



The Thornton Times

The school newsletter for children, parents and carers of Thornton Primary School.

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Friday 18th October 2019

Hello everyone.

How healthy are the snacks and lunches you are sending to school with your children? Today I saw children eating Doritos, smarties, sucking lollies and eating up to 10 biscuits for their snack at morning break. Please **DO NOT** send sugary snacks, sweets and crisps to school with your children—they will not be allowed to have them for their break. Please send fruit or some other healthy snack such as rice cakes, plain flapjacks, raisins etc which are slow burning and will give your children the energy they need to get through a long morning. We will also trial selling fruit at school after half term to see if we can encourage children to eat more fruit. I am so worried about our children's teeth—many of our children are having multiple extractions because their teeth are rotting away due to the amount of sugar they are eating. Regular brushing twice a day and a big reduction in sugar will keep your children's teeth and gums healthy.



See you all on Monday for the last week of term.

Sue Simmons, Headteacher.

Harvest Assembly

A big **THANK YOU** to all the parents who attended the Harvest assembly. The Harvest assembly celebrated the importance of sharing and explained how Harvest is celebrated around the world. The School Councillors enjoyed working with Vijay to perform a traditional Bhangra folk dance about Harvest.

Currently, Thornton School are in the process of collecting items for our local foodbank and you have already donated over 500 items so thank you for your continued support.



Year 5 Dance Workshop

To celebrate the Hindu Festival of Light, on Tuesday we had a specialist dance coach visit Year 5. The workshop encouraged children to explore the diverse sounds and dance from a different culture, bringing a day filled with the vibrancy of the subcontinent. All of the children participated - ask anyone in Year 5 to show you their moves!



Blue Cross

On Wednesday Year 6 had a visitor, Jason, from the charity Blue Cross. He ran workshops throughout the day with each class talking to them about the jobs that dogs do and also how to stay safe around dogs.



Dates for your diary



Year 5 Hindu Assembly—**Tuesday**

22nd October 9 am-9:30 am

Last day of Autumn Term 1 — **Friday 25th October.**

Teachers Training Day—**Monday 4th**

November (school closed to pupils).

School Re-opens to pupils — **Tuesday 5th November .**

Children in Need— **Friday 15th November**



Golden Attendance Ticket



Mrs Simmons and Mrs Grace are pleased to announce the **Autumn Term Bronze Award**—Pupils need to achieve 97% and above attendance to qualify. The children will be treated to **The Wizard Of Oz** pantomime. Look out for more information at the end of Autumn Term 2.



GOOD LUCK EVERYONE!!!!

Class Attendance

Well done to **Tawny Owl 3** who achieved 100% attendance last week.

A huge well done to **YEAR 5** all 5 classes achieved 97% above attendance! The following achieved 97% and above attendance last

Year 3—Barn Owl 3, Eagle Owl 3,

Year 4—Snowy Owl 4, Eagle Owl 4

Year 5—Eagle Owl 5, Barn Owl 5, Great Horned Owl 5, Tawny Owl 5, Snowy Owl 5 **WOW!!!**



Year 6— Eagle Owl 6, Barn Owl 6, Great Horned Owl 6, Tawny Owl 6

Playground Safety

Please do not leave your children unsupervised in the playground before 8.30am in the morning. The Senior Leadership Team and the Pastoral Team are out in the playground from 8.30am in the morning. This week, staff have found children in the playground unsupervised before 8.30am. For safeguarding purposes it is important that you do not leave your children unsupervised. **Alternatively pupil's can access Breakfast Club each morning free of charge from 7.45am.** We do advise you to contact school 24 hours before attending, so the breakfast staff are aware your child is joining breakfast club to ensure we can accommodate them.