



# Thorn Primary School NEWSLETTER



October 2020



Dear Parents and Carers

It has been challenging times for us all recently but the best bit of my job is I get to work with your wonderful children who so often brighten my day. This morning as they came to school dressed up and dressed down it was heart-warming to see their excitement and happiness and feeling something 'normal' was happening. Parents too were smiling with joy that their children were, well, allowed to be children! In addition, it was lovely to see our brilliant staff team also embracing the day and dressing up, or down, with the children. Well done everyone!

All classes are currently having lots of fun, I can hear them as I type! More is to come as the Parent Council Spooky Boxes will be delivered this afternoon. It is great that our #teamwork school value has brought such joy to our school community today.

I for one do not want to take away from that at all so will sign off and let you enjoy browsing the pictures from today.

Thank you,

Stephanie Hart  
Head Teacher



Parental Feedback is a very valuable when making decisions at Thorn and we take your feedback very seriously. On our return to school in August we asked you to let us know how you felt we done during lockdown. We can't include all the feedback, which was all positive, but here are what some of our parents had to say....

*"The School were an excellent support during lockdown. Communication from my child's teacher and SMT was of a high standard at all times. Individual phone calls were very special"*

*"Teacher always available on seesaw and phone calls from leadership team"*

*"Excellent communication, care & advice throughout. Excellent work from my children's teachers to keep them educated, engaged & having fun tasks to do"*

*"I thought the teachers were exceptional during lockdown"*

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*"Communication has been great between school and parents"*

*"The provision of learning on seesaw from class teachers was fantastic. My child really enjoyed the video messages from them, and I appreciated the replies to our updates"*

*"Excellent care & attention given to us. Plenty fun tasks & work provided with excellent guidance & help from his teacher. We were so well supported"*

*"great support which was a positive help during a difficult time"*

*"School done a great job of continuing to interact online with children and supporting parents"*

*"Lots of info & guidance. Reassured that staff are always available to help us"*

*"Greatly supported"*

*"School done a great job of continuing to interact online with children and supporting parents. The calls during lockdown were a nice touch in helping feel the school was still there for support"*

*"School was extremely helpful during lockdown"*

**Thank you for all your kind words they are very much appreciated.**





Our Primary 2 pupils having some outdoor fun with their **Renfrewshire Leisure Active Schools** coach.



### Book Club

An online shop has been created on Parent Pay and books can be browsed online and purchased between Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October and Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November. Books will be delivered direct to pupils in from Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November and Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November or by arrangement at our school office if purchasing as a gift.

**The school receives commission on every sale which goes towards new books for the children.**

Book prices vary from £2.99-£9.99



## Happy Retirement!

Jim Williamson – our Homelink worker retired recently. Jim worked in Thorn supporting pupils and families across the school including Primary 7 transition. Our school community would like to thank Jim for his work within the school. We wish Jim a very happy retirement.

Following successful interview we will soon welcome Ashley Hampsay who takes up the post of Homelink worker for some of the schools with Johnstone including Thorn Primary.





Gardening Club's "Monster" Vegetables

During Lockdown one of fabulous grandparents made up some planting boxes and donated some plants and vegetables for our garden.

Mrs Lynchahon along with some pupils from our Gardening Club dug up their bumper crop this week. I think you can all agree they have certainly grown well!

What fantastic Monster Veg!! Well done ☺



P6 Cross stitching

Our P6 Pupils have learned some new skills this week in the form of Cross Stitching.



Spooky  
Spooky



**Parent's Night**

This year Parent's Night will be a bit different from our usual format.

You will have received our letter detailing the format of telephone consultation in line with current guidelines. We are disappointed that we are unable to welcome you into our building however we know from speaking with parents that Seesaw is a great tool to find out what all of our pupils have been learning.

Please note that the caller display may say No Caller ID or Number Withheld. We ask you to expect the call around the arranged time +/- 10/15 minutes.

We are always interested and appreciate your thoughts and opinions. A short questionnaire will be issued after parents night and we look forward too hearing your views.



**Halloween Activities**

At this time of year, the PTA would usually be organising the Halloween disco but due to the current pandemic and restrictions this is not possible. We do not want the kids to miss out, so our PTA have provided a 'party in a box' for each class today.

This means that each child will receive a (suitably quarantined!) Halloween goody bag, and an opportunity to dance and have fun with their friends.

We have included some photos for you all too see the children dressed up on our "Halloween Funday".



Thorn Website  
<https://blogs.glow.scotland.org.uk/re/thorn/>



[www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com)

ParentPay Shop:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Uniform/Default.aspx?shopid=875&fbclid=>



We send information through our school app. Please make sure you sign up to avoid missing any updates.

Download Myschoolapp from the App Store or Google Play

Please remember to notify us of your child's successes outwith school so we can offer our congratulations.

email us at: [thornenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk](mailto:thornenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk)



HALLOWEEN



## New dates from last month in red

Date	Event/Time	Notes
26.10.20 – 16.11.20	Book Fayre	Our book fayre will be available on line to purchase books between 26/10 and 16/11. This is a great fundraiser and money raised is spent on new books for class libraries. Brochure available online at - <a href="https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/travelling-books/the-books">https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/travelling-books/the-books</a> Parent pay shop to purchase books - <a href="https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Uniform/Default.aspx?shopid=875">https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Uniform/Default.aspx?shopid=875</a>
28.10.20	P7 Parent night	Telephone appointments available through the doodle poll issued on seesaw & myschool app
29.10.20	P7 Parent night	Telephone Appointments available through the doodle poll issued on seesaw & myschool app
02.11.20 – 09.11.10	2021 P1 Registration	This will be done online using link available on renfrewshire council website - <a href="http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/startingschool">http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/startingschool</a>
12.11.20	P1-P6 Parents Evenings	Telephone appointments will be available soon via seesaw for each class
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30.11.20	School Holiday	School closed for both Pupils and staff. St Andrews Day
01.12.20	School reopens	School reopens for both Staff and Pupils at 9am following holiday
18.12.20	Early Finish	School closes at 2.30pm due to Christmas Holidays
19.12.20 – 05.01.21	Holiday	School closed for both Pupils and staff. Christmas Holidays
06.01.21	School reopens	School reopens for both Staff and Pupils at 9am following holiday
08.02.21- 09.01.21	School Holiday	School closed for both Pupils and staff February holiday
10.01.21	Inservice Day	School closed for pupils for Staff training.
11.01.21	School reopens	School reopens for both Staff and Pupils at 9am following holiday
01.04.21	Early Finish	School closes at 2.30pm due to Easter Holidays
02.04.21- 18.04.21	School Holiday	School closed for both Pupils and staff. Easter Holiday
19.04.21	School reopens	School reopens for both Staff and Pupils at 9am following holiday
03.05.21	School Holiday	School closed for both Pupils and staff 1 <sup>st</sup> May bank holiday
04.05.21	Inservice Day	School closed for pupils for Staff training.
05.05.21	School reopens	School reopens for both Staff and Pupils at 9am following holiday
31.05.21	School Holiday	School closed for both Pupils and staff 2 <sup>nd</sup> May bank holiday
01.06.21	School reopens	School reopens for both Staff and Pupils at 9am following holiday
25.06.21	Early Finish	School closes at 1pm due to Summer Holidays

Achievement Notification, please return to the School Office:

Child's Name:

Child's Class:

Child's Achievement: