

# Thorn Grove Gazette

Friday 8th December 2023

Dear Thorn Grove Families,

Welcome to this week's edition of Thorn Grove Gazette. This week, after the children had gone home, the staff took part in a mock lockdown drill. We do this once a year and evaluate the procedures we have in place. I have chosen not to involve the children at this point, as I do not wish to add unnecessary panic to them. It is more important to ensure our staff are fully aware of our approach and procedure so if this was ever necessary they would take the lead and ensure the children felt safe and calm. I can only hope there is no reason to ever implement this, however I think it is important parents know there is a clear plan that is practised and evaluated by the staff team just in case.

Have a lovely weekend

Miss Vose

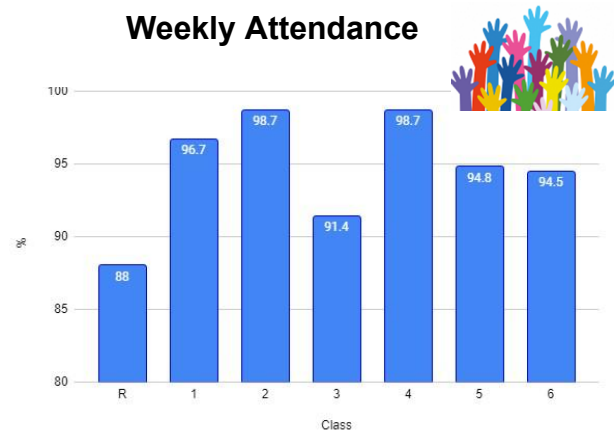
## Christmas Fair

I am very much looking forward to seeing you all at the fair this evening and want to thank you for all the donations we have received over the past weeks to make the fair a success.

In addition I would also like to thank every member of the PTA for working hard to make this event happen with a particular thanks to Mrs Bailey who is the fair coordinator.



## Weekly Attendance



## Key Dates



- Mon 11th Dec - Flu Vaccinations
- Tues 12th Dec - Y5 Cheadle Hulme School Science
- Wed 13th Dec - Christmas Jumper Day
- Wed 13th Dec - Christmas Dinner
- Wed 13th Dec - KS1 Christmas Performance
- Fri 15th Dec - Christmas Parties & Disco
- Tues 19th Dec - Y4/5 Swimming Gala
- Wed 20th Dec - EYFS Nativity
- Fri 22nd Dec EYFS Stay and Sing



## Star of the Week

## Letters to Santa

On Tuesday our EYFS children went for a walk to the post box to post their letters to Father Christmas.

We also visited the Co-Op to buy some ingredients to bake some Christmas treats. We created a shopping list together so we would know what to buy. Once we got to the shop the children helped to find all the ingredients we needed by following the list. They helped to pay and pack the shopping and helped to carry it back to school. What a fantastic morning we have had providing a real purposeful experience for our youngest learners. The children are now eagerly awaiting a reply from the big man!! Well done to all the children for their impeccable behaviour and manners whilst we were out. We are proud of you!!



## Christmas Carols

On Tuesday evening, Y5/6 children attended the annual Christmas Carol concert at St George's Church in Stockport. The children worked hard during the rehearsals to perfect the delivery of their lyrics, tweak their harmonies and feel confident with the actions.

The performance was spectacular! They sang with gusto and pride.

What a fantastic opportunity to sing as an ensemble with so many other schools in such a beautiful setting.



A huge well done Y5/6 - it really got the staff and families in the festive spirit.

## School Governors

Since the start of this year there have been quite a few changes to the Thorn Grove Governing Body. Our long standing Chair of Governors, Clair Alcock, finished her reign at the end of last year, resulting in a new Chair being appointed.

I would like to introduce **Mr Tim Buckley** as our new Chair of Governors. Many of your children have already met and worked with Tim since September as he has spent lots of time in school getting to know the staff and children. In addition he has worked with our School Council and Year 6 Leadership team to find out their views of the school to feed into our School Development Plan.

We have also elected two new parent governors, Gemma and Spike.

As well as Rana, a co-opted Governor. Please take a look at our [website for further details](#).

