

Thorn Grove Gazette

Friday 15th September 2023

Dear Thorn Grove Families,

Welcome to this week's edition of Thorn Grove Gazette. I hope you have all had a lovely week and the cooler weather has been far more pleasurable.

On Wednesday 20th September there will be a PTA meeting in school at 6pm. During this meeting we will plan events for the year and new suggestions are always welcome. It would be lovely to see some new faces come and join us!

Have a lovely weekend

Miss Vose



Key Dates

Tues 26th Sept - Y6 Height & Weight Screening

Wed 27th Sept - Prospective Parents Tours

Fri 29th Sept - Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Wed 4th Oct - Y3 trip to Tatton Park

Tues 10th Oct - Rookie Rockstars in school

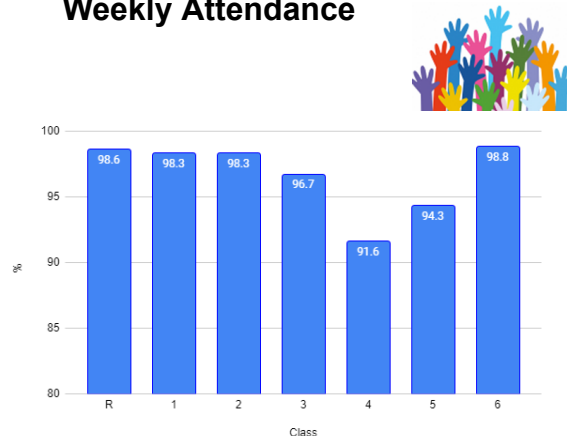
Tues 10th Oct - Parents Evening

Thur 12th Oct - Parents Evening

Fri 13th Oct - Harvest Donations



Weekly Attendance



Dangerous Driving

As I have been on the school playground over the past week I have been deeply shocked and concerned about the dangerous nature of cars entering our school car park at drop off and pick up time. This is an accident waiting to happen. Therefore, the car park gate will now be closed during this time.



This Weeks

Star of the Week



Volunteers

Last year we benefited hugely from an army of volunteers who made a huge difference to the learning experiences and outcomes of our children. This year we want to do the same. If any parents, grandparents or other family members would like to be part of the Thorn Grove team and could offer a morning, afternoon over the course of the week we would love to hear from you. Please email admin@tgps.uk You will love every minute!



Lunchtime Sports Activities - A message from our Head boy and girl

At TGPS, we have got an amazing new SK coach for lunchtimes. He is called Austin and helps us with sports such as football, basketball and cricket. He is helping us to develop lots of skills and have fun lunchtimes. We have discussed this exciting provision with the KS2 children and here is what they had to say about Austin and the activities.

Joseph said, "He helps us have fun each lunchtime, he is a brilliant coach and it is a good opportunity for me as it is my last year at the school."

Billy said, "Austin makes lunchtimes more fun and active and I can't wait to see what other activities we can do!"

These are the sports your child will be playing if they choose to.

Football, basketball, cricket and class games such as capture the flag and stuck in the mud.



What a fantastic Start

Our EYFS children have settled amazingly into our nursery and reception classes. Our new tribes are up and running and we are now the super cubs and the busy bees. The children have been working hard to create our tribe flags and learn our tribe songs. We have beautiful displays of the children's artwork to showcase our values. The children have been getting to know their new friends, exploring their new environment and have thoroughly enjoyed going down to the dinner hall for lunch. We are looking forward to what's coming in the next few weeks and are super excited about our first stay and play session at the end of this half term. We are very proud of all our EYFS children!.



Attendance

I am very impressed with how the children have returned to school and the minimal absence we have experienced so far. I thought it would be useful to share some information from the Government regarding when children can still be in school and when they need to be off. The aftermath of COVID has left us unsure of what is and is not 'allowed' and appropriate and I know from talking with families this can often lead to missing more sessions off school than is necessary. Therefore, please refer to the following guidance. [Is my child too ill for school?](#)

Young Voices

This is your last chance to sign up for stardom. If you would like to participate in this year's choir and Young Voices please follow the [link](#).



Cheadle Mosque Open Day



Visit My Mosque 2023

'FAITH, FOOD & FRIENDS'

Visit the newly built Cheadle Masjid; we think it's a place of beauty and inspiration, but find out for yourself - **COME AND VISIT US!**

MOSQUE TOURS
ARTS & CRAFTS
EXHIBITIONS
QUR'AN CORNER
HENNA
REFRESHMENT
HISTORICAL ARTEFACTS....

This is an event open to the wider community, for anyone who would like to visit a Mosque.

SAT 23RD SEPT 2023 **ALL ARE WELCOME**
TIME: 11AM - 4PM

FREE EVENT - PLEASE BOOK AT: AT CHEADLE MASJID
[HTTPS://CMATRUST.ORG.UK/VMM23](https://cmatrust.org.uk/vmm23) 377 WILMSLOW ROAD, SK8 3NP

Macmillan Coffee and Cake

On Friday 29th September we will be having a Coffee and Cake afternoon to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. We took part in this last year and it was extremely well attended, thus raising a great deal of money for a fantastic cause. To help us can we please ask for cake, cookie and biscuit donations to be brought into school on the morning of Friday 29th. If home baked please provide details of ingredients. The event will then start at 3:20pm in the school hall, which will be accessed through the main entrance. Many thanks in advance, we look forward to seeing you there!



Go Penguins! (Year 3) becoming Percussion Penguins!

Monday was the start of our new links with Stockport Music Service. We are developing our Music curriculum by using their expertise in some of our year groups. Our Year 3 penguins are learning to play untuned percussion, which includes djembe drums. They have started learning some African call and response songs too. It was definitely a very exciting lesson and they can't wait to see what the rest of the term has in store.



School Start Time

In Key Stage 2, the doors will now open at 8.40am. They will close at 8.50am. This will then correlate with Key Stage 1. We thought this information had been shared in our Summer Newsletter, although when we have checked it has not.

Gates will now open at 8:30am and children are your responsibility until 8.40am.