

Thorn Grove Gazette

Friday 12th January 2024

Dear Thorn Grove Families,

Happy New Year! I hope the start of 2024 has been a positive one for you. I have been delighted to see the children back in school this week and they have settled superbly well. I have visited every classroom several times and have been impressed with the purposeful learning, calm environments and discussions taking place. Well done to all children for a really positive start to 2024.

On Wednesday I was involved in 'Bidders Day' here at school. This is where the DfE and representatives from 4 different building firms visited the school to see the site, meet myself and hear about the vision of our school. This then results in a contractor being chosen to be responsible for building our new school. This is a hugely positive step forward and more information will follow when I am in a position to share this.

Have a lovely weekend

Miss Vose

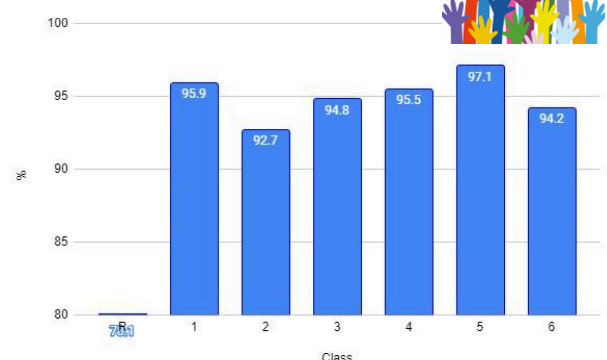
This week's Assembly focus:



Monday : Benjamin Zephaniah:
Overcoming dyslexia and
becoming a world renowned poet
and actor.

Friday: What is a Hijab and why do people
wear them? by Tulin in Year 6
What Went Well
Keys of Kindness

Weekly Attendance



Key Dates

- Tues 16th Jan - UKS2 Basketball
- Mon 22nd Jan - Y4 MTC meeting
- Tues 30th Jan - Parents Evening
- Tues 30th Jan - UKS2 Athletics
- Thurs 1st Feb - UKS2 Netball
- Thurs 1st Feb - Parents Evening
- Mon 5th Feb - Young Voices
- Fri 9th Feb - School Closes for half term
- Tues 20th Feb - Children return to school
- Thurs 29th Feb - Y4/5 Football
- Thurs 7th March - World Book Day

Leadership Team

The start of the Spring term means we say thank you to Isabelle and Junior in Year 6 for all their hard work while they have been Head Boy and Head Girl. We now welcome Sasha and Frederick into this position for the Spring term.



Narrative Immersion in EYFS

This week our EYFS children have started their Narrative immersion journey with the introduction of the Magic Story box ritual. They have been transported into a story world where they met Little Red Riding Hood's mother who was concerned about the health and wellbeing of Granny. The children became happy helpers in a mission to help Granny get better. With the help of homemade capes and masks the children made fruit salads, apple crumble, medicines and wrote cards to wish her a speedy recovery. We have also enjoyed a 'red' day to celebrate Little Red Riding Hood's favourite colour. We have had a fantastic first week and are looking forward to who we are going to meet next week and where our journey will take us next.



Amaretti Chamber Orchestra

I would like to invite your families to Amaretti Chamber Orchestra AFTERNOON concert in Cheadle Hulme in support of Together Trust. The programme includes the wonderful children's classic Peter and the Wolf, with narrator and various instruments in the orchestra depicting the different characters in the story.

The concert is on Saturday 3rd February 3-5 pm at St Andrew's Church, Cheadle Rd, Cheadle Hulme SK8 5ET. Tickets just £12 for adults and free for accompanied children are available from ticketsource.co.uk/amaretti-chamber-orchestra

In the first half, 3-3.30 pm, we will be performing Peter and the Wolf by Prokofiev, narrated by local CHADS actor Richard Sails. Here is a [YouTube link](#) for a lovely version of it complete with illustrations.

After the interval, during which refreshments will be provided, at 4 pm we will perform the Beethoven Violin Concerto with soloist Nathan Fenwick, virtuoso violinist, graduate of the RNCM. [Here](#) is a YouTube link with Itzhak Perlman performing it exquisitely, recorded live in 1992.

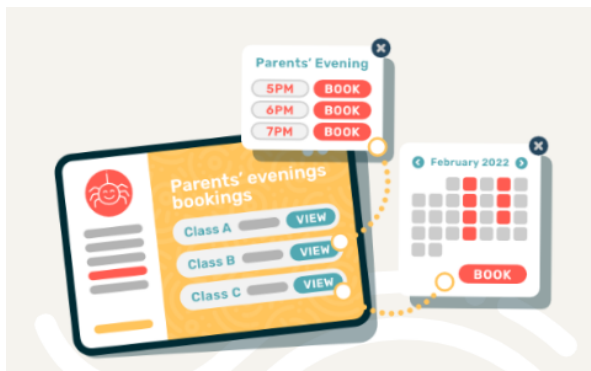
There will be some reserved seating at the front for young children and their families - on a first come, first served basis.

There is parking for up to 50 cars behind the church.

Best wishes

Brigid Hemingway

Spring Parents Evening



At the end of this month we will be holding our spring parents evenings. This will be an opportunity for the class teacher to discuss the recent assessments, how your child is performing academically and suggested targets.

As you are aware we have moved to School Spider as our communication platform and you are now able to book your parents evening slot through the **School Spider App**. This will be a meeting in school and we are no longer holding virtual meetings via SchoolCloud. You will be able to book your slot from 9am on Monday.