



# Thorpepark News September 2023

## Dear Parent/Carers,

We have had a great start to the term and the children look extremely smart in their school uniform. The changes in school hours seem to be working well and all clubs will be running from 3.30pm to 4.30pm this year. We have lots of events planned across the year, so please check the calendar dates. We are looking at doing parent group a bit different this year so please look out for more information.

Kind regards  
Mrs Knight

## Promoting reading beyond the classroom

This year we will be taking every child from Year 1 to Year 6 to the local library. Every child will visit the library twice to find out how to loan a book and to be issued a library card.

After your child has visited the library your child will be able to take their library card home. This means you child will be able to loan books from any Hull library free of charge.

Greenwood library in recent years has had a refurbishment and it is a lovely environment for pupils to immerse themselves in books. We are hoping that your child will be hooked and will use the library in the future.



Just a  
reminder...



**School closes for autumn half term on the  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October for all pupils.**

**Teacher training day is on the Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October**



The school has joined Schoolcycled this year. This is a company that will take plastic bottle tops and recycle them into outdoor furniture like benches, flower boxes etc.

Please collect your plastic lids and bring them into school. We will have a collection bin in KS1 library and one in the main office area.



We still have parent governors vacancies at Thorpepark.

This is a great opportunity to have a say in how the school is run and what we could do better. Also, to find out about the school's curriculum and ways we want to improve outcomes for the children.

It is really important that we have a parent representative on the governing body as it makes sure the parent's voice is heard. If you would like further information about the role please ask to speak to Britta in the office.

## Year 6 applications for Secondary school



If your child is in Year 6 during 2023-2024 school year, you must apply for a secondary school place between 1<sup>st</sup> September and 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023. If you live in Hull you must apply to Hull City Council with your three preferences of secondary school for your child.

If you require any support or advice about how to apply please ring our school office.

Website: [www.hull.gov.uk/education-and-schools/schools/secondary-school-applications](http://www.hull.gov.uk/education-and-schools/schools/secondary-school-applications)

## Do you have any concerns? Who could you speak to?

### Senior Leadership team

Mrs Knight – Head of School  
Miss Johnson – Deputy Head  
Miss Crawford – Assistant Head  
Mrs Dickinson-Fry – Senior School Business Manager

### Year group leaders/ nursery managers

Little Jumping Beans – Margaret Dennis  
Jumping Beans – Mrs Parker  
EYFS – Mrs Caldwell  
Year 1 – Miss Spendlow  
Year 2 – Miss Pitfield  
Year 3 – Mrs Hill  
Year 4 – Mrs Fleeman  
Year 5 – Miss Crawford  
Year 6 – Mr Ritchie

**SENCO** - Miss Robinson

**Behaviour leader** – Mr Marshall

**Safeguarding lead** – Wendy Mortimer

**Home School Liaison Officer** – Emma Wood

**Attendance** – Donna Nahar

**Office** – Donna, Lucy, Sammy and Nikita

# DATES TO REMEMBER

Date	Event
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 6 library visit to Greenwood library
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 5 Ambassadors trip Mrs Crawforth
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 6 parent talk regarding Edinburgh visit 10.30am in KS2 hall Times Table Rock Stars – Year 1 to Year 6 to come dressed as their favourite rock star and a prize will be awarded for the best dressed.
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Year 6 library visit to Greenwood library
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 5 Ambassadors trip Miss Joyce
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent partnership – free drinks and hot sandwiches in the dining hall from 8.45am for all parents/carers Come and join us and find out what will be happening this year
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 6 library visit to Greenwood library
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	KS2 Harvest Festival service at St Mike's church 10am onwards – children to bring in a tin
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	KS1 Harvest Festival in school lead by St Mike's church – children to bring in a tin
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 6 library visit to Greenwood library
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October – Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 6 Mrs Lumb's class and ½ Mr Ritchie's class Edinburgh visit Leave at 6.40am Wednesday Arrive back roughly at 7.30pm Thursday
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Year 6 library visit to Greenwood library
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	School uniform recycle shop open 3.15pm onwards in the dining hall. All clothing will be 50p.
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 6 Miss Oliver's class and ½ Mr Ritchie's class Edinburgh visit Leave at 6.40am Wednesday Arrive back roughly at 7.30pm Thursday
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Children break up for half term</b>
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Teacher training day</b>
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Children return from half term</b>
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Christmas party morning <b>Break up for Christmas holidays school closes at 1.45pm</b>

# ATTENDANCE MATTERS



The schools attendance last year was 93.8% which is lower than national expectation. This year we need to improve attendance and reduce the number of pupils that are persistently absent. We will also be monitoring attendance weekly and will be promoting 97%+ as very good attendance and a target for all children to strive for.

## Awarding good attendance

We will still be awarding **golden tickets** for classes with 97% attendance each week. The school council will continue to review these prizes and these include things like non-uniform day for the class, an extra playtime, etc.

At the end of each term, the class with the highest attendance will be awarded a special school visit to Cineworld or Hollywood Bowl. This will be a free visit.

## Holidays

All holidays during school term time will not be authorised, unless a genuine reason. It is not acceptable that it is because holidays are cheaper during these times. The school can fine up to £60 per child for an unauthorised absence rising to £120 if not paid within 21 days.



Breakfast club is now open for all children from Reception to Year 6.

It is **FREE!**

No need to book!

Just turn up on the day!

Start time 8am

## SCHOOL UNIFORM RECYCLING SCHEME

### **WANTED SCHOOL UNIFORM!**

Just a reminder that we are continuing to collect any unwanted school uniform. We will take clothes and shoes. We have located a black bin in the main office for any parent/carers to drop off any unwanted school uniform.

We will be selling school uniform on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October and Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December.

Thank you to all parent/carers who have donated items so far.