



Welcome to our December School Newsletter.

Dates for your Diary ...

DIARY DATES...

Wednesday 1 December	PAFOTS Community Cafe
Friday 3 December	Christmas Decoration Day PAFOTS hot chocolate and gingerbread sale, 3:15pm outside school.
Tuesday 7 December	Year 1 & 2 Parent Consultations
Wednesday 8 December	Reception Parent Consultations Christmas Lunch
Thursday 9 December	Trip to The Story Museum in Oxford Last Craft Club this term
Friday 10 December	Last Breakfast Club with Premier Sport this term Save the Children 'Christmas Jumper Day' £1 donation optional
Thursday 16 December	Christmas Nativity Play, 4-5:30pm in the Church
Friday 17 December	Christmas Party and Party Lunch Day End of Term
Tuesday 4 January	Inset Day
Wednesday 5 January	Return to school
Wednesday 2 February	First Community Café for 2022
Sunday 27 March	Mother's Day
Friday 7 April	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

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NEWS...

A separate letter with full details has been sent out and is on the school website in PARENTS.

Parents Consultations

We offer you a 10 min consultation throughout the day. Sign up lists will be displayed in the front playground on our message board. The consultations will take place in the Nest, in school. Please enter and leave by the back playground, via the side gate. In line with current requirements we request that you wear a mask.

School visit to see 'Suddenly a Star' – Thursday 9th December

We will travel to Oxford on a coach leaving at 10am and returning to school by 3pm. Please provide your child with a **healthy packed lunch and water bottle**. Remember we are travelling on a coach! so try to avoid glass, chocolate or sweets. Please speak to your class teacher if your child suffers from travel sickness and will take medication.

Christmas Nativity – Thursday 16th December

Miss. Thomas will be sending out individual letters with regard to costume requests in your child's book bag. On the Thursday the children **will stay in school**, we will give them a drink and snack and get them ready for a 5pm start. We will be serving mulled wine and mince pies in the church from 4pm whilst you wait. Once the Nativity has finished, we will take the children back to school to get changed and you can collect them from the front door.

Christmas Party Day – Friday 17th December

The children can come to school in their party clothes. Lunch will be party food, and we will put a list up of food items on Monday 6th December. Sign your name against the chosen food item.

School Vacancy

We require an experienced Learning Support Assistant in school from January. The closing date for applications is Friday 3 December. Details can be found on the school website in ABOUT US.

SCITT (School Centered Initial Teacher Training)

From 4 January 22 we will have a trainee teacher in school until February half term.

COVID

As infection rates are rising we are recommending that you obtain a PCR test, if your child is suffering from any of the symptoms.

REMINDERS...

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

Communication: we prefer that you use the **telephone or email** for formal communication - absence, pupils wellbeing - academic and pastoral. 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: our clubs run on Monday, Thursday and Friday and 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

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

Uniform: please ensure ALL clothing is visibly named. Uniform, bookbags and PE bags can be obtained from our supplier at www.myclothing.com

TERM DATES 2021/2022...

Have a lovely break.

**Miss. Quirke
Headteacher**

2021/2022	Start of Term	End of Term
Autumn Term	Thursday 2 September	Friday 22 October
2021	Monday 1 November	Friday 17 December

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. Thomas' Dotterels & Mrs. Hoskins' Cuckoos

Preparations for the Christmas play 'Shine, Star, Shine' are well and truly underway. A gentle reminder that all costumes need to be in by Friday 3 December.

We are planning lots of Christmas activities and crafts. Please bring clear, clean jam jar which will be transformed into something beautiful.

We are so excited to go on our first school trip this academic year on Thursday 9th December.

If you have any of the following, we would love to have them in school to help with this terms learning: Tinker items – unwanted technology to be explored and taken apart by children and tools such as screwdrivers and handheld drills.

We wish you all the most wonderful Christmas holiday.

Miss. Thomas & Mrs. Hoskins

