday

Summer sports 8 am Year 6 starting with netball in week 1

School Choir

Ukulele club Mrs Lee

Friday

Go Wild - outdoor activities such as den building for Years 2 to 6 - Team Activ - please sign up at the school office –£30 for the summer term

All clubs run 3:30 to 4:30 unless otherwise stated.