

Thorn Grove Gazette

Friday 29th September 2023

Dear Thorn Grove Families,

Welcome to this week's edition of Thorn Grove Gazette. This week I showed thirty Nursery and Reception prospective parents around school and I could not have been prouder of the calm and purposeful our school environment was. Every class we went into was filled with children showing excellent learning behaviours, producing the highest standards of work and engaging in quality discussions. Our current Reception and Nursery children welcomed the 'little visitors' beautifully and showed what a warm and welcoming school we are. We have two more [prospective parent tours](#) scheduled for later this year; please pass this information to any local families who may need to enter the wonderful world of Thorn Grove!

Have a wonderful weekend

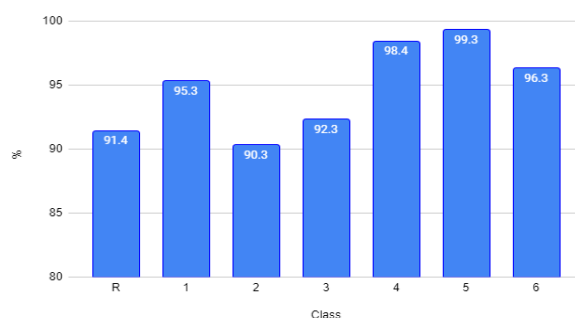
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Key Dates

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
Tues 17th Oct - Rookie Rockstars event
Fri 20th Oct - EYFS Stay & Play
Fri 20th Oct - Last day of half term



Weekly Attendance



Who wants a Christmas Fair?

WE DO! The PTA met last week and would love to organise another Christmas Fair. However, the only way we can make this happen is with your help. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! The more people who sign up, the less work there is for any one person on their own. Please look at this [document](#) and add your name and your child's name to the 'running of the stall' box. If we have enough volunteers the fair can go ahead!

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 today.

Autumn Parents Evening

During this term's meeting, teachers will give parents a summary of how their child has settled, learning attitudes and behaviours, engagement within the classroom, friendships and a readiness to learn. In addition, teachers will also provide initial academic information as well as ideas for home, if necessary.

Please note, only initial academic information will be provided, no formal assessments will have taken place at this point. This information will be available for the Spring appointment.

As in normal circumstances, the appointments will last for **10 minutes** and it is imperative we keep to times in order to ensure parents are not left waiting. Booking of all appointments will be done using our [online booking system](#). This system allows you to choose your own appointment times with teachers and you will receive an email confirming your appointment slot.



Census Day



Thursday 5th October is the Autumn Term Census Day and this data return impacts our next year's funding. The money the school receives from the government to pay for the Infant schools meals is based on an average of the number of meals taken on the census days in October, January and May.

We would like to ensure Thorn Grove receives the maximum possible Universal Infant Free School Meal Funding in order to future proof the success of the school and give our children the best possible resources and staffing.

We will be having a special Space Themed dinner that day as it is World Space Week and all children in Year R, Year 1 and Year 2 (as well as children in other year groups who are eligible for free school meals) will have a school dinner prepared for them (please select from Planet Burgers or Meteorite Nuggets on LunchHound) and the expectation is for your child to try it.

We would therefore discourage packed lunches for Reception and KS1 pupils on this day.

If you think you may be eligible for free school meals but have not yet registered through Stockport Council, please speak to the office or fill in an online application form at

<https://www.stockport.gov.uk/start/free-school-meals-application-form>

Science Visitors

We are appealing for anyone in our community who works in science (any sector: healthcare, dentistry, geology, veterinary science, pharmacology etc) to come into school to talk to the children about all the different paths that science can take you. If you would be interested or know of someone, please contact Mrs Dawson (Science lead) on class1@tgps.uk.

Thank you in advance!

