



School News

This Week's Attendance:

Class R - 98.52%

Class 1 - 95.42%

Class 2 - 96.77%

Class 3 - 94.83%

Class 4 - 97.93%

Class 5 - 98.71%

Class 6 - 94.12%

Attendance

Poor attendance seriously affects children's learning, and we have seen a link between low attendance and low academic performance. We also know that regular attendance is essential in enabling pupils to grow in confidence, develop good social and emotional skills and make the most of all the opportunities that school offers.

We understand that occasionally pupils may need to miss school due to illness, but many of the absences this year are due to holidays taken in term time. 70 pupils have missed school due to family holidays so far this year (over 1/3 of the current cohort of children). This equates to 300 days of lost learning.

As a school, we monitor attendance carefully and are required to report it to the governing body and the local authority, including the number of pupils who are persistent absentees. **A child is considered to be a persistent absentee if their attendance drops below 90%.** Next year parents of pupils whose attendance drops below this level will be invited into school to meet with the head teacher, and we will access support from the Education Welfare Service for those children whose attendance has not improved.

Please, please think carefully about the impact on your child before booking your holidays for next year; thank you to all the parents who endeavour to maintain a good level of attendance for their child. We appreciate your support.

Leavers' Service

Parent of year 6 children are invited to attend the service at 10am on Friday 19th July in church to celebrate the achievements of this special group of children.

Clubs

There are no clubs next week with the exception of Gardening Club and Go Wild which will run as normal.

Raffle Tickets

The fun day unclaimed raffle ticket numbers are: 0814, 0686, 0859, 0798, 0323, 0388. You can pick up your prize from the school office.

Oliver!

There are a small number of tickets left for the performances on Wednesday afternoon. Don't miss out....pick up your ticket at the school office now! Pupils in years 3, 4 and 5 are such an important part of the show, so we would be grateful if they could attend both evening performances. The children can meet at 6:30 in the youth centre next to the village hall. At the end of the performance the children can be picked up from the youth centre at 8:45 .

Fun Day

The fun day was a great success; we were blessed with wonderful weather and so many people turned out to enjoy the many activities and entertainment on offer.

Thank you to everyone who donated the mystery cups - the children really enjoyed opening them to see the goodies inside and they sold out in no time. A huge thank you also to all the adults and children who helped on the day and to everyone who donated toys, games and books. We couldn't have done it without you.

A special thank you goes out to Mrs Rhodes, who has worked so hard on behalf of the school to help to make the fun day a success.

Year 4's Greek Play

Audiences were wowed by our year 4 children's amazing talents when they performed their Greek play this week. They were so confident and entertaining - singing, dancing and acting their socks off! Well done to you all.

Summer Concert

Our music concert last night showcased the high standard of music at Thurgoland School and was a huge success. Year 5 pupils played the ukulele well, the choir sang beautifully, and individual instrumentalists played so confidently. We were very proud of the children who gave solo musical performances and sang in duets. We are so impressed when our children move out of their 'comfort zone' and challenge themselves to perform in front of an audience, so much so that some of our staff were inspired to perform too!

Thank you to our enthusiastic and supportive audience for making the evening so special, and thank you to Mrs Davies and Mrs Lee for organising the event; they do a wonderful job of leading music in school.

Fundraising for Barnsley Hospice

On the last day of term children and teachers can come to school in brightly coloured clothes for £1. Proceeds will go to the hospice.

We are looking forward to participating in the Bubble Rush on Sunday 21st. If you have sponsored us we would be grateful if you could give your donation into the school office or to a member of staff before we break up for the summer term. Thank you for supporting our fundraising efforts.

Sponsored Run

Mrs Wallis is doing the Great North Run for Muscular Dystrophy in September, and she would be very grateful for any donations to support this cause. Her just giving page link is below.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/anne-wallis>

Sheila's Sporting News

Well here it is, the penultimate newsletter of the school year and we end with good news.

Y1/2 sports stars went to Dorothy Hyman Stadium where they ran, jumped and threw their way into Silver position! The youngsters were absolutely fantastic and we witnessed some excellent athletics. Well done everyone! Many thanks too to all the very kind parents, grandparents and guardians who became taxi drivers for the day; we really can't do these events without you.



Also make a date in your diary for Wimbledon 2024 as I'm sure that we could have some of our superb tennis stars playing there! Y5/6 represented school at the Area Tennis Tournament in Barnsley where they played with great skill and professionalism, gaining them first place overall and the Challenge Shield is now in school as proof of their achievement.

Sheila's Sporting News continued

We have wonderfully talented children throughout our school ranging from our tiny stars in Reception Class to our very grown up youngsters in Y6. We are all so very proud of you, not only for your sporting abilities but also for the manner in which you have represented your school on every occasion. Team Thurgoland you are AMAZING.

Thank you to each and every one of you. 👍👍👍

Autumn Term Dates:

- **Monday 2nd September – school closed for training**
 - **Tuesday 3rd September – Back to school**
 - Tuesday 10th September - Year 6 trip Eden camp
 - Wednesday 18th September - parents information evening
 - Week beginning 7th October E– safety week
 - Tuesday 8th October – safety workshops for children, staff and parent workshop at 6pm
 - Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd October – parents evening
 - **Friday 25th October – school closed for training**
 - **Monday 4th November – back to school**
 - Monday 11th November – Anti-bullying week
 - Friday 15th November - Children in Need
 - Wednesday 20th November – Year 6 parents information evening 6pm
 - Friday 29th November – School Christmas Fayre in school hall
 - Tuesday 17th December
 - Years 3 and 4 Christmas party am
 - Years 5 and 6 disco 3:30 – 5:30
 - Tuesday 17th, Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th December Class R, 1 and 2 Nativity in church
 - Friday 20th December
 - Christmas Jumper/ festive outfit Day and Class R, 1 and 2 party
- Break up for Christmas holiday**