



## Thornliebank Primary School and Nursery Class



### October 2022 Newsletter

Dear Parent/ Carer,

Welcome back to all our pupils and families after the October break. This is a busy term, with lots of exciting things going on between now and December. This newsletter will give you information about some of the events we have coming up, and will focus on how we are using the Family Room to offer classes, events and different ways to help tackle the 'cost of living' crisis affecting us all.

#### **Collaborative Improvement Visit- Volunteers for Parent Focus Group needed!**

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, the school will be involved in a Collaborative Improvement Visit on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> November. As part of this visit, the visiting team of Quality Improvement Officers and Head Teachers would like to meet with a focus group of parents to chat about your experiences at families here at Thornliebank. If you would like to volunteer to be part of this focus group, please let me know. It will be on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 10:55** in the school.

#### **Diversity Champion Group and Coffee Morning**

The next Diversity Champion coffee morning will be on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November** in the family room. Please come along and join us for biscuits, tea, coffee and more chat about how we can celebrate diversity at Thornliebank more fully. Two members of the group have started cooking classes and will be talking about how that works, with the hope that more people in the group would like to get involved in helping to teach us recipes from different cultures!

#### **English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) and adult learning classes**

There will be an opportunity to meet with the Family Learning and ESOL team informally over tea/coffee and biscuits in our school Family Room. This will be an opportunity to find out more about how the team can help in a variety of ways, and different classes you might want to get involved in.

*English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) - Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November from 9.00am in The Family Room*

*Adult Learning Information– Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November from 9.00am The Family Room*

#### **Financial Wellbeing**

Nicola Reid-Taylor will be working with our staff team to support families throughout this session. She will be based within our school family room every Wednesday morning.

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#### **Harvest/ Food Pantry**

Following our Harvest assembly on Friday, we would like to launch our Thornliebank Food Pantry which is in our Family Room. All families can 'take what you need, bring what you can' and we will endeavour to keep the pantry stocked with non-perishable items throughout the year for anyone who needs them. If you are able to and would like to, please send any items you would like to donate for the pantry in with your child next week as a 'harvest collection'. This will build up a supply of items available to start us off. The pantry will be open on Mondays from 8.30 until 9.30 and again

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from 2.00 – 3.30pm and you can make a request for items through email. All requests will be kept completely confidential. We hope to have a Google Form for requests very soon.

### Uniform

Our school colours are black and yellow and pupils may wear different items of this colour to school each day. PE kit in these colours should be worn to school on PE days– Primary 6 & 7 should wear a shirt and tie on days they do not have PE. Please name all items sent into school – we have already amassed a large amount of unnamed lost property which is now being laundered and added to our recycled uniform rail and store. If anyone requires any school clothing items please email school for the attention of Mrs McGarvey and we will do our best to provide the sizes you require, we can also make referrals to the East Renfrewshire School Uniform Bank for those struggling to provide school uniform items. We are currently happy to take donations of polo shirts, school shirts and other PE kit such as joggers, leggings and shorts. We will also happily take donations of outdoor waterproof suits and wellingtons. If any parent has a little time available and would like to help with our recycled rail please speak with Mrs McGarvey.

Please check bags, particularly of younger pupils, as we have had a number of items lost recently items such as pencils cases, water bottles and named school clothing – it is very easy for younger pupils to mistake items for their own. Please send such items back to school and check clothing brought home for other pupil's names.

### Dates for the Diary

Please find below some key dates until Christmas:

Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Council Halloween Disco
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Dental inspections for P1 and P7 pupils
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Deadline for Christmas card forms to be handed back
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) classes information session – 9am
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Diversity Champions coffee morning – 9am
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Collaborative Improvement Visit as part of Woodfarm Cluster
w/b 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Book Week Scotland Anti-Bullying Week
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Adult Learning classes information session- 9am
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Flu immunisations in school
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December	Last day of term
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Back to school!

### Get in touch!

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. We also post regular updates on our Twitter page (@ThornliebankPS) and on our website: <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/er/Thornliebank/>  
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We are always here to help with any of your queries or concerns, so please get in touch!

Kind regards,

