



Thornford School Newsletter January 2019

Dear Parents, Pupils, Staff, Governors and Friends of Thornford School,

Happy New Year 2019! Welcome back to Spring Term at Thornford School. We do hope you are all feeling rested after the Christmas holiday and are ready for the excitement and challenges of the Spring Term. Highlights include: Whole School Reading, Reciting and Debating Celebration; Cricket Coaching for Beech and Oak Class; Football and Netball fixtures for the school teams; Yeovil Town Football Club Assembly; Slim the Bin Dorset Recycling Assembly; Spring Term Clubs; Chemistry Roadshow for Y5s at Sherborne Girls' School; KS2 Chess tournament; Fairtrade Fortnight; Y3/4 Football Tournament; Red Nose Day; Y5 Rugby Tournament; FTS events including Spring Disco and Bingo; Cross Country Tournament and Eco Walk; World Book Day; International Day of Happiness and Y5 Residential to Mill on the Brue. We hope that all these wonderful activities will add to the enjoyment of school and of learning.

Key Stage 1 Nativity

We had a lovely end to last term with the KS1 performance of Star Light Nativity. Thank you for your kind donations; we raised £72 which was sufficient money to cover the cost of the performance licences for both days.



Christmas Carol Service

Thank you to all the parents who attended the carol service at Thornford Church on the last day of term, I hope that you will agree that it was a lovely way to end the term. The donations made after the service total £54 and were given to Thornford Church.

Attendance & Lateness

We would like to reiterate that there is a very close link between attendance at school and achievement. If your child has less than 95% attendance at school you will shortly be receiving a letter home. This is coupled with lateness, which is extremely disruptive, not only to the child who is late in arriving to school, but for the entire class. All families have signed the home/school agreement and part of this is to ensure that children arrive at school on time every day.

Parents Assembly

Parents Assembly will return to Friday afternoon this term 2.50pm – 3.20pm.

Dorset Cricket Board

We are extremely lucky that Dorset Cricket Board have arranged for a cricket coach to come to school this half term as part of their grass roots initiative, this is at no cost to the school. Dorset Cricket Board are currently focussing on training for Years 1&2 and Years 5&6, Beech and Oak class will be benefitting from these free coaching sessions. Acorn Year 1s will also be joining in the coaching with Beech Class.

School Uniform

Please can you ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform to school including black shoes (not trainers). Every child should have a PE kit in school, this should include a school T-Shirt. No club football strips in PE bags please. Could hair ties/bands be small.

New Staff at Thornford

It has been brought to our attention that not everyone is familiar with some of the new members of staff in school:

Both Sarah Williams and Sian Roberts joined our fabulous team of lunchtime supervisors last term, Sian is covering Hollie Barber's maternity leave. Sarah also volunteers in Acorn Class on an adhoc basis.

Jess Rose is a PGCE student teacher from Bath Spa University and is based in Oak Class, she will be at Thornford until half term, when she will go to Sherborne Primary and we will get their PGCE student. Jess will be back to Thornford in the Summer Term.

Junior Youth Club at Tinney's Lane

Please see the link below for a survey regarding a Junior Youth Club at Sherborne Youth and Community Centre, Tinney's Lane, Sherborne:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/QT3RTG3>

Yoga

The after school club will begin on Thursday 17th January and will be a trial class absolutely FREE of charge. After the first week there will be another 10 weeks of after school yoga. This is run by Beverley Welch of www.justbreatheyoga.uk. Flyers can be found in the school office or contact Beverley directly.

Packed Lunch Boxes

Lots of lunch boxes were left in school over the holidays, please can you pop in to collect any that you are missing! Thank you.



Dates for your Diary

Monday 7 th January	Spring Term Begins
Thursday 10 th January	Mr Trim's music lessons resume today
Monday 14 th January	After School Clubs start this week.
Tuesday 15 th January	'Slim the Bin' Eco Recycling Assembly
Wednesday 16 th January	Stamp Drama Club starts after school today
Thursday 17 th January	Yeovil Town Football Club Assembly
Friday 18 th January	Cricket Coaching for Years 1/2 & 5/6 Achievement Assemblies Resume – Parents Welcome
Monday 21 st January	NO SCHOOL CLUBS TODAY – TWILIGHT INSET
Tuesday 22 nd January	Dance with Hannah resumes after school today
Thursday 24 th January	School Nurse Drop-In
Thursday 31 st January	Year 5 Chemistry Roadshow at Sherborne Girls' School
Wednesday 6 th February	Basket Ball Tournament
Friday 8 th February	Reading, Reciting and Debating Celebration
Thursday 14 th February	Chess Tournament at The Gryphon
Friday 15 th February 2019	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday 18 th February – Friday 22 nd February	HALF TERM
Tuesday 12 th March	Year 3/4 Football Tournament
Friday 15 th March	Red Nose Day
Wednesday 20 th March	International Day of Happiness
Friday 22 nd March	Year 5 Rugby Tournament
Tuesday 26 th March	Cross Country Tournament at the Gryphon
Tuesday 26 th & Wednesday 27 th March	Parents Evenings
Friday 29 th March	Whole School Eco Walk
Monday 1 st April – Wednesday 3 rd April	Mill on the Brue Residential – Year 5
Friday 5 th April	Easter Service in Thornford Church

As always, if you have any issue to discuss, please contact myself or my staff at the school.

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