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General School Information

Severe Weather

It has already turned much colder this week as we head into winter, with sleet and snow forecast over the next few days. Please send your child to school with warm clothes and wellies/ boots so that they can play out whatever the weather!

We will always endeavor to stay open if it is safe to do so. We will inform you by text as early as possible if we have to take the decision to close for health and safety reasons.

We know that local conditions can vary significantly in this area and during snowy weather we would urge you to travel to school only if it is safe to do so.

Christmas Cards

Children can bring cards in for their friends and teachers as usual. Please send them in by Thursday 10th December and we will make sure that they are given out during the last week of term.

Nativity

As we are unable to perform the nativity to a live audience this year, each pupil in Class R, 1 and 2 will bring home one free DVD of the performance this year.

If you would like additional copies, perhaps to give as presents, could you please email the school office by Monday 7th December. Additional DVDs will be £5 and will help us to cover our costs.

Christmas Dinner and Parties Key Stage 2

If your child usually brings a packed lunch and you would like them to have a Christmas dinner and/or party food, please contact the school office. School dinners for children in years 3 to 6 cost £2 each.

Headlice

Unfortunately we have several cases of headlice in the school. Please check your child's hair as soon as possible and treat where appropriate. Thank you.

This week's special mentions:

Class R – Louie, Willow, Ella, Noah, Benji

Class 1 – Gracie-May, Alfie W, Noah R, Ella, Hector

Class 2 – Henko, Luca, Betty, Aran, Olivia

Class 3 – Rose, Estelle, Ollie H, Hope, Joshua

Class 4 – Archie, Kris, Elsie, Oliver, Fraser

Class 5 – Oscar, Maneesha, Tom, James, Joshua

Class 6 – Theo, Daisy S, Maisie, Oliver, Alexis

Message from the Fund Raising Team

We are very grateful for the donations we have received so far for our raffle, and to everyone who has sold tickets.

All entries must be returned to school by the very latest Thursday 10th Dec and the raffle will be drawn on Friday 11th December pm. The prizes will be distributed in the last week of school.

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.

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.



Sheila's Sporting News

Our wonderful superstars play their sports day in and day out in all kinds of weather; rain, wind and snow, as Thurgoland School knows only too well. It's plain to see that they enjoy their games and I see this on a daily basis, but how do we measure their success in hockey, basketball, athletics etc? By the amount of trophies they win or by the number of teams they beat? Well, no, this is not how I do it.

I measure each individual's success by the amount of times they fail. Sounds strange? But it's actually very true, for each time any of our youngsters fail, they want to know why this happened and what can be done to improve their game. They listen and they learn. Simple, eh? From this they get better each day and guess what ... success follows.

Our youngsters, particularly in Y5 & Y6, are maturing in sports and are learning how important teamwork is, no longer are they 'glory seekers' or 'ball hoggers'. They now are seeing the benefit of working together and in hockey especially are making good decisions resulting in some excellent passing involving the whole team.

When our strange world returns to a new normal these tremendous individuals will have the skills to progress in sports and reach their full potential. Who knows we might have some future Olympians in our midst right now!

Team Thurgoland keep on trying - and of course failing sometimes, but remember that with failure comes success.

You are our SUPERSTARS ★★

South Yorkshire School Games Commitment Awards

We are proud to announce that we have achieved a distinction in the South Yorkshire School Games Commitment Awards for the academic year 2019/2020. This this means that as a school we have demonstrated that we prioritise an active lifestyle, encouraging all the children to participate in a range of sports, competitions and high quality PE lessons through the week.

Well done to all our children and staff; they are so very passionate about sport and love to be as active as possible throughout the day. We aim to continue this high standard of sports provision throughout the current academic year and we know that all the children will take part in all there is to offer with energy and enthusiasm.