

# Thurgoland

Church of England Primary School



Learning together in Faith and Joy

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This week's special mentions:

- Class R – Sophie, Henry, Annie, Rory, Hazel
- Class 1 – Evie, Grace, Jacob E, Louie, Teddy
- Class 2 – Ruben, Violet, Adam, Grace and Jamie
- Class 3 – Brody, Owen, Mason, Taylor, Hope
- Class 4 – Finlay, Lydia, Rocco, Poppy S, Arthur G
- Class 5 – Millie, William, Charlie, Emily, Rose
- Class 6 – Lia, Claudie, Isis, Theo, Andrew

### Packed Lunches

Our school kitchen will be up and running on Tuesday 24th November, so your child will only need a packed lunch on Monday.

We appreciate your patience as we know that having to provide packed lunches has created an additional job for you.

### Individual Photographs

Please send your photograph orders into school by Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Online orders must be placed by Monday midnight.

### Anti-Bullying Week

We loved the odd socks worn with pride by many of our children and staff on Monday. By doing this we wanted to highlight our unique personalities and emphasise that we should respect and celebrate each others' differences. In assemblies this week (socially distanced for separate bubbles), I was impressed with the children's thoughtful responses on this subject and their obvious desire to unite against bullying. Well done to them.

### Christmas events

#### Week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> December

All classes (in their bubbles) will watch a streamed pantomime of Jack and the Beanstalk, starring Peter Duncan (yes that Peter Duncan!) as Dame Trott.

- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas dinner
- Week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas party week:
  - Monday morning – class 3
  - Monday afternoon – class 4
  - Tuesday morning – class R
  - Tuesday afternoon – class 1
  - Wednesday morning – class 2
  - Wednesday afternoon – class 5
  - Thursday morning – class 6

The children can come to school in their party clothes on the day of their parties.

- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas jumper day

### Message from the Fund Raising Team

The Fund Raising Team are holding a Christmas Raffle to fund this year's school Christmas Parties and Christmas gifts along with the purchase of some essential school equipment. They are reaching out to parents and the community to ask for donations for prizes. If you can donate anything big or small it would really be appreciated. Anything from a pack of biscuits, a new Christmas or beauty item that can be put towards a luxury hamper, to a voucher from your business. Please can you put your donation in the shed of the walled playground from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020 to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

From Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, your child will be given some books of raffle tickets to sell. I know this is not that easy under the circumstances but let's try and be creative to sell as many tickets as we can to raise money for the school (we have bank transfer facilities if anyone would prefer). All entries must be returned to school by the very latest Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec and the raffle will be drawn on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December pm. The prizes will be distributed in the last week of school. Let's make this a great fund raiser for the school funds.

The school would like to give a big thank you to a special Grandma of a class 6 pupil who has been knitting Christmas gifts to raise funds for the school. She has sold the majority to class 6 parents, raising £66. There are a few left if anyone is interested in buying one. Thank you so much for your generosity.

We are holding a bags2school event on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. So if you're having a clear out please bag up your items up and bring them along for the weigh in that morning. More details of this are on the Thurgoland School Fund Raising Team Facebook page.

Please don't forget to use amazon smile when buying your amazon items, choosing Thurgoland School as your chosen charity. It makes no difference to your purchase but means that the school gets a small % of your purchase price. If you're unsure more information is on the Fund Raising Teams Facebook page.

## Sheila's Sporting News

It's very quiet on the sports front generally but not so with our fantastic children!

We have been concentrating on hockey recently; a game which the children eagerly look forward to playing.

Did I say 'quiet'? ... well that certainly does not apply to our youngsters who demonstrate their acquired skills both physically and verbally throughout the game.

This is done in a very positive way and clearly shows to me just how far they have come as young people as it highlights their clear understanding of the game they love.

Long gone are the mini arguments about whose free hit, corner or centre it is, or in fact whether the ref is right or wrong!

Their communication skills work wonderfully alongside the teamwork and sportsmanship which is seen in every game played.

Oh, I'm really not saying that they are all perfect as the occasional dispute still takes place (maybe with a little paddy or two) but there is never any malice or unpleasantness displayed by any player. How can there be when only yesterday some of the boys turned up with hair in bobbles to represent unicorns 🦄 ... what can I say 😊. I

have been warned that other transformations may take place! None-the-less, unicorns or not, they played amazingly, so all I can say is "Bring on the Unicorns!" 🦄

I'm sure you can see from this that amongst all the Co-vid related issues which are constantly addressed in our school, the children are well-rounded, happy individuals and I am immensely proud of how they've adapted to a different approach to sports.

Every day my spirits are lifted by these fabulous superstars and I heartily recommend a regular dose of these teams for everyone !

Team Thurgoland, Team Unicorns (shhh) you are simply fantastic 🌟🌟🌟