



Thornliebank Primary School and Nursery Class

January 2023 Newsletter



Dear Parent/ Carer,

We have had a great start to 2023 here at Thornliebank Primary School and Nursery Class. The pupils have come back ready to learn, and have been enjoying a wide range of experiences in school. It is nice to see the lighter mornings coming back round, and we hope the nicer weather continues so we can enjoy learning outdoors a bit more. This newsletter gives me the opportunity to share some of the things that are happening, and also to ask for your support in helping us to improve attendance/ timekeeping across the school- and therefore helping us to achieve our important school improvement goal of raising attainment for all our pupils.

Celebrating Diversity- Ramadan/ Eid Celebration

As part of our ongoing work to increase the opportunities to celebrate our wonderful and diverse community, our Diversity Champions group suggested that we could place more of an emphasis on celebrating Ramadan and Eid. This is a fantastic idea, since so many of our community celebrate these festivals, so we are looking for your help to plan and organise the celebrations!

We are holding a planning meeting (with tea/ coffee and biscuits!) tomorrow at 9am in the Family Room. We would love to see as many people as possible coming along to help!

Water Bottles

Please make sure your child brings a water bottle to school. East Renfrewshire Council have committed to eliminating single use plastic, and this will roll out to include plastic cups that we sometimes give out to use at the water fountain. We will source some reusable cups or bottles for emergencies (we would never have your child without access to water to drink!) but we would appreciate your help in supplying a bottle for your child.

Attendance and Latecoming

Attendance and latecoming has been an increasing issue within the school, and I would like to ask for your support in tackling. The leadership team will be monitoring attendance and latecoming patterns closely and we will be contacting families directly to discuss the issue if it continues. We have looked at our data, and there is a clear link between poor attendance/ latecoming and lower attainment and progress in learning for some children.

Attached is a separate letter about attendance and latecoming, and our plans to improve this over the coming weeks and months. Thank you in advance for your support on this matter.

Appointments

At certain times of the day, there is only one member of staff working in the school office. If your child is attending an appointment during the school day and you need to collect them, please could I ask that you give the office at least one day's notice, so we can arrange for your child to be ready and waiting for you to collect them.

Road and Car Park Safety

Thank you for taking extra care in Bangorshill Street. I have been delighted to hear about lots of children who are 'parking and striding' to school to reduce the congestion on this narrow road at

drop off and pick up. Please note that the car park is for school staff only, and should not be used by parents for drop off/ pick up as it is very small and the visibility can be poor.

Food Pantry/ Supermarket Vouchers

We still have vouchers available for Farmfoods, which is extremely handy and easy to access on the Main Street. If your circumstances mean that you would like some Farmfoods vouchers to help with shopping over the festive period, please get in touch and we can pop them in an envelope for you. This is, of course, completely confidential and there to help our community.

We also have our food pantry, and if you require anything (food, or other consumables like washing tablets or toiletries) just get in touch.

Class Assemblies

This week brings the first of our class assemblies for parents since pre-Covid! We are very excited to invite you back into the school to see assemblies led by our children, and for you to hear about their learning. I have included the class assemblies that are already planned in the diary below. If your child's class isn't there yet, I will add these in as soon as possible.

Dates for the Diary

Here are some dates in the diary for the rest of the session. I will include this in each monthly newsletter, and add any other dates as they come up.

Friday 27 th January	P4 assembly for parents- starts at 2:15 Diversity Champions- Ramadan/ Eid planning meeting
w/b 30 th January	Standardised Testing window opens for P3, P5 and P7 (3 weeks)
Tuesday 31 st January	P2 trip to the library 9am – 11am
Friday 3 rd February	P5 assembly for parents- starts at 2:15 Nursery and P1 trip to the Science Centre (morning)
Wednesday 8 th February	P2 trip to the Transport Museum (all day) Parent Council 7pm (online)
Friday 10 th February	School closed – inservice day
Monday 13 th and Tuesday 14 th February	School Holidays
Wednesday 22 nd February	P7 Onatti modern languages Event at Woodfarm High (morning)
Thursday 23 rd February	P4 swimming starts P6 trip to the Science Centre Parent open afternoon
Tuesday 28 th and Wednesday 1 st	Proposed industrial action – school closed if this goes ahead
Friday 3 rd March	P6 class assembly – 2:15
Tuesday 7 th March	P3 trip to the library
Monday 13 th – Friday 17 th March	P7 on residential trip to Lockerbie Manor
Tuesday 14 th March	P4 trip to the library
Friday 24 th March	Friday Fun Zone 2:30pm – 4pm
Tuesday 28 th March	P6 library trip
Wednesday 29 th March	Parents' Evening
Monday 3 rd April – Friday 14 th April	School closed for Spring Break – school reopens on Monday 17 th
Thursday 20 th April	Parent Council (7pm)
Friday 28 th April	Eid Celebration Day
Monday 1 st May	School closed- holiday

Tuesday 2 nd May	Inservice Day
Monday 8 th May	King Charles III Coronation Day- school closed
Friday 26 th and Monday 29 th May	School closed- May holiday
Friday 9 th June	Whole school trip- Dumfries House
Wednesday 14 th June	P7 Leavers' Party 6pm – 7:30pm
Friday 16 th June	P7 leavers' ceremony Friday Fun Zone 2:30 – 4pm
Friday 23 rd June	End of term

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Kind regards,

