

# Thorn Grove Gazette

Friday 22nd September 2023

Dear Thorn Grove Families,

Welcome to this week's edition of Thorn Grove Gazette. I would like to say a huge thank you to the parents who joined us for the PTA meeting on Wednesday. We are delighted to inform you we have booked a Spooky Disco for Friday 20th October, after the huge success of last year. At this point we have not been able to plan any further events due to the limited number of PTA helpers. I will be sending some information out next week about the organising of a Christmas Fair, which we absolutely want to happen. These events are amazing to build a strong sense of community, build and foster relations as well as raise much needed funds for school. I must stress though without adequate support from the parental body, we will not be able to run a Christmas fair this year, so please have a chat with parents in your child's year group and rally the troops!

Have a wonderful 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

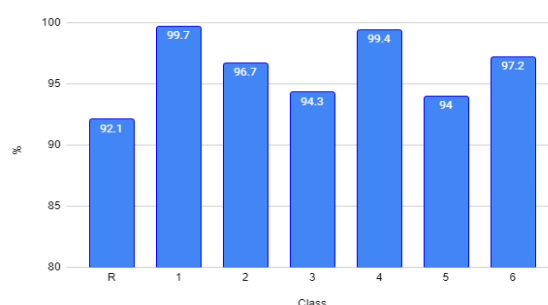
Tues 10th Oct - Parents Evening

Thur 12th Oct - Parents Evening

Fri 13th Oct - Harvest Donations



## Weekly Attendance



## Prospective Parents Tours

If you have any friends with younger children who will be starting school in the next couple of years please let them know we are having some open events. More information can be found on the [website](#) and they can book a place using this [form](#).

## This Weeks Star of the Week



## Bags 2 School

On **Wednesday 4th October** we will be having another Bags 2 School collection. You may remember this happening last year. Bags 2 School allows you to have a good clear out of your unwanted clothes items at home, fill a given bag, bring it to school and help raise much needed funds. To check which items are allowed click [here](#).

Please drop bags off on the morning of Wednesday 4th October and not before. Bags will be sent home next Friday.

### Front Row Music service

On Monday morning we were joined by Adam from Front Row music service. He introduced us to instruments from the ukulele to the electric guitar. The children were mesmerised whilst listening to him play.

Some of the children have already started to play some of these instruments in school and are thoroughly enjoying these sessions. This week your child will have brought a letter home about the music service they provide. If your child is interested in playing an instrument you can sign them up by scanning the QR code on the letter. If you have any problems please let your child's class teacher know.

This is such a fantastic opportunity for the children. You never know your child could be the next big star!.



### 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!



### Safeguarding at Thorn Grove

At Thorn Grove we are committed to the health, welfare and safety of our children and their families. We aim to foster an environment where children feel safe, happy and ultimately thrive. Sometimes, for a variety of reasons, families and children need further support, help and guidance. At Thorn Grove we endeavour to work in partnership with families and a range of services to ensure we can access the right support at the right time. Within school we have three Designated Safeguarding Leads who are available to talk to.



Miss Vose



Miss Brierley



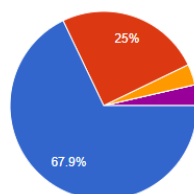
Mrs Arnold

## Parental Survey 2023

Last summer we sent out a parental survey in order to ascertain parent views regarding what Thorn Grove does well and possible ideas for how we could improve. We had 28 responses, which represents only 12% of our school community. However, I would like to thank each and everyone of you for taking the time to complete this. Below is a summary of the information provided and how I have already begun to action some of the findings.

My child is happy at Thorn Grove

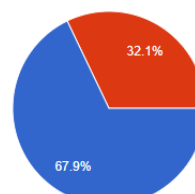
28 responses



Strongly agree  
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My child feels safe at Thorn Grove

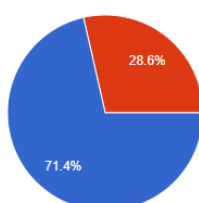
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Thorn Grove takes good care of my child

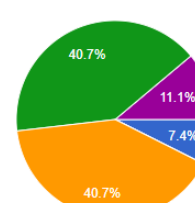
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Thorn Grove has high expectations for my child.

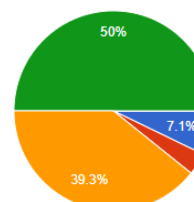
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Thorn Grove makes sure its pupils are well behaved.

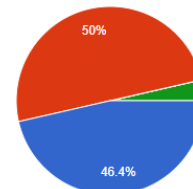
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My child is making good progress at school?

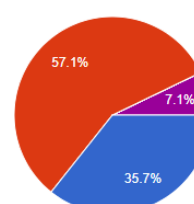
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Thorn Grove offers me help and advice on how to support my child at home.

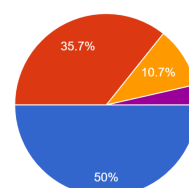
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Thorn Grove makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.

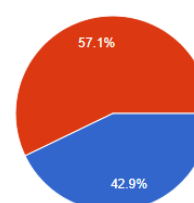
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My child has the opportunity to engage in a broad range of curriculum subjects.

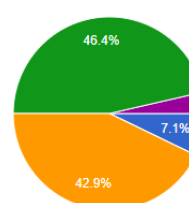
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Thorn Grove's Curriculum engages my child in learning.

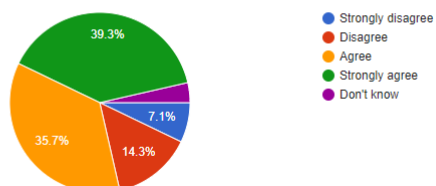
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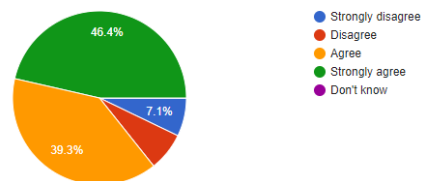
My child reads widely and often with fluency and comprehension appropriate for their age.

28 responses



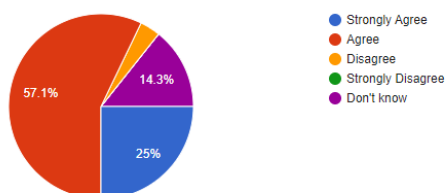
My child has a positive attitude to learning.

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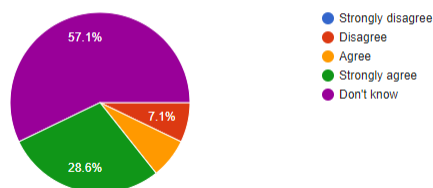
Thorn Grove offers clubs and extra curricular activities for my child

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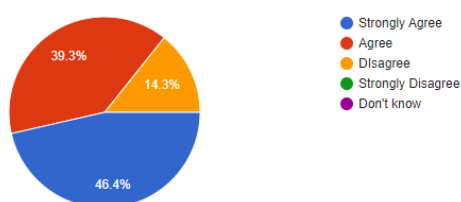
My child has SEND , and Thorn Grove gives them the support they need to succeed.

14 responses



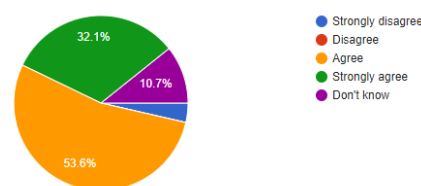
The level of communication I receive from Thorn Grove is good

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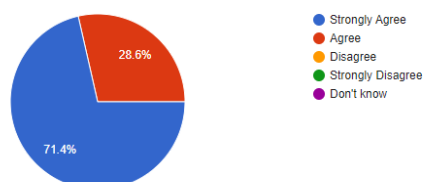
When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly.

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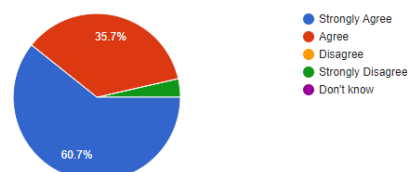
Staff at Thorn Grove are approachable, friendly and willing to help

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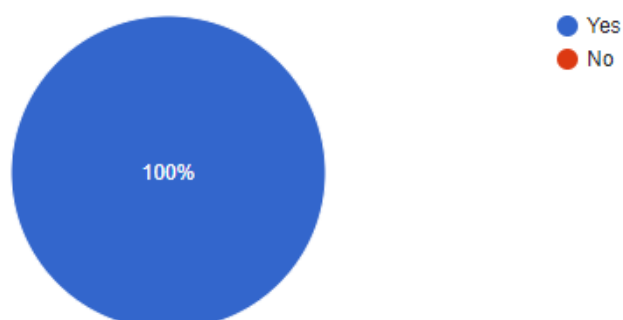
My child is encouraged to have good attendance and punctuality

28 responses



I would recommend Thorn Grove to another parent

28 responses



You said .....	We did .....
7% said you felt we did not ensure all pupils behave well at Thorn Grove	In school we feel our children's behaviour is superb, however we have started the year with 4 key behaviour themes; good manners, active listening, trying your best and taking pride in your work to add extra emphasis to quality learning behaviours.
A selection of parents said they would prefer a wider variety of sports offered and not so heavily reliant on cheerleading	We agree! Miss Stojic, our PE lead, has worked very hard over the Summer term to ensure a range of coaches have been selected for this academic year. In addition we have already booked a number of PE competitions and events for the Autumn term and now have a sports coach supporting KS2 playtime.
14% of parents felt our communication was not effective.	The main source of communication to parents is Thorn Grove Gazette and this is a MUST READ to ensure you are up to date with what is happening and what is coming up at our school. Mrs Hawkins and I have also been working very hard to redesign a new website, which is far more user friendly and will have upcoming dates on the home page. This should be launched after the October half term.
It would be great to see more musical instrument lessons in school.	We agree! Thorn Grove has offered private music lessons for some time. However we want to ensure music opportunities are accessible to all and this year are working with Stockport Music Service to deliver whole class instrument sessions. This is already underway in Year 3 with African Drumming.
Next Steps	
This year we will be working on co-production practices with parents. This has already started in our EYFS department. Parents, through the vehicle of a TOP SECRET envelope, have already started being involved in the planning of activities for their children.	
Mrs Tweddle, our Reading Leader, will be working with our team to look at the books our children read and are exposed to as they journey through their Thorn Grove years. We want to ensure these are current, engaging, diverse and reflect our school community.	
I am very excited to share that we will be working on evaluating and re-shaping the vision and values of our school. This will ensure we have clear aims and objectives as to what we are trying to achieve. All stakeholders will be involved in this process later this academic year.	
Miss Beale will continue to work on our wellbeing and mental health offer for children and families with a focus on digital technology and how this can help and hinder our wellbeing.	