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Packed Lunches

We know how important it is to provide a good, hot meal for the children at lunchtimes and we are **very** sorry not to be able to do this at the moment. However, the school kitchen will reopen on Wednesday 25th November and we will continue to follow the menu, as published on the school website, up to Christmas.

As we have children in school with food allergies, we are a **nut free school**, so please do not send your child with peanut butter, or any other food containing nuts, in their packed lunches. Thank you.

Children in Need

Class R's fancy dress outfits were amazing today and all year groups had great fun together, marking the day with lots of 'Pudsey' related activities. This year, rather than sending money to school, we ask that you make a small donation online at:

<https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>

Thank you for your support!

E-safety week

The children learnt about e-safety this week, covering areas such as cyberbullying, keeping personal information safe, and how to use mobile phones (for the older children) and Seesaw responsibly.

Parents of children in classes 1 to 6 will receive an E-safety Agreement via email today which contains important information about how to keep safe online. Please read this with your child and reply by email to show that you agree with the statements. Thank you.

Anti-Bullying Week

Next week's theme is an anti-bullying one! The children will be learning about how we can all unite against bullying by taking care of each other, being inclusive and respecting our differences. We'll start the week by wearing odd socks on Monday to celebrate all the wonderful and unique personalities that make up our school family. We will also explore this important subject in-depth in lessons throughout the week. Please encourage the children to share what they have been learning with you at home.

This week's special mentions:

- Class R – Oscar, Harrison, Harry, Walt, Tommy
- Class 1 – Ryan, Noah W, Jacob O, William, Poppy
- Class 2 – Arthur, Vita, Matilda, Max, Joshua
- Class 3 – Seb, Sam, Jovan, Amelia L, Ollie S
- Class 4 – Joshua, Charlotte, Ruby, Connie, Lilah
- Class 5 – Holly H, Ollie, Joel, Lennon, Katy
- Class 6 – Toby, Bruce, Andrew, Heidi, Daisy C

Sheila's Sporting News

It seems such a very long time ago since I wrote the last newsletter and a little touch of sadness creeps in when I remember the fun games shared with our young sports stars. However I am quickly brought back to the present and see how amazing and resilient our youngsters have become.

As you know school remained open after lock-down during which time more informal sports sessions took place and leading up to the summer break almost every child learned to skip. This was not your average hopping and bobbing either as each child became very proficient at many jump-rope skills such as Double Dutch, egg whisk (yes, really), double unders, fast rope entry/exit, crossovers etc, to name just a few.

A wonderful aerobic skill and one which they thoroughly enjoyed. September arrived and skipping was replaced by basketball and hockey.

Although a little rusty for the first couple of days all the skills and drills learned months ago came to the fore, accompanied by fun and laughter and yes, maybe the odd tear was shed too; remember from your school days how hard that hockey ball is! Over the last few weeks the children have grown in confidence and now work as a cohesive team showing empathy, compassion and maturity. I am immensely proud of how they've adapted to a different way of life and I'm sure you are too. Our superstars - Team Thurgoland - have not let Covid get in the way of fun and learning, both in the classroom and on the pitch. Superstars indeed!

This week years 5 & 6 took part in a Boot Camp style virtual competition. Every single youngster did brilliantly completing the tasks with great determination and a very positive attitude. All I will say is. "Joe Wicks ... eat your heart out" 😊!

So you see, the sadness for what was 'lost' has been replaced (big time!) by the fun and happiness that is NOW ...

As always - GO TEAM THURGOLAND it's good to be back together again.

Staying safe outside of school

To reduce the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19), please remember to:

- ☞ Pick up or drop off your child at your allocated time
- ☞ Keep your distance from other parents and don't gather in groups
- ☞ Wear your mask indoors and outdoors
- ☞ Avoid children mixing with children from other bubbles at pick up and drop off

Thank you for supporting us with all our safety measures. We know it is not an easy time and we are very grateful for your help.

Message from the Fundraising Team

We have a Bags2school collection on Wednesday 16th December at 9am. They are not sending bags out so people can use bin liners.

They accept the following '**good quality**' items for RE-USE:

Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
Handbags, Hats, Bags, Scarves and ties
Jewellery , Lingerie, Socks, Belts
Soft toys, Household linen, Household curtains,
Household towels
Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

They **DO NOT** accept: Duvets and blankets, Pillows and cushions, Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats), Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing, School uniforms, workwear, Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material.

You can place your bags in the shed in the walled yard on the afternoon of 15th December or the morning of the 16th before 9am. Thank you.

Christmas

We are looking forward to lots of fun and excitement as we move towards the Christmas season. Our youngest pupils in Class R, 1 and 2 are already busy rehearsing for their nativity, which is always a highlight of the year and reminds us all about the real meaning of Christmas. Sadly, this year they won't be able to share their nativity with us live in church which we are very disappointed about....but don't worry, we will record this wonderful event so that everyone can enjoy it, and the teachers and children are quite excited about creating their own film!

We will also enjoy the usual fun and games at our Christmas parties (in our bubbles, of course) and we are hoping that a special visitor will put in a virtual appearance.....



Autumn Dates

- Thursday 10th December – Christmas dinner
- Week beginning 14th 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 18th December – Christmas jumper day