



# **THORNLIEBANK PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY CLASS**

## **NEWSLETTER**



**NOVEMBER 2021**

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

15 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Book Week Scotland
19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Book character dress up day
14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	P4 and P5 Christmas party
	P7 Christmas Ceilidh at Thornliebank
16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	School Christmas Lunch
16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	P1, P2 and P3 Christmas party
17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	P6
WB 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Wear Christmas jumpers/accessories this week
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	School closes at 2.30pm
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2022	School resumes

### **STAFFING UPDATE**

Mrs Miller is not in school at the moment. Should you have any queries, please direct these to Mrs Wilson until Mrs Miller's return.

We are delighted to welcome Miss Davidson to the teaching staff at Thornliebank and I'm sure she will be made very welcome. Miss Davidson will be working across various stages to provide learning support, and covering classes to provide teaching staff with their non-class contact time.



### **ROAD SAFETY**



Unfortunately, this is an ongoing issue and we are still receiving complaints about dangerous parking on Bangorshill Street.

Please can we remind all parents and carers that it is illegal to stop your car on the zigzags and that you should also avoid bumping your car up onto the pavement.

We must all do what we can to ensure the safety of our children and families as they travel to and from school.

Our Campus Cop, PC Johnny Waters, will be patrolling Bangorshill Street regularly alongside the community policing team.

## COMMUNICATION

As parents and carers are not yet permitted to access school grounds and buildings due to continuing restrictions, we ask that you contact the school by telephone (0141 570 7440) or email [schoolmail@thornliebank.e-renfrew.sch.uk](mailto:schoolmail@thornliebank.e-renfrew.sch.uk). Depending on your query, our office staff may be able to help, or you can request to speak to your child's class teacher or a member of the Leadership Team.

We will also be sharing regular updates and information via email, so please ensure we have the correct email address on file. From time to time, we send out reminders and short messages via text, so please ensure we have the correct mobile number for you.

## EASY FUNDRAISING

A reminder that Thornliebank Primary School is signed up to Easy Fundraising, which means you can help raise money for our school when you are shopping online. To register, log into <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/> and search for Thornliebank Primary School in the 'Search for a Cause' box. Once registered, each time you shop online, just log in to Easy Fundraising first and access the retailer's website from this site, ensuring that the school receives the donation from the retailer.

## SCHOOL SNACKS

Please note that we are a NUT FREE SCHOOL and that you should not be sending your child to school with any items that contain nuts, such as certain chocolate spreads and sweets. Many of our children have allergies and we appreciate your co-operation in this matter.



## ATTENDANCE AND LATECOMING

If your child is going to be absent for any reason, please let us know as soon as possible. If you are leaving a message on the answerphone, please clearly state your child's name and class and the reason for their absence. At this time, we ask that you are very specific about their symptoms - in the past, parents have often told us their child has 'a fever' and if this is the case, a COVID test should be arranged immediately. We very much appreciate your cooperation with this matter.

If your child arrives late, please come to the school office where a member of staff will ensure they get to their class safely.

If you are going to be late to collect your child, please phone the school office to let us know. The children all know that they should tell a member of staff if their adult is not there to collect them, and they will wait at the school office until you arrive.

Should you require to take your child out of school during school hours it would be very helpful if you could let the school office know in advance, although we understand that certain circumstances may prevent this or make this difficult.

### CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS

Please note the dates for your diary at the start of the newsletter.

A further letter with more details of specific arrangements will sent out shortly.



### TWITTER AND SCHOOL WEBSITE

We are keen to start sharing photos of Thornliebank life on Twitter. If you are on Twitter, please follow us @ThornliebankPS to keep up-to-date on what the pupils are getting up to whilst they are here.

We are also working on updating our school website to ensure it has relevant information and important news. You can access our school website at

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/er/Thornliebank/>

### PARENT COUNCIL UPDATE

Despite having no access to the school the parent council are continuing with fundraising efforts this term. These funds pay for extra equipment, assist with school trips and other fun experiences within the school.

There is still the 'My child's art' winter project going on. If you haven't accessed your child's work yet, you can visit the [website](#) and enter the username **Thornliebank** and password **8G2R88KV**.

They are also running a Winter Raffle to be drawn on Friday 17th December. Prizes that have been generously donated by local businesses so far include restaurant and beauty vouchers, afternoon tea, gym membership and prize hampers. More information to follow, keep an eye on the parent council Facebook page and school twitter.

If any parents/ carers/ friends of Thornliebank would like to donate to the raffle then please get in touch.

Thanks for your support as always. If anyone would like to help with fundraising or join the parent council they can contact via email at [thornliebankpc@gmail.com](mailto:thornliebankpc@gmail.com)



# Nursery News

## **Staff news**

All nursery and Primary 1 staff had a very interesting and informative STEM In Service day where we received training in growing food to eat from Goody Foody Gardens and Learning through Landscapes delivered training in developing young children's mathematical learning outdoors

Congratulations to Mrs MacAskill who successfully completed her Postgraduate Certificate in Leadership for Learning with the University of the West of Scotland. Miss Livingstone has also successfully completed her PDA Level 8 in Childhood Practice. Also Miss Irwin has begun her 3<sup>rd</sup> year of her BA in Childhood Practice and Mrs McLaughlin is currently undertaking her Froebel in Childhood Practice certificate.

We would like to officially welcome to our team our two new Playworkers, Mrs Ailie Miller and Miss Anna Dunnet.

## **Learning**

The children have been learning all about the festival of Diwali. The children created their own diva lamps and investigated rangoli patterns. Mrs Kaur brought in some lovely clothes for the children to look at and we had a go at bhangra dancing.

The first group of children have started a block of Forest School and are thoroughly enjoying exploring our local woods. For COP26 the children were learning about trees and their importance to the environment and they planted a pear tree.

We have been developing our play dough area to encourage the children to follow recipes to create their own playdough each day. This has been very successful and look out for a short video and play dough recipe coming home for you to try with your child.

For Remembrance Day the children created and designed their own large poppy collage for display in Orchard Park Church which is currently displayed in their window.

## **Book Week Scotland**

Book Week Scotland and World Nursery Rhyme week took place from 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> November. The children took part in lots of story and rhyme experiences. The 5 official rhymes for 2021 are:

- Incy Wincy Spider
- Sleeping bunnies
- Wind the Bobbin
- Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes
- Down in the Jungle

We would be grateful if you could support your child's learning at home by singing these rhymes with them as nursery rhymes play such an important role in developing early phonological awareness.

## **Loose Parts Play**

We are always keen to add to our loose parts collection of resources and currently are developing an outdoor music area for children to explore. We are particularly looking for any old kitchen utensils (pots, pans, mashers, ladles or large spoons or metal items). Please donate any of these items if you can.

## **Nursery Fund**

At Thornliebank we ask parents to contribute to our nursery fund this is £2 per week or £20 per term. This fund is used to buy items for special celebrations, resources to support responsive planning and activities like baking and gardening.

You can pay this through ParentPay. Our office will issue log in details if you do not already have an account. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to date.