

# THURSTONLAND FIRST SCHOOL



## AUTUMN NEWSLETTER (SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2017)

*We would like to extend a warm welcome to our 11 new Reception pupils and their families and also to new pupil Poppy Lawrence and her family (Year 3 class). We are sure you will join us in welcoming all our new pupils into our school community and wishing them every success here at Thurstonland First School.*



### Calendar dates

Thursdays commencing 14 <sup>th</sup> September 3:30 – 4:30pm	Olympic Club – Project Sport Participating pupils from Y2-5 (5 sessions) <b>No club 5<sup>th</sup> October</b>
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> September 4-5pm	Y2/3 Cross Country at Shepley First School
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	Bikeability for Y5 pupils
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October 4-5pm	Y4/5 Girls Football at Shelley College (participating pupils)
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Y2/3 trip to Yorkshire Museum of Farming & Danelaw Centre for Living History (letter to follow shortly)
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Y2/3 trip to Castle Hill (letter to follow shortly)
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' Evenings for Y1-5 pupils from 3pm
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October 1-3pm	Y1 Indoor Athletics at Shelley College
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 9.20am</b>	Harvest at St. Thomas's Church – supporting the Welcome Centre ( <b><i>NB Please note amended date – previously scheduled for Tues 17<sup>th</sup></i></b> )
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' Evenings for Reception pupils
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 9.30am -12 noon	Year 2 Multi-skills at Shelley College



## Calendar dates – continued..

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm

PTA Halloween Hullabaloo (to be held at school)

***Last day of first half-term is Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October  
First day of second half-term is Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October***

[Holiday calendar Thurstonland First School 2017-2018](#)



We will no doubt be adding to the above diary dates in due course and will continue to use our regular newsletters (usually produced at least half-terminly) to keep you updated on the majority of events going on.

We try to keep our letters to a minimum and to send them by email in order to save paper in line with our Eco School aims.

Letters will be sent via our [letters.thurstonland@kirkleeseducation.uk](mailto:letters.thurstonland@kirkleeseducation.uk) email address – please feel free to reply to the email regarding that particular event or activity.

General enquiries or information can be sent to the usual email address which is [office.thurstonland@kirkleeseducation.uk](mailto:office.thurstonland@kirkleeseducation.uk).

***Please remember to keep us up to date with any changes in your personal information, such as e-mail address, contact numbers etc.  
We will shortly be sending out an update form for you to check and sign before returning it to us (Year 1-5 pupils only).***



Our school garden is also looking great thanks to the hard work of a number of families over the summer holidays who very kindly took turns to come in and do the gardening.

**Thank you very much to all families involved: Blackwill, McLeish, Lloyd, Simmons & Dobson**

The storytelling area and canopy have also been cleaned during the holidays by our caretaker, Mr Erlank.

### **P.E. DAYS FOR ALL YEAR GROUPS**

Please note the following P.E. days when your child will need their kit in school: -

Rec/Year 1: Thursday afternoons (outdoors)

Year 2/3: Tuesday afternoon (outdoor) & Friday afternoons  
(both indoor & outdoor PE kits are required on Fridays please)

Year 4/5: Wednesday (outdoors) and Friday swimming

Please ensure that your child brings their named kit on the correct day

### **WHOLE SCHOOL THEATRE VISIT**



We are very much looking forward to our theatre trip which will take place on the morning of **5<sup>th</sup> December**.

Just in case you are planning a festive theatre trip as a family and wish to avoid duplication school will be going to

[Wakefield Theatre Royal](#) to watch **'Aladdin'**



Please help us in the school office by continuing to ensure that dinner money accounts are kept in credit at all times (meals should be paid for in advance not in arrears) and that milk money, any voluntary trip contributions and out of school clubs etc. are paid by the deadline given.

*Letters have just been sent home for the activation of new accounts.  
If you need any help setting up your new account or experience any problems throughout the school year please contact Ed or Debbie in the office who will be happy to help.*

## DIARY DATES FOR UPCOMING PTA EVENTS

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October** PTA AGM meeting (6pm at school) All welcome to attend.

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October** Halloween Hullabaloo (6 – 7:30pm) in school

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November** Movie Night 'Little Vampire' £6 per child includes hot dog, drink & Halloween treats (£5 per child if 2 or more children in family)  
(Places limited – please forward money in named envelope to reserve)

[View the latest PTA newsletter here.](#)

The PTA committee has a vacancy for the position of Secretary – please see Miss Norris (PTA Chair) or any other committee member if you would like to offer your services in this role – or come along to the AGM in October.

## CRICKET TOURNAMENT

At the end of summer term all pupils took part in an afternoon of cricket kindly organised for us by the Sports Leaders from Kirkburton Middle School – the weather was very kind to us and all the children enjoyed the games.



[Take a look at the website for more photos.](#)