



Welcome to our January School Newsletter.

DIARY DATES...

Tuesday 4 January	Inset Day
Wednesday 5 January	Return to school
Wednesday 19 January	Kaleigh Davis, Toy Specialist, from Fielding's Auctioneers
Wednesday 2 February	First Community Café for 2022
Thursday 10 February	Hot Dog Sale
Friday 18 February	End of Term
	Valentines Disco
Monday 28 February	Return to school
Wednesday 2 March	Community Café
Sunday 27 March	Mother's Day
w/c Monday 4 April	Easter Egg Competition
Wednesday 6 April	Community Café
Thursday 7 April	Easter Bonnet Craft
	End of Term
Monday 25 April	Return to school
Monday 2 May	May Day, Bank Holiday
Friday 27 May	End of Term
Monday 6 June	Return to school
Sunday June	Father's Day
Friday 1 July	Inset Day
Tuesday 5 July	Transition Day
Wednesday 20 July	End of Term

NEWS...

Staffing

The wonderful aspect to our school is that our pastoral care is outstanding, the staff know ALL the children and get to teach and support everyone. Because of this, our teaching and learning is not compromised and teachers and staff can spend time in both classrooms. Whilst we were terribly sad to say 'goodbye' to Mrs. Hoskins, I am delighted to let you know that we have secured a permanent supply teacher, Mrs. Krelle, who will be with us 3 days a week. Mrs. Krelle will be predominately teaching Reception class, but will obviously get to know all of the children here at Thornborough. In addition, we have Miss. Clarridge who is a trainee teacher with us until February half term. Our staff pupil ratios continue to be strong, with three qualified teaching staff, two experienced Teaching Assistants, one lunchtime supervisor, one teacher trainee and four volunteers.





COVID

A separate letter has been sent out with regard to Covid changes. In addition, as we are ventilating the classrooms, it is a bit colder, please provide your child with an additional fleece.

REMINDERS...

School starts: promptly at **8.50am**, for all children, and the day ends at 3.15pm. The gate will open at 8:45am, as we like to start with phonics promptly.

Communication: we prefer that you use the **telephone or email** for formal communication. We have an 'open door' policy for you to have face to face communication for a chat with any one of us at any time. **Class Dojo** – is an informal communication between school and parents for very brief messages. **Class story** is used for a link to Padlet. **Padlet** is the overview of the week's learning and it is uploaded onto the school website weekly and found in NEWS.

Attendance: please contact the **school office** by 9:30am, if your child is unable to attend school. We are not able to authorise holidays in term time and any absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

Illness: we follow Government guidance for details of when children can attend school when they are ill. Some illnesses require you to keep your child away from school for a set period of time to limit the spread of any infection in school e.g. sickness/diarrhoea requires a 48hour absence after the symptoms have stopped.

Medication and antibiotics: we will support children who require medication and antibiotics in school. Parents are responsible for bringing and collecting medication each day and must complete the necessary forms, prior to the medication being administered. Medication should be in its original packaging and the child's name on the pharmacy label. Antibiotics prescribed three times a day should be taken out of the school day (breakfast, after school, bedtime).

Dogs: please leave your dog at the school or Church gates and not enter the school grounds.

Walk to school: 'Go for Gold' is a walking initiative enabling everyone to walk to school, even if you travel by car. Park past the duck pond and walk into school to receive a sticker for your passport. Let us know if you would like to join.

Parking: please do not park on the grass verges outside of school and the Church.

PAFOTS (Parents and Friends of Thornborough School): speak to Miss. Thomas for information.
<https://www.facebook.com/friendsofthornboroughschool/>

Clubs: morning provision is available from 8am and the **Friday morning** club session will be gymnastics. After school clubs commence Monday 10th January. **S4A** and from Thursday 3rd February **Craft Club** will be available to Reception children. Craft club will continue for January for the children attending in the Autumn Term. Our clubs are free, as is our daily morning provision for which we are very happy to offer. We do rely and benefit enormously from fundraising and donations, all of which are 'ploughed' back into the school for the children's learning. Donations and Payments to school can be made to the following account:

Name:	Thornborough CF School
Sort code:	09-01-51
Account number:	49591500

Uniform and PE Kit: please ensure all clothing is visibly named. PE kit is required in school everyday. Uniform, bookbags and PE bags can be obtained from our supplier at www.myclothing.com

Colder weather: please ensure your child has a named warm coat, hat, gloves and a scarf in school everyday.





TERM DATES 2021/2022...

Spring Term	Tuesday 4 January	Friday 18 February
2022	Monday 28 February	Friday 8 April

Summer Term	Monday 25 April	Friday 27 May
2022	Monday 6 June	Wednesday 20 July

Inset Days	Wednesday 1 September 2021
	Monday 1 November 2021
	Tuesday 4 January 2022
	Friday 8 April 2022
	Friday 1 July 2022

May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 2 May 2022
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Transition Day	Tuesday 5 July 2022
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Miss. Quirke
Headteacher

Dotterels & Cuckoos

ALL – we are very excited to start learning in our new topic 'Flowering Friendships'. We are learning more about the world and how we fit in it. We will be learning about bridges, toys in the past, plants, technology, drums and so much more. We will continue to watch the weather and explore the season Winter through singing and Science. Our focus within art will be structures and mosaics whilst focusing on our Architect Gaudi.

Please bring in a kitchen roll or wrapping paper cardboard tube. We will be using this to make a dragon. This needs to be in school for Wednesday 19th January.

As we are learning about toys in the past, we have a toy specialist, Kayleigh Davis joining us on Wednesday 19th January. If you have an old toy that you are willing to share as a 'show and tell' only, please bring anytime this half term and/or Wednesday 19th for Kayleigh Davis to see. To explore the topic further, we also have another Banbury Museum box arriving for us to enjoy.

EYFS – our focus books of the term are 'Jack and the Jellybean Stalk', 'Rainbow Fish' and the nursery rhyme 'Hot Cross Buns.' If you have different drums at home, please share with us in our Music lessons.

KS1 – our focus books of the term are 'George and the Dragon,' Non Fiction text 'Toys and Games of the Past,' and the poem 'The Duck.' If you have a globe, map or atlas, please bring these in to share during our Geography lessons.

Thank you

Miss. Quirke, Miss. Thomas, Mrs. Krelle & Miss. Claridge

