



## Dear Parent/Carers,

It is the last week of term and we have lots of events planned to celebrate Christmas. Parents evening was successful and I hope you were pleased with the progress your child/children are making at Thorpepark. We would like to wish all our families a great Christmas and New year. Stay safe and we will see you in 2024. Kind regards

Mrs Knight and all the staff at Thorpepark



Venn Academy Trust hosted a football tournament to raise awareness for White Ribbon Campaign. It was an opportunity for all the schools to unite and voice the need to end violence.

Our team won the whole competition.

Well done, you did us all proud!

**IMPORTANT  
REMINDER**

School closes for Christmas holidays on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 1.45pm.

School reopens for all pupils on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January at 8.40am.

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

6 days or less  
absence per year  
**97% or above**  
VERY GOOD  
THIS IS YOUR  
TARGET

Between  
7 and 19 days  
absence per year  
**90% - 96%**  
BELOW  
EXPECTATIONS

More  
than 19 days  
absence per year  
**Under 90%**  
POOR  
ATTENDANCE

### Improving attendance

Our attendance is currently 92.9%. This is low and needs to improve. We have sent out letters to any families with children's attendance 90% or lower. We are happy to discuss with families how we can work together to raise attendance.

### Attendance Prize winners!

Well done to Miss Pitfield's class for having the highest attendance for the autumn term. They will be going to Cineworld on Wednesday to watch 'Wonka'.

## LOST PROPERTY

On Thursday we will be putting all lost property on the tables outside the dining hall. We have a large amount of items not claimed. All lost property will be destroyed at the end of term so please check if your child has lost something this term.

## RECYCLE SCHOOL UNIFORM

On Wednesday from 3.15pm we will be selling recycled school uniform. All items for sale will be in the dining hall. If you have any unwanted school uniform please donate to the school. We have a black bin located in the office area.

## LANGUAGE ON PLAYGROUND

Can all adults be mindful when speaking on the playground. In the past few weeks we have had a few complaints regarding adults swearing or using inappropriate language. Please consider others when on school site.

## BIKES AND SCOOTERS

Please do not ride your bikes and scooters on school site. We ask all children and adults to get off their bikes and scooters when they enter school site. This makes it safer for everyone. Thank you.

HULL  
**children's**  
UNIVERSITY



Yorkshire  
**Children's**  
Charity

A **big Thank you** to all the charities and organisations that have provided toys this Christmas for our families. Harrison Park has donated £100 for Christmas for our families. Children's University organised Breakfast with Santa for all Year 1 children. They had a great time and all received a lovely gift.

Key Stage 2 Carol Concert

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December  
St Mike's Church  
10am

Parents are welcome to come  
and watch!

Children in Year 3, 4 & 6 will be  
attending.  
(Year 5 will be swimming)



# DATES TO REMEMBER

Date	Event
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas family competition entries need to be in and brought to the KS2 hall
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	St Mikes to deliver Part 2 of the nativity story for KS1 Year 5 Space workshop (all day)
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery (Jumping Beans) Christmas KS2 at St Mikes Church Carol concert 10am all parents welcome Recycle uniform shop in dining hall from 3.15pm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas stay and play in Reception 8.40am to 10am
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	 <p>Raising money for Brain Tumour research by wearing a Christmas hat for the day. Donations welcome, 50p. Christmas party morning <b>Break up for Christmas holidays school closes at 1.45pm</b> <b>Have a great Christmas and a happy new year!</b></p>
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Teacher Training Day. School open for staff only
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	School reopens for all pupils
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	Mental Health workshops Year 3 (am) and Year 5 (pm)
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	Parent group meeting in the dining hall 9.00am
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	St Mikes in for KS2 Christingle service
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	Mental Health workshops Year 4 (am)
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	St Mikes in for KS1 Christingle service
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	Mental Health workshops year 6 (pm)
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Reception children workshop Chinese Zodiac Dance
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent group meeting in the dining hall 9.00am Reception stay and play 8.40am to 10am
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	School closes for half term at 3.30pm
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	School reopens for all pupils



## Concerns regarding Vapes!

In the last few weeks we have had a number of reports that some pupils are vaping outside of school. We have contacted Refresh and they will be providing workshops to inform pupils of the dangers of vaping. Please speak to your child about the dangers of vaping.

## STARTING SCHOOL FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A RECEPTION CLASS - SEPTEMBER 2024



If your child is starting school in September 2024 you need to complete online application through the school portal on Hull city council website.

Closing date is 14<sup>th</sup> January. It is vital that if you want a school place at Thorpepark you complete the form as soon as possible, as the last few years we have been oversubscribed.



On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December we will be asking all pupils and staff to wear a Christmas hat to raise money for brain tumour research. We are asking for a 50p donation. Mrs Owen and Mrs Petch will be running the London marathon 2024 to raise money for the charity. Good luck, you two!



## Healthy Holidays Hull

The website will be going live soon with lots of activities and warm spaces for your children and families to access this Christmas school holidays.

[www.healthyholidayshull.org](http://www.healthyholidayshull.org)

Please check regularly, as once it is live the activities get booked up rather quickly.

### **VOUCHERS FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

The Local Authority have agreed to continue the FSM vouchers for Christmas holidays. Any child entitled to FSM will receive a £15 voucher for each week.

#### **Are you entitled to FSM?**

If your circumstance may have changed or you are not sure if your child would be entitled to Free school meals, please ask the office for more information.