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Learning together in Faith and Joy

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School News

Reading

Thank you to everyone who attended the open morning on Tuesday; the feedback from parents was very positive.

In school we read as a whole class on a daily basis, and in small groups in classes R to 3. We also read on a one to one basis as much as possible, but are unable to do this every day with each child, and so really appreciate your support with this. Reading at home really helps your child to practise their reading skills, and make progress towards becoming a fluent and independent reader.

When pupils are in the early stages of reading (class R, 1 and 2) they will bring home 2 books. One will be linked to the phonics phase they are learning in class -they will be able to 'sound out' many of the words in it. The other book may not be linked to their phonics phase but is provided to give the opportunity to read a wider range of texts. Your child may need more support to read this one; you can help them by reading it alongside them and encouraging them to join in when they recognise a word/sound. The books will also contain some common irregular words. A list of these words has been sent home for infant pupils to learn as they cannot be 'sounded out' easily.

Whatever the age of your child, we would be grateful if you could please read with your child as often as possible and at least 4 times a week. We would also appreciate it if you could write in your child's reading diary.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office, or chat to one of the members of staff.

Thank you for your support.

Children in Need

Thank you so much to class 6 pupils and teachers who did such a great job of organising and running children in need today. The pupils were so enthusiastic and thoroughly enjoyed all the activities on offer, including a whole school work out with Joe Wicks this morning! Thank you for supporting this fundraising event and helping us to raise an amazing £447.42

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

Class R –Emily, Jasper, Milo, Noah R, Louie

Class 1 – Adam, Vita, Sophie, Joshua, Betty

Class 2 – Frankie, Brody, Estelle, Jovan

Class 3 – Arran, Cora, Albert, Connie, Rocco

Class 4 – Sam, Joel, Noah, Lennon, Holly H

Class 5 – Constance, Jownai, Thea, Grace, Heidi

Class 6 – All of Class 6 for Children In Need

Sheila's Sporting News

Even though there are no competition events at present our youngsters are still enjoying their many different sports in school. PE lessons are always one of the highlights of the week and lunch-time sports and clubs are well attended. It's been interesting at Hockey Club to see the children gain confidence, not only in the skills of the game but also in the way they become greater team players. It's a transformation with some of our young sports stars and is an absolute delight to see. Our Superstars continue to go from strength to strength. Well done everyone from our younger stars ☆ □ in Y1/2 right up to our 'seniors' in Y6. Team Thurgoland you are FANTASTIC!

10 day Active Travel

Thanks to the high number of pupils participating in this challenge we are pleased to announce that we have won a prize! Thank you for encouraging the children to be more active throughout the 2 week period.

Upcoming Events

School Choir

Our school choir are rehearsing traditional Christmas carols and other festive numbers and will be performing several times on the run up to Christmas. They will be singing at the Christmas Fayre on Friday 29th November at approximately 3:45 and 4:30. They are also performing alongside the community choir at a Christmas Concert at Thurgoland church on Wednesday 4th December at 7:30 and again at a Carol Service in church on Friday 13th December at 6pm. We are sure that their beautiful singing will get you in the Christmas spirit.

Year 6 Parents Information Evening

Mr Jordan will meet with parents of year 6 pupils on Wednesday 20th November at 6pm to brief them on SATs, the upcoming residential, and how we prepare our pupils for secondary school.