

**Thornford CE Primary School  
NEWSLETTER – February 2023**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the February newsletter. We celebrated Chinese New Year, last week, in style with our fabulous dance teacher. Fitting in well with this, it is World Interfaith Harmony week 1- 7<sup>th</sup> February and I believe one of the most important things that we can teach our children is a mutual respect and tolerance of people of other religions and no religion. To respect the values, ideas, and beliefs of others whilst not imposing our own on others. I look forward to giving out some more Respect role model stickers in Friday's assembly and finding out how our children are showing respect to others.

**Chinese New Year Dance Workshops**



### Children's Mental Health Week

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week, one of the ways that we will be marking this week is to wear your scarf to school on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February.



### Parents – Online Safety Assembly

On 7th February it is Internet Safety day and the children will be learning about how to keep themselves safe online. It is important to teach our children about safe and responsible online behaviour, and to keep an eye on their Internet use. Instead of Achievement assembly, there will be a special Parents' information Internet safety assembly at 2:45pm on Friday 10th February. Please attend if you are able.



### FTS Amaz-a-thon

The FTS will be running a sponsored book bingo in conjunction with Expect Amazing Books during February to finish on World Book Day on 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Each child who takes part will need to raise at least £5.40 through a series of 9 challenges, upon doing this they will receive a free book and all the money raised will be used to buy books for the school. Further details will follow from the FTS.

### World Book Day – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

We will be celebrating World Book Day by dressing up as our favourite book character on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

### FTS Story Night

The FTS will be running their incredibly popular Story Night on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 6-7pm for all year groups. £3 per child or if two siblings £5 for both, this includes stories, hot chocolate and cookies. Come in your pyjamas!

### Pokemon Cards

School Council met today and debated whether Pokemon cards should be brought back into school. The vote was very close, with 6 children voting FOR and 5 children voting AGAINST. In order to avoid the problems with trading last time, the council have decided on rules which should be brought in so that children can enjoy their cards without older children taking advantage of younger children. These rules are:

1. Pokemon cards can be brought into school to show in small folders (4 cards to a page or less) No large folders
2. Trading should only be if you have a duplicate card that you want to change

3. Trading will only be allowed within classes eg Beech with Beech. Children are not allowed to trade with a child in a younger class
4. If one card goes missing from a child's collection or if rules are not followed, the cards will be banned in school

### **Indoor 5 a-side Football Tournament**

On Thursday afternoon our year 6 boys took part in 5 a-side tournament. It was the first time they had played inside and it was great to do something a little different. The games are fast!! The boys played brilliant and had a lot of fun. Thank you Sherborne Abbey for organising the event and the Gryphon for hosting.



### **Davison Cup Football Match vs Yetminster**

On Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January we played our 2nd round Davison cup match against St Andrews with a player down. The boys had to work extra hard and were rewarded with another win for their valiant efforts. A great game boys and goals scored by everyone! Well done all, and through we go to the quarterfinals next half term.



### **Netball vs Yetminster – Match Report by Minnie & Sakina**

On Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January the netball team played a match against Yetminster. Everyone played great but unfortunately we lost 5/1.

### **North Dorset Small Schools**

On a very cold and wet Tuesday afternoon in January we took part in the North Dorset Small Schools Tournament held at the Gryphon. We played in some tough matches and fought hard. Going into the last game we were tied in first place with Stalbridge Primary. It all came down to goal difference... we retained our title and will proceed to the next round later in the year. Well done to everyone involved.

### **Vacancy – Lunchtime Supervisor**

We have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Supervisor on a Monday and Wednesday, please contact the school office for more information.

### **FTS Fundraising**

Thank you to everyone who supported our events last term. The Christmas Card sale raised £290. The Christmas Fair raised approximately £900, less expenses. All profits go to benefit the children at school and the FTS will be discussing this year's spending at the AGM.



## Fun in the Snow for KS2!



### Clothes Recycling Bin

The clothes-recycling bin is emptied every two weeks and the FTS will be paid for the collections by the weight. All money raised will go to school.

They can accept:

- All men's ladies and children's clothing including school uniform\*, Paired shoes, Handbags, bags, ties and belts, Bedclothes, towels and soft toys.

Anything that is not good enough to sell on will be reused to make cleaning materials and insulation.

**Please note, they cannot accept:**

- Duvets – both synthetic and feathered, Pillows and cushions, Carpets and rugs, Soiled or wet clothing, Workwear, Shredded or mutilated textile material, Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material.

*\*Please try to sell uniform via the FTS facebook page or pass to Laura Daniells before putting in the recycle bin. Thank you.*

## Wraparound Care

**Premier Education** Premier Education runs after school childcare on Thursday from 3.15pm to 5pm. The session is available to book for the rest of the Spring term, you are able to flexi book for the sessions that you need, or you can block book for the whole of the term as necessary or book on the day as required. The sessions run from 3.15pm – 5.00pm, or you can book a short session from 3.15pm to 4.30pm for a reduced cost. Please book your space for these sessions directly with Premier Education: <https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/19827/?location=thornford>

## Lower Covey

Lower Covey offer daily after school childcare at their site in Yetminster. Please contact them directly to book a space.

## Breakfast Club

Breakfast club starts at 8am every school day and is booked via ParentPay. Please book by 12 noon on the Friday the week before a space is required. Thank you.

## School Nurse

The School Nursing Team have a new text messaging service 'ParentLine 5-19' that can be accessed during school term time between 9am and 4pm.

***ParentLine 5-19 (Text messaging service) 07312263131***  
***Text for advice from a member of the School Nursing team***

Help and advice is also available from the School Nursing Team via email: [dhc.snadmin.hub@nhs.net](mailto:dhc.snadmin.hub@nhs.net)

## Thornford Kitchen – Recipe of the Month!

### Buttermilk Pancakes

100g plain flour  
2tsp Baking Powder  
half a tsp Bicarbonate  
1tbsp Caster sugar  
2 Large eggs (separated)  
284ml buttermilk  
25g melted butter



### Method:

1. In a bowl add the flour, baking powder, bicarbonate & sugar with a pinch of salt.
2. Whisk egg whites until stiff and in another bowl mix buttermilk, egg yolks and melted butter.
3. Add the buttermilk mixture to the flour and combine, then gently fold in the egg whites.
4. In a large non stick frying pan add spoonful of the mixture and cook for 3 to 4 minutes on each side.
5. Use a topping of your choice.

| Dates for the Spring Term          |                                                                                                                                                     |
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| Thursday 2nd February              | Scarf – Life Education Van<br>FTS AGM at the Kings Arms – All Welcome 7.30pm                                                                        |
| Friday 3rd February                | KS1 Parents Assembly                                                                                                                                |
| Tuesday 7th February               | Safer Internet Day                                                                                                                                  |
| Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February | Oak Class Trip to see an Author at Sherborne Prep<br>Year 5/6 Football vs Bradford Abbas at HOME<br>Year 5 Leeson House Parents Information Evening |
| Friday 10th February               | Parents Internet Safety Assembly 2.45pm<br>Last Day before Half Term                                                                                |

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| <b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February</b>                                       | INSET DAY – School Closed                                                                                 |
| <b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February</b>                                      | Pancake Day                                                                                               |
| <b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February</b>                                    | Sherborne Area Cross Country Tournament at the Gryphon                                                    |
| <b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February</b>                                       | Dorset Cricket – Chance to Shine<br>KS2 Parents Assembly                                                  |
| <b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February –<br/>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March</b> | Year 5 Residential to Leeson House                                                                        |
| <b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>                                        | World Book Day – dress up as a book character<br>Year 4 & 5 trip to see an Author at Sherborne Prep       |
| <b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b>                                           | KS1 Parents Assembly<br>Year 5/6 Tag Rugby vs Yetminster AWAY<br>FTS Story Night for World Book Day 6-7pm |
| <b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March</b>                                        | Year 5/6 Football/Netball vs Bishops Caundle HOME                                                         |
| <b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March</b>                                         | Year 5/6 Football/Netball vs Sherborne Abbey AWAY                                                         |
| <b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March</b>                                          | KS2 Parents Assembly                                                                                      |
| <b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March</b>                                          | Oak Class Trip to Explorer Dome at Sherborne Girls                                                        |
| <b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March</b>                                         | Inclusion Workshops<br>Year 5/6 Netball Tournament at Sherborne Abbey                                     |
| <b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March</b>                                          | KS1 Parents Assembly                                                                                      |
| <b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>                                       | Stamp Drama Club – Performance                                                                            |
| <b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b>                                         | Year 5/6 Football & Year 3/4 Netball vs Sherborne Abbey AWAY                                              |
| <b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March</b>                                          | ECO Walk                                                                                                  |
| <b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March</b>                                       | Parents Evening                                                                                           |
| <b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March</b>                                        | Parents Evening                                                                                           |
| <b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March</b>                                          | Easter Service at Thornford Church<br>LAST DAY OF TERM                                                    |
| <b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April</b>                                          | FIRST DAY OF SUMMER TERM                                                                                  |

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

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