



Thornliebank Primary School and Nursery Class



November 2022 Newsletter

Dear Parent/ Carer,

We are now into November, and as the weather becomes colder, we move into what is always a very busy couple of months in a primary school! This newsletter contains some information about what has been going on in the life and work of the school, and upcoming dates for your diary.

Cooking Up a Storm!

Thank you to our team of parent volunteers who have been leading cookery classes with P4- P6 pupils over the past few weeks. They have been making use of our food handling room and creating delicious recipes such as breakfast muffins and healthy pizza! If you would be interested in sharing a family or traditional recipe, please let us know! Our parent team will be there to help you teach the techniques and cook the food- you would just need to come along to share your recipe.

Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSOs)

We have appointed 4 JRSOs in the school- James, Ollie, Khadija and Zie P7. We hope that they will help us to come up with a campaign to help to encourage safe streets round our school. In the meantime, please be aware of the existing congestion in Bangorshill Street when you are dropping off or picking up your child, and do not drive along the pavement as there have been near misses in the past.

Chess Competition

Our chess team and Mr. Egan were very excited to welcome the visiting chess team from Knightswood Primary for a chess match on Monday last week. They loved the opportunity to connect with pupils from another school in person, and although they didn't quite manage to beat their rivals this time, they learned a lot about tactics, resilience, sportsmanship and perseverance. They look forward to playing the 'away' match soon.

Uniform

We would like to ask for your support in reinforcing positive messages about wearing uniform to school, even on PE days. Wearing uniform encourages a sense of belonging, it looks smart, it is more affordable, it promotes equity and equality. While almost all pupils are wearing uniform and fully supporting this, there are still a few who are not, especially on PE days. Remember we have a great stock of pre-loved uniforms looking for a new home, so if you have misplaced a jumper or just need to stock up, pop in to our Family Room and help yourself!

We are looking for any volunteer parents who would like to help us organise the school uniform rail- even if you can help as a one off, please get in touch.

Adult learning classes

Our colleagues in the Adult Learning Team can offer classes for lots of things- whether you would like to brush up on your ICT skills, learn something new, find out more about how to support your child with their homework or practise your English, there is a class for you! Thank you to those of you who came along on Thursday to meet the team and to find out more about their classes. If you would like to find out more but were unable to attend, just ask and we will put you in touch.

NURTURE

KINDNESS

RESPECT

EFFORT

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.

Nicola.reidtaylor@eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk or financialinclusion@eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk or 07741937837. Our first targets are to help with pupils getting their National Entitlement card and assist families with school meal and clothing grant applications.

Food Pantry

Our food pantry will be open on Mondays from 8.30 until 9.30 and again from 2.00 – 3.30pm and you can also 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.

If you are able to volunteer any time to help sort out the food pantry items, please get in touch.

Christmas Presents

At this time of year, we know that families sometimes like to express their thanks to teachers and staff members. Please remember that we appreciate a card or a letter with kind words more than anything so please do not feel that you should buy any gifts. Christmas is expensive enough as it is, especially at the moment! As a staff, we have decided that instead of buying gifts for each other as a 'Secret Santa' we're donating gifts to a Tree of Kindness Appeal or our food pantry.

As always, Santa has left some extra presents with me this year. Please get in touch if your circumstances mean that you would like a present for your child/ren and all requests will be completely confidential.

Christmas Events

Primaries 1-3 are practising for their Nativity, which will take place on Wednesday 14th December at both 9:30 and 2pm. The children in Primary 3 will take the lead in the speaking parts of the play, while Primary 1 and Primary 2 will join in with the songs. We ask that only 1 or 2 adults come along per child to each performance, to make sure we have enough room. We will not be selling tickets, but will have boxes at the door for any food pantry donations.

The nursery would like to invite families to join in a Family Fun Day on Tuesday 20th December and Thursday 22nd December. More information will follow from the nursery, but we hope the fun day will involve singing, Christmas Bookbug, crafts and a recorded performance of the nativity.

Christmas parties will take place in the final week of term (dates below.) Children can come to school all day in their own clothes/ party clothes. Snacks and a drink will be provided for all children, and a special festive guest will make an appearance to the nursery- P3 parties. Ho ho ho! Parents are invited to come along at 2:30 to the nursery- P3 parties if you wish. P7 will attend their Christmas ceildh at Woodfarm High on 16th December.

A separate email containing information about the Parent Council Winter Fayre was sent out earlier in the week. It will take place on **Saturday 3rd December from 11-1**. As part of the Winter Fayre, the Parent Council will be holding a raffle. If you would like to donate anything for the hampers as a prize (edible gifts, toys, gifts or beauty products), please send these to the school office by Friday this week.

Dates for the Diary

Please find below some key dates until Christmas:

Tuesday 15 th November	Parent Council Meeting on Zoom 7:15
-----------------------------------	-------------------------------------

Thursday 17 th November	Adult Learning classes information session- 9am (Family Room)
Monday 21 st November	P7 visual screening
Thursday 1 st December	P7 trip to People's Palace
Thursday 8 th December	Christmas lunch
Friday 9 th December	Flu immunisations
Wednesday 14 th December	Nativity @ 9:30 and 2pm
Friday 16 th December	Cluster P7 ceilidh at Woodfarm High
Tuesday 20 th December and Thursday 22 nd December	Family Day at Nursery
w/b 19 th December	Class Parties P1 and nursery- Wednesday 21 st December 2pm (Santa and parents invited at 2:30) P2 and P3- Tuesday 20 th December 2pm (Santa and parents invited at 2:30) P4- Tuesday 20 th in the morning P5- Thursday 22 nd in the afternoon P6- Monday 19 th in the afternoon P7- Cluster Ceilidh 16 th
Friday 23 rd December	Last day of term
Thursday 5 th 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/>
Contact details for the school:

Telephone: 0141 570 7440

Email: schoolmail@thornliebank.e-renfrew.sch.uk

We are always here to help with any of your queries or concerns, so please get in touch!

Kind regards,

