

# Thurgoland

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Learning together in Faith and Joy

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### School News

#### Parents Information Evening

During the evening, Mrs Brown outlined the school's priorities for this year, which includes focusing on spelling and reading. We would be very grateful if you could support your child with practising these important skills home, and please communicate with us about reading using their reading diaries.

As always we are aiming to provide a broad, rich curriculum which enables all pupils to gain key skills and knowledges in all subjects.

We are also keen to encourage a 'Growth Mindset' in our pupils; this approach promotes resilience, perseverance and a 'can do' attitude to learning, as we know this has a positive impact on pupils' enjoyment and achievement. Thank you to everyone who attended our information evening. We appreciate your support and hope it was useful.

Documents from the evening are attached to this email for parents who were unable to attend.

#### Upcoming Events

##### Mayan Day

Year 5 are looking forward to immersing themselves in the culture of the Mayans on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October when they will work with a special visitor leading them through the life of a Mayan through drama and dance.

##### Poetry Day

We will celebrate our love of poetry on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October. The children will read and perform poetry, as well as becoming poets themselves. We will celebrate their poems in a special assembly at the end of the day.

##### E-safety Week

We teach online safety throughout the year but this important theme will be explored in depth in the week beginning Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October.

Tim Pinto, the school's data protection officer, will be delivering workshops for pupils and parents on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October. The parent workshop is at 9am. This will be a one hour session and will cover key safety issues that parents need to be aware of.

Congratulations to the following children who received a certificate in our celebration assembly:

Class R – Evie, Ryan, Alfie A, Ella, Grace

Class 1 – Macie Mae, Maisie, Max, Freya, Madeleina

Class 2 – Brody, Amelia L, Owen, William, Amy

Class 3 – Jack L, Henry, Flynn, Cora, Poppy H

Class 4 – Millie, Oscar, Joshua L, Ellie, Katy

Class 5 – Alexis, Martha, Ava-Lily, Constance, Jownai

Class 6 – Lottie, Lucas, George P, Jenson, Tadek

### Clubs

Apologies but gardening club and choir are cancelled next week. All other clubs are running as normal.

#### Sheila's Sporting News

Our sporting year has got off to a fantastic start with glorious weather to match. The girls from Y5 and Y6 have continued their football training at lunch-times with determination and a keen desire to learn and boy, has this paid off! Warm sunshine beat down as both years played 5 games at Penistone Grammar School in the local schools' Area Football Tournament with Y6 drawing 2 games and winning 3 gaining them overall first place on goal difference. That is a fantastic result given that they have only been training together for a short while. Mrs Brown was delighted to be able to watch both teams in action. Y5 came 4th and this too was a fabulous result as most of their opposition was from Y6's. As ever, a big THANK YOU to our wonderfully supportive parents, grandparents and guardians, who provided transport and cheers. Our girls' football teams will only get better and better. Well done Team Thurgoland!

Early morning clubs restarted this week with almost 30 youngsters turning up bright-eyed and bushy-tailed to learn and improve their hockey skills. Year 6 players are an absolute joy to be with, eager to become better at the challenging sport which is hockey. Year 5 have taken me by surprise today playing a really neat game of hockey with good sportsmanship, teamwork and skill. Last year's minor problems all ironed out! Well done to both years; carry on like this and we will surely be in for some good results in the future.

Keep flying the flag Team Thurgoland; we are always so proud of you.

## **More School News**

### **Harvest festival**

A service will be held for pupils on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October in church. This will be followed by the PFSA harvest auction in the school hall in the evening.

We can now recycle used portable batteries in school. Recycling tubs can be found in class R, 6 and at the office.

We are looking for 2 Junior Road Safety Officers in Year 6 to help the school learn about keeping safer near or on roads. Children will be bringing home a letter about this today.

### **Flu Immunisation**

Could you please return your consent form as soon as possible. Thank you.

### **PFSA News**

You can stay up to date with all the latest PFSA news by joining their facebook group. Please search for Thurgoland School PFSA. You can also email the PFSA on [thurgolandpfsa@gmail.com](mailto:thurgolandpfsa@gmail.com) and they will add you to their email list.

Remember you can help us raise funds for the school by signing up to [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/thurgolandPFSA](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/thurgolandPFSA) so that every time you shop on line a small amount is donated to school funds. Thank you.

### **Friday Feast**

It's class 5's turn to do the Friday feast next Friday 27th September. We would be very grateful for any donations of buns/ cakes, and volunteers to sell them on the day.

Thank you so much for your support.