

Thurgoland

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Learning together in *Faith and Joy*

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General School Information

Contact Tracing during the Christmas Break

We have been asked by the Department for Education and Public Health England to provide a track and trace service for the first 6 days of the Christmas holidays. This means that **you will need to inform the school:**

- If your child has **Covid symptoms**, then **tests positive for Covid and was in school in the 48 hour period before the onset of symptoms.**
- If your child is asymptomatic and **tests positive and they have been in school within the 48 hour period before the test was taken.**

In the above cases, please email the school as soon as possible via office@thurgolandprimary.org providing:

- Your child's name and class
- Date the symptoms started
- Date of the positive test
- Date of the positive result

Following a positive test, we will get in touch with anyone your child has been in contact with. Identified contacts will be informed that they will need to self-isolate for 10 days.

If your child is a contact, we will get in touch with you via text and email. Please check your emails regularly during the first week of the holiday.

School staff will be administering track and trace up to and including Christmas Eve.

We sincerely hope that you all stay healthy and safe and will not need to use this service!

This week's special mentions:

Class R – Ezra, Kaiden, Gracie, Mason, Roxie-Mae

Class 1 – Noah W, Emily, Megan, William, Ellie

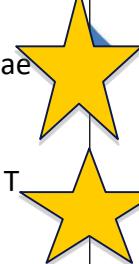
Class 2 – Freya, Sophie, Henry, April, Lucy

Class 3 – Estelle, Seb, Elizabeth, Ollie S, Amelia T

Class 4 – Arran, Tegan, Jack L, Flynn, Poppy H

Class 5 – Josh, Imogen, Noah, Ellie, Joel

Class 6 – Elyse, Thea, Daisie S, Daisy C, Claudio



Contact Tracing continued...

School will NOT need to be informed:

- Where a pupil tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed **symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school**
- Where a parent tests positive but the child does not develop symptoms

In these cases, parents should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

If pupils are ill or self-isolating and will not be able to return to school at the beginning of the new term, please inform us in the usual way, by email or phone call, by 8:30 on Monday 4th January.

Christmas Events Week beginning 14th December

Panto Time

The children will watch the pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk in their classrooms next week.

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 afternoon – class 6

The children will have party food instead of the usual school dinner (parents of KS 2 children, could you please pay £2 for this if you haven't already done so). They can come to school in their party clothes on the day. Please ensure that they also bring coats and shoes suitable for outdoor play.

Friday 18th December – Christmas jumper day.

The children can wear non-uniform on the last day of term... Christmas outfits are encouraged!

Please don't be late picking up on the last Friday of term as the children have prepared a special way to wish you all a Happy Christmas.

Sheila's Sporting News

I'm sure we all remember with various degrees of fondness the popcorn, candy floss and Mix n Match at the cinema, pre Covid of course. Ah the Good Old Days, how we miss them.

Well I'm really lucky 'cos I have my own little bag of Mix n Match every day - aka our wonderful assortment of hockey players.

There are the soft centres those who control the ball quietly without fuss, the oh-so-soft on the outside but fiery inside - players who tease their opponents with skilful play then explode to the goal. We have the humbugs and the popping candy (yum!) I'll leave you to make up your own descriptions, and we have the sugary sweet candy floss, the players who bring a smile to everyone's face with their delightful play.

What you can see from this is a delicious bag of Dolly Mixtures who bring joy and excitement to every game of hockey played.

Every single player has improved,, both in skills and attitude and in behaviour and understanding. This has been brought about by in-depth coaching and sensitive (from me !?!) guidance. Oh what a truly wonderful thing sport is!!!

Our brilliant Team Thurgoland loves it and I love it too! Long may we enjoy it.

Speaking of enjoyment, we have been competing in various virtual inter-school sports competitions throughout the school years and, once again our young superstars have shown what brilliant little athletes they are.

Despite Covid putting a damper on the whole world, it's not rained on OUR parade and we will continue to be TEAM THURGOLAND SUPERSTARS ★□★□★□

Message from the Fund Raising Team

Christmas Raffle

Thank you so much for your generosity in supporting the fundraising raffle. So many fabulous prizes have been donated from the school community and beyond, and we have been amazed at the number of tickets sold.

Your efforts have raised a grand total of £2012 for our children!

This is a fantastic amount and will really make a difference. Thank you again.

We have drawn the raffle and the winners will be contacted by text (or email if address provided). Prizes will be available to collect from the shed in the walled yard on the afternoon of Monday 14th December.

We have a Bags2school collection on Wednesday 16th December at 9am. Please do not place bags in the shed before this date as the children play there at breaktimes.

School Dinners

Please inform the school office by phone or email if your child has a mixture of sandwiches and school dinners, giving us the specific days they are having them. Thank you.

Remote Learning Questionnaire

Thank you to everyone who completed the remote learning questionnaire this term. We will use it to review the quality of our home learning provision and will share the findings with you in the new year. We are also asking the children for their opinions and the school council will meet with Mrs Brown to discuss this next week.

We would also like to thank the parents who took the time to write positive comments on the questionnaire; we appreciate your support in what has been a challenging term.