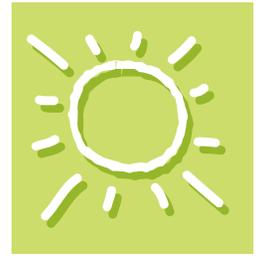




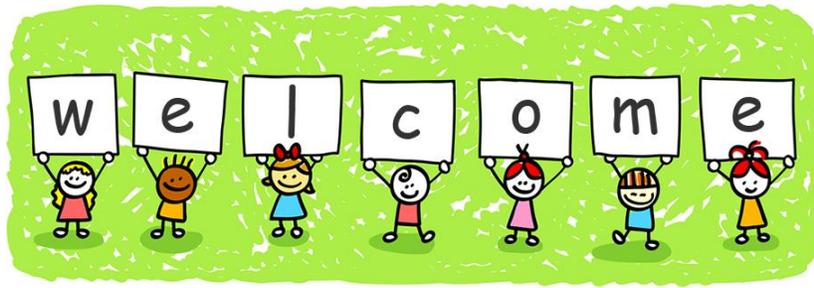
Thurstonland First School Newsletter

April 2017 - Summer term 1st half



Dates for your Diary

Monday 24 th April	Running Club started for participating pupils (4 sessions)
Tuesday 25 th April	Tennis Club started for participating pupils (5 sessions)
Thursday 27 th April	Final Balanceability session for Rec/Year 1 pupils
Monday 1st May	BANK HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 2 nd May	Year 4/5 day trip 'Eden's Forest' at Hey Wood 9:15am - 3pm drop off/collect Honley Station (letter emailed 7/4/17) Year 1 pupils Cross Country @ Highburton First School 4 - 5pm (letter emailed 5/4/17)
Wednesday 3 rd May	Rec/Year 1 Cliffe House day visit (letter emailed 25/4/17) drop off 9:20 Cliffe House - collect 3pm Neiley Races Years 3-5 - Race 1 (meet 4:15pm)
Tuesday 9 th May	Year 3-5 Cycling event @ Scissett Middle School (4-5pm) details sent by email 25/4/17
Tuesday 16 th May	Rec - Yr 2 Cycling event @ Scissett Middle School (4-5pm) details sent by email 25/4/17
Wednesday 17 th May	Neiley Races Years 3-5 - Race 2 (meet 4:15pm) PTA Meeting 7:30pm at Rose & Crown, Thurstonland - all parents welcome (see page 3)
Saturday 20 th & Sunday 21 st May	TVA Scarecrow Festival - see page 4
Wednesday 24 th May	Neiley Races Years 3-5 - Final Race 3 (meet 4:15pm)
Friday 26th May	STAFF TRAINING DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL IS: THURSDAY 25th MAY	
FIRST DAY BACK AT SCHOOL IS: MONDAY 5th JUNE	
NB: Year 5 Music Festival will be held 26 th June at Hudds Town Hall - ticket details to follow in due course	



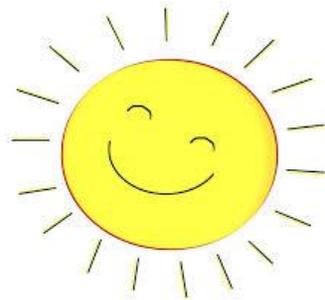
We welcomed a new pupil Charlie Taylor into our Year 1 class just before we broke up for Easter. We are sure you will join us in welcoming Charlie into our school community and wishing him every success here at Thurstonland First School.

We are also delighted to welcome a new member of staff, Mrs Sarah Passmore, an Educational Teaching Assistant who will be working each morning with Year 2/3 class. We wish Mrs Passmore all the best in her new role.

IMPORTANT UNIFORM INFORMATION

FOOTWEAR

In expectation of sunnier weather please could we remind parents to ensure that pupils do not wear open-toe sandals to school. This type of footwear has proved in the past to be inappropriate for the school environment.



SUN HATS/SUNCREAM

Again in hope of warmer weather please can pupils have a named sun hat in school for sunny days. On days forecast to be hot please apply sun cream before school. We will also give them some to apply before lunch time play if the sun is strong.

If your child needs a specific sun cream due to skin condition/allergy please bring it into the school office. Please do not send sun cream in your child's book bag!



THURSTONLAND & STOCKSMOOR VILLAGE GALA 2017 Sunday 9th July

A reminder of items we are collecting for this year's Gala if you would like to bring donations into the school office – they are welcome any time.

- * Tombola items (children and adult)
- * Good quality second hand toys
- * Unwanted sweets
- * Any spare bottle gift bags

Also we will be holding a "**DRESS DIFFERENTLY DAY**" in school when pupils can wear non-uniform in exchange for bringing in a bottle of wine for the Gala stall.
This will be sometime in June – date to be confirmed shortly.

PTA BINGO & BEETLE DRIVE fundraiser – April

Thank you to all those families who attended this popular event at the end of last half-term. The evening was great fun and raised £160 for PTA funds which will benefit our pupils.



Please take a look at our display in the school entrance for details of spending during the school year. If you would like to get involved in helping us to raise funds for the extras in school please join us at our PTA meeting (see diary dates) where you would be made very welcome.

THURSTONLAND SCARECROW TRAIL WEEKEND!

Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st May



Thurstonland Village Association are holding a scarecrow trail in Thurstonland on the above dates and would like as many families and pupils from our school to be involved as possible.

You can do this either by making and displaying a scarecrow yourself (if you live in Thurstonland) or by coming along on the weekend to take part in the trail.

(Scarecrow Registration Forms were sent home in book-bags on Thursday but please ask at school if you need another copy - to be returned by 8th May).

The theme for this event is "Children's Stories and Nursery Rhymes" (Each school class will be making a scarecrow for this event - look out for them in the playground!)

There will also be a quiz and a prize for the best scarecrow!

