

Thorn Grove Primary School



Autumn 1 newsletter



Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you enjoyed a lovely summer break with your children. The weather for once was on our side and so many of us have had a summer to remember. I know the children enjoyed their extended break from school with suntans to match their love of the outdoors!

However, we are back at school and the autumn term has already started with earnest! The children have settled extremely well into their new classes and seem to have shot up in height! They all look fantastic in their smart new uniforms. If for any reason you are unsure of the uniform colours please look on the website where the information is clearly listed.

Below you will find information that you need to be aware of and the all-important diary dates:

1. Enrolment at Thorn Grove

If you would like to secure a place for your child at Thorn Grove Primary School for September 2019 or for Secondary School, please apply **on line** at **Stockport.gov.uk**. Please note that application forms must be completed and submitted for entry by:
31st October 2018 for Secondary Schools
15th January 2019 for Primary (including Reception)
31st March 2019 for Nursery

2. Times Tables Awards

Once again this year children will be completing the times table challenge. Children who achieve their gold award (or are able to show that they can work at their age related expectations) will receive a special prize towards the end of the academic year. The main reason for doing this is that times tables are incredibly important and form the back bone of fluent maths work. Children need to know their times tables and be able to recall the facts in a rapid manner. Children will be assisted to learn their times tables as part of numeracy lessons, discreet sessions and in 1-1 support session during the day. Additionally, times table practice will be set for homework and we implore parents to assist in the learning of this vital skill.

3. An invitation to our whole school assemblies!

Awards Assembly - Friday 11.40 a.m.

In our Friday Assembly the class teachers award a child from their class with a certificate of merit for something that the child has achieved or made a noticeable contribution towards. For pupils in Reception and Key Stage 1 the award is known as 'Star of the Week' in KS2 it is the 'Pupil of the Week' award.

If your child has been selected for an award you will be notified on a Wednesday and given an invitation to attend the Friday assembly. If at such short notice you are unable to attend the assembly, we can defer the award to the following week but you must negotiate this with the class teacher. Please note we ask you to make this request in exceptional circumstances only.

The reward assembly is also an opportunity for parents to enjoy refreshments in the staff room prior to the assembly with the Headteacher and your child. Other awards are also handed out in this assembly but due to a lack of available space we cannot invite all parents to attend.

Class Assembly-Thursday 2.55pm

Parents are invited to attend the class assembly for their child's year group. It is an opportunity for the school to share the good work and practise that is taking place in each class on an everyday basis.

Half Term 1	Half Term 2
20.09.18 Y6	01.11.18 Y1
27.09.18 Y5	08.11.18 Y6
04.10.18 Y4	15.11.18 Y5
11.10.18 Y3	22.11.18 Y4
18.10.18 Y2	29.11.18 Y3
	06.12.18 Y2

On arrival at school parents will need to sign in and make their way into the hall.

4. Pop along to coffee mornings with the Headteacher each term and drop into your child's class.

This is an opportunity for parents to meet with me and to have an insight into developments that are taking place in the school. These coffee mornings are also aimed at those parents who want to have the opportunity to sit in on their child's lessons and to find out about the strategies used in class.

Parents are invited to coffee mornings this term on the following days.

Date and Time	Year Groups
25.9.18 9:15	EYFS
11.10.18 9:15-10.00am	Y1 AND Y2
08.10.18 9:15-10.00am	KS2 (Y3,4,5 & 6)

5. Celebrate Harvest at Thorn Grove

We welcome parents to join us for our Harvest Assembly. This year our assembly will be led by the Vicar of All Saints Parish -Janet Bacon. The assembly will start at 9.15am and finish at 9.40am.

6. Home Visits

Thank you to all our new intake parents, who warmly welcomed our Foundation Stage Staff into their homes, for a home visit.

7. Diary Dates

Sept

- Thurs 20.09.18 EYFS Open Morning 10.30am
- Mon 24.09.18 PTA AGM Meeting 6.30pm
- Tues 25.09.18 EYFS Coffee Morning 9.00 am
- Fri 28.09.18 McMillian Coffee Event 3.00 pm School canteen

Oct

- Tues 2.10.18 Yr6 Height and Weight screening 1.15pm
- Mon 8.10.18 KS2 Coffee Morning 9.15 am
- Tues 9.10.18 EYFS Phonics Workshop 5.30 – 6.00pm
- Wed 10.10.18 Yr1 Phonics Meeting 2.45 – 31.5pm

- Thurs 11.10.18 KS1 Coffee Morning 9.15 am
- Fri 12.10.18 NON UNIFORM – Bottles for PTA Christmas Fair
- Mon 15.10.18 Harvest Assembly with Janet Bacon 9.15 -9.45am
- Wed 17.10.18 Individual Pupil Photographs
- Fri 19.10.18 NON UNIFORM – Class Hampers for PTA Christmas Fair
- Fri 19.10.18 Children break up for half term
- Mon 29.10.18 Children return to school

Nov

- Thurs 1.11.18 PTA Autumn Disco TBC
- Fri 2.11.18 EYFS Open Morning 9.00 – 10.00am
- Thurs 8.11.18 KS1 SAT's Parents Evening 5.00 -6.00pm
- Thurs 8.11.18 KS2 SAT's Parents Evening 6.00 -7.00pm
- Fri 9.11.18 NON UNIFORM – Lucky Dip for PTA Christmas Fair
- Tues 13.11.18 Parents Evening
- Thurs 15.11.18 Parents Evening
- Thurs 15.11.18 Children in Need
- Fri 16.11.18 SCHOOL CLOSED INSET DAY
- Fri 23.11.18 NON UNIFORM – Christmas Stall for PTA Fair
- Fri 30.11.18 NON UNIFORM - Cakes & Chocolates for PTA Fair
- Fri 30.11.18 PTA Christmas Fair 6.00 -8.00 pm

Dec

- Wed 5.12.18 Christingle Assembly with Janet Bacon – Pupils only
- Thurs 13.12.18 KS1 Christmas Dress Rehearsal 2.00pm
- Thurs 13.12.18 KS1 Christmas Production 6.00 – 7.00pm
- Fri 14.12.18 Christmas Jumper Day for 'Save the Children'
- Fri 14.12.18 Pupil Christmas lunch
- Fri 14.12.18 Pantomime for children Rec – Yr 6 Aladdin
- Mon 17.12.18 Lower KS2 (Y3/4) Dress Rehearsal 10.30am
- Mon 17.12.18 Lower KS2 (Y3/4) Production 6.00- 7.00pm
- Tues 18.12.18 Y5/6 KS2 Carol Concert at All Saint's Church 6.30pm
- Wed 19.12.18 Foundation Christmas Production 9.30am for start of week children & 2.00pm for end of week children
- Wed 19.12.18 Parties and Disco all classes
- Fri 21.12.18 School CLOSES for Christmas Holidays

Jan 2019

- Mon 7.1.19 Children return to school

Celebrating our Academic successes!

Our results have been excellent across the board once more, and it gives me great pleasure to share these results with you all. Thank you for the tremendous support you offer the school, without which these outcomes would not be possible!

Reception:

The number of children that achieved the expected level of development in Reading, Writing and Maths combined was 79%. This was higher than the Local Authority (70%) and the National figure (72%).



Year One:

The children sit a phonics screening test at the end of Year one.

This year 74% of our pupils achieved the expected level!



Year Two:

	School	Local Authority	National
KS1 28 Pupils	At the expected standard	At the expected standard	At the expected standard
Reading	78.6%	74.3%	76%
Writing	78.6%	68.7%	70%
Maths	78.6%	74.3%	76%
Science	82.1%	85.0%	83%



Year Six:



	School	Local Authority	National
KS2 31 Pupils in Y6	At the expected standard	At the expected standard	At the expected standard
Reading	80%	78.6%	75%
Writing	70%	79%	80%
Maths	83%	77%	76%
Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling	70%	79.8%	78%

I look forward to seeing you all over the coming term. In the meantime if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sue Denford
Headteacher