

Thurgoland

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Learning together in Faith and Joy



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School News

Allergies

As we have a number of children with allergies, we are a nut free school. Please do not send your child to school with any food items containing nuts. Thank you.

Active Travel Fortnight starting Monday 7th October

Lots of activities are planned for this 2 week period including a whole school walk to school on Wednesday 16th October, meeting at the Green Dragon at 8:40.

E-safety Week

The E-safety parent workshop is on Tuesday 8th October at 9am, and will be a one hour session covering key safety issues for parents.

If you are planning to attend, please use the pupil entrance -Mrs Peace will be there to greet you and show you to the hall. Do come along if you can; parents who attended last year's session found it very useful.

Christmas Cards

Please return orders, with payment, by 10th October.

Flu Immunisation

If you wish your child to be immunised please return the form as soon as possible.

Headlice

Unfortunately our unwelcome visitors are back – please check your child's hair regularly and treat as soon as possible. Thank you.

Clubs

Our new eco-club starts on Wednesday 9th October for Classes 3 - 6. Pupils should meet in the library at the beginning of lunchtime.

Reading at Thurgoland

Learning to read is the most important thing your child will do and we would be very grateful for your support in helping them to acquire this vital skill. In school we teach reading in a range of ways. In the infant classes the children take part in daily phonics lessons so they are able to 'sound out' and then blend the sounds together to read the word. The children need daily reinforcement of this skill; teachers refer to the sounds and key words they have learnt throughout the day, and encourage them to use this learning when reading individually or as a group.

Alongside this the children acquire comprehension skills which are further developed as they move into year 2. At this stage it may be that pupils become fluent at reading the words but need to develop their comprehension of texts; this may mean that a child has a reading book from school that they can read fluently, but which is at a level which will enable them to focus on improving their understanding. To become fluent and independent readers, children need to read with you daily. As you read with your child, try reinforcing the sounds and spelling rules they are learning that week as this will really help them to become secure.

Our older children, in years 3 to 6, also need daily reading support from parents. As well as continuing to become more fluent and independent, they need to be able to understand more complex books at a deeper level. Discussing the books as you read together really helps with this understanding, and in discussion you can focus on areas such as finding out the meaning of new words, discussing character and focusing on how the plot develops.

Recording your child's reading in their reading diary is a great way to communicate with school so please do this as much as you can, whatever your child's age.

Class R, 1 and 2 will be open on Tuesday 12th November at the beginning of the day am so that parents of children in those classes can watch how reading is taught.

Sheila's Sporting News

The rainy weather which we have had over the past few days has not put a damper on the enthusiasm of our young hockey players and our early morning Hockey Club has been well attended with both Y5 and Y6 producing some entertaining games. They are improving week by week.

Thursday saw two teams from Y5/6 take part in the local schools' boys football tournament at Penistone Grammar School. Y6 encountered two of the best teams in their first matches and having been defeated did not go forward to the finals. Our boys played well but on this occasion were out-classed. Y5 however won their first game showing skill and determination and drew the second game gaining them a place in the play-offs. Overall they came joint 5th out of nine teams. Well done to these youngsters who delighted their supporting parents, grandparents and guardians who once again were our happy band of taxi drivers. Huge thanks for helping out, without you getting to and from these events would be more difficult.

We have some fun events coming up soon including a 'mucky assault course', cross-country and more football tournaments. Well done to Team Thurgoland- keep that flag flying; we think you are fantastic!

PFSA News

Friday Feast

It's Class 4's turn to donate buns and cakes for Friday Feast Next Friday 11th October. We would be very grateful for any support with this, and appreciate parents selling the buns at the end of the day. Thank you.

Harvest Auction

We are looking forward to the harvest auction which will be held on Friday 11th October in the school hall. Tickets are on sale at the school office and are £4 for adults and £2 for children. Refreshments will be served, including a chilli supper (vegetarian option available).

The theme for this year is 'holidays' - we would be grateful if the children could bring in an item of food that reminds them of their favourite holiday on the day of the auction. The items will then be auctioned off in the evening.

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 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 so that every time you shop on line a small amount is donated to school funds. Thank you.