

# THURSTONLAND FIRST SCHOOL



## SPRING 1 NEWSLETTER (JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2018)



### Calendar dates

Tuesdays commencing 9 <sup>th</sup> January to 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Y4/5 pupils – Indoor PE sessions at Kirkburton Middle School
Mondays commencing 15 <sup>th</sup> January 3.30 – 4.45pm	Cookery Club – Mrs Lynne Kershaw Participating pupils from Y3-5 (5 sessions) <b>Last club 12<sup>th</sup> February</b>
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 4/5 Young Voices @ Sheffield Arena
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Starlight Collection – see page 4
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Y4/5 trip to The Zone – to kick off Birkby Twinning Project – letter to follow
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Y1 Multi-Skills at Shelley College from 9.30am – 12 noon – letter to follow
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Y4/5 to participate in Mrs Sunderland “Mighty Sky” Workshop @ Huddersfield Town Hall during the morning, followed by a concert from 7pm- approx..8pm – letter to follow

***Last day of this half-term is Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February***

***First day of half term 2 is Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February***

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

**Where possible we will use our text messaging service for reminders of dates or requests, however we recommend that the above is also used to set your own reminders for events relevant to your child or their class.**

## General Reminders

Whilst at school children **should not** wear jewellery primarily for safety reasons but also as it causes a distraction and can be lost and/or damaged. For specific advice regarding earrings please refer to the school prospectus on our website.

False nails of any type should not be worn to school and nail varnish is strongly discouraged.

### PE Kits

For Indoor PE kits pupils are encouraged to wear the school PE kit consisting of white t-shirt and jade green shorts which can be purchased from Term Time Wear in Huddersfield. Alternatively, pupils should wear plain, suitable clothing and not fashion items.

For Outdoor PE kits pupils need a weather appropriate kit - warm top, jogging bottoms, trainers (or suitable footwear). Older clothing is advised as kit can get damaged and/or muddy.

PE Days are as follows:

Rec/Y1 : Outdoor Thursday

Y2/3 : Tuesday & Friday

Y4/5 : Outdoor Wednesday, Indoor Tuesdays at KMS (until 6<sup>th</sup> February only)  
Swimming Fridays

Please remember to **name everything** – shoes, trainers, uniform, coats, PE kits so that we can return mislaid items to their rightful owners.



## Student Teacher

We are pleased to welcome Student Teacher Miss Danielle Welburn who has joined us for this term in our Reception/Year 1 class.

## Staff changes

It is with great sadness that this half-term we say goodbye to Mrs Debbie Griffin who has worked in the school office for the last 12 years. The final week of this half-term will be Debbie's last with us and we're sure you will join us in wishing her all the best for the future and thanking her for many years of hard work for our school.

We also say goodbye to Liz Wood who works at the after school club and is leaving at the end of January. We would like to thank Liz for her hard work at the club.

## "People who help us" topic – Reception/Y1 class

Next half term our Reception/Year 1 class is studying the topic "People who help us" and we like to have visitors to speak to the children to bring the topic to life.

**We would like to ask any parents who work in the healthcare sector, library service or any other field where they help people if they have a spare hour or so to come in to speak to the pupils about what they do.**

Please speak to Miss Norris or the school office if you can help.

## Head Lice in school

Once again we have received reports of Head Lice so please .....

**Once a Week TAKE A PEEK!**

To help try and combat recurring head lice infestations  
**please regularly check your child's hair.**

The only weapon worth using in the fight against lice...



**Available from the school office at the subsidised price of only £5**

Further information on head lice can be found on the school website under the **[Parents information tab.](#)**

## PTA News

Thank you so much for your support, as always, of our fundraising events. We raised £140 with our school tea towels & £205 with the pupil designed Christmas cards. PTA funds were also used for each class to have their own Christmas party.

Our next fundraiser is in collaboration with [Starlight](#) for clothing recycling on 2<sup>nd</sup> February – please see below for information.

**This leaflet was also sent home in book bags on 16<sup>th</sup> January.**



### Upcoming PTA events....

Our next fundraising event will be a Bingo & Beetle night at Easter time. Details and date to follow in due course.

## ***Reading Friends Scheme run by Kirklees Council***

Please find below information regarding the [Reading Friends Scheme](#) as run by Kirklees MC.

*Reading Friends is a paired reading project which involves adult volunteers giving up an hour of their time per week to read with pupils in Kirklees schools. During the hour, volunteers will support two pupils for the duration of a term (av. 8 - 10 weeks).*

**Below you will find an overview of the objectives covered on the training:**

- Early skills and experiences that contribute to reading development and factors that can affect reading development
- Considerations of working in schools, covering Safeguarding, requirement of a DBS, Prevent and EDI.
- Strategies for supporting pupils with decoding
- Approaches for developing comprehension skills
- Different levels of support
- Effective feedback

Kirklees Success Centres' courses are part funded by Kirklees Council's Adult and Community Learning and the European Social Fund (ESF), therefore **free of charge** to participants that are 19+ and not employed by the school, e.g. parents, relatives and community members. The training comprises 12 GLH and generally takes place across 4 weeks (1 morning per week). In response to the Ofsted framework and scrutiny around safeguarding, volunteers will be provided with further instructions for completing the KSCB's online 'Safeguarding: Basic Awareness' and the Government 'Prevent' course.

The training is graded 'Outstanding' by Ofsted and subject to regular quality assurance checks by internal and external Quality Officers.

**If any parents or family members are interested, please contact the school office for more information.**

## **Governors Minute Clerks required**

***IF YOU HAVE SOME SPARE TIME AND HAVE AN INTEREST IN EDUCATION - WILL YOU CONSIDER BECOMING A SCHOOL GOVERNORS' MINUTE CLERK?***

**A number of vacancies exist for a Governing Body Minute Clerk (part-time evenings) – various vacancies within Kirklees.** The current fee for Governing Body meetings is £59.88 per meeting plus travel expenses.

For further information contact Amerjit Sahota on **01484 414701**

Email: [amerjit.sahota@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:amerjit.sahota@kirklees.gov.uk) or visit the Kirklees Employment website for an application pack: <https://jobs.kirklees.gov.uk/business-support-and-administration-children-and-young-people-minute-clerk-various-jobs/14938.job>

**Photos below of our choir's visit to Cliffe House at Christmas time, our beautiful Christmas tree which was on display at St Thomas Church and the Year 4/5 class enjoying their Christmas party!**



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