

Thurton Primary School E-News

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What's going on in the Classroom this week



THANK YOU!

Thank you to all the children, parents, family and friends who came along to our first Summer Fun Evening on Wednesday, and helped to make it such a success.

The weather tried to rain on our parade, but we carried on regardless, and managed to take over £1000!

An extra special thank you to everyone who gave up their time to help at the evening, and also to those who kindly donated raffle prizes, cakes, scones, and even a BBQ!

We couldn't have made the event such a success without your help, and we hope to be able to hold more events like this throughout the coming year with your continued support!

Year 6 Leavers

This year the children and their families are invited to a year 6 leavers event! There will be a buffet-style reception for parents and siblings of Year 6 children. This will take place on Monday 20th July at 6pm in the school hall. School will not be providing any food, we would be very grateful if parents could bring food to share for our celebratory dinner.

The Awards for Year 6 pupils will also be handed out at the Reception. We will still be having a smaller Awards assembly on Tuesday afternoon for other years groups combined with our End of year Assembly.

Dates for your Diary.....

- 16th July - New Class Transition Afternoon
- 20th July - Thankful Service at Church (2pm) all welcome
- 20th July - Year 6 Leavers' Reception & Awards
- 21st July - End of Year Assembly (2pm)

Year R/1

In the Yellow Class this week the children have been learning about all the different jobs that people do in school and made 'Wanted' posters for the perfect teacher! Even though the Multi-Skills festival was cancelled, they still practised their races for sports day and had a picnic in their outdoor area.

Last Week's Big Stars: **Jenson** for his super-neat, independent writing and **Nell** for always working hard and doing her best.

Year 1/2

The children in Year 1/2 continued building mosques and created repeating patterns to go on the walls of the mosques. They also started writing their own Katie Morag poems!

Last Week's Big Star: **Verity** for using such creative detail in her beautiful watercolour painting!

Year 3/4

In Year 3/4 this week, the children learnt how to divide numbers beyond their times tables in maths, and are excited that they can use numbers into the thousands! They continued to think about the avatars they created in RE and are now writing their own stories. They had a great time at Sports Day too!

Year 5/6

This week the Blue Class have been developing strategies for winning games, like 'Nine Men Morris' and 'Hounds and Hares'. They also reflected on how Christians view our planet and how we care for it.



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Birthdays!

This week our birthday wishes go to **Liam** - we hope you have a very **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Present & Correct!

You will be aware that the law requires all parents to ensure that their child attends school regularly. Research has shown that children often do not catch up on work missed, which can have serious consequences for their learning and progress. The Government is very clear that all schools must aim to have the highest attendance possible for all of their pupils in order for them to achieve their maximum potential.

Absences for reasons other than illness are not normally permitted, except in very special circumstances which must be authorised by Mrs Williams. In line with national policy, holidays or extended leave during term time are not permitted other than in exceptional circumstances, and could result in a fixed penalty notice being issued.

The attendance this year has decreased by 2.5%, which will mean we are of further interest to the county attendance officer.

When Norfolk County Council's Attendance team visit they are specifically monitoring absences around weekends, attached to school holidays, and days leading up to, or following, requested holiday absence.

Recently, we have noticed an increase in the number of children being taken out of school during the day for medical appointments. While we understand that sometimes there is no alternative, please could we ask that, wherever possible, appointments are made either during the holidays or after school.

We have also noticed a significant number of children having days off with illnesses where we would encourage them to try and come to school to see how they get on, and if necessary, school staff will contact parents if they do need to be collected. Our staff are very good at administering TLC to poorly little ones when required!

We would also ask parents to ensure that children arrive at school on time, because even a few minutes at the start of the day can make a big difference across the whole school year: 10 minutes late per day is equal to 6.9 lost teaching days per year. Please help us help you!

Next Week:

Mon 13th - Fri 17th July 2015

PLEASE NOTE - there are no after school clubs next week

	In School	After School
MON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning Conferences • PE 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning Conferences
TUE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning Conferences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning Conferences
WED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning Conferences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning Conferences
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FRI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PE • Yr 3 Swimming at Hobart • Celebrations Assembly (2.45pm) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Freezy Friday - ice creams and ice lollies 50p and £1 from Summer Fun Evening! (3.15pm)

Good Sports!

Sports Day, which was held at the Village playing field on Wednesday, was, we think, a huge success! The competition was supported brilliantly by parents, and the weather was (relatively!) kind to us!

The Red Team were in the lead for most of the afternoon, but were pipped at the post by the Yellow Team after points from the morning's 'Field' events were included in the totals - so well done Yellows!



Learning Conferences

This term's Learning Conferences will be taking place next week commencing, on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Ten-minute appointment slots are available both during the school day and after school.

If you have not already done so, please sign up for an appointment slot on the sheets which are outside each classroom. If you are unable to get into school to do this, please telephone the office who will be able to help.



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Thurton Before School Care



7:45-8:30am
 £3 per session
 All Years Welcome!
 Please pre-book if possible
 Booking Forms available
 from outside the school

Please note: pre-booked places must be paid for and are non-refundable



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