



THORNHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL



Friday 1st July 2022

WHOLE SCHOOL MESSAGE

Following the pandemic, it has been fantastic to be able to resume trips and sporting activities. Last week ended with our school hosting a netball tournament and welcoming a number of pupils from other schools to our school, and this week has seen KS1 pupils have a fantastic day out which has enhanced their learning and linked to the curriculum. These events and activities always bring so much joy, success and laughter and our children are always fantastic.

Next week is another busy week as there are more trips as our pupils attend forest schools and we are also getting new flooring in the hall, which will make a huge difference, and we have our fantastic show, **'Thornhill has Talent'**. This is a ticketed event so please ensure you do have tickets for this, it will be a showstopper.

Just a reminder with regards to sun cream to keep the children safe. We are asking that children come to school in the morning with sun cream (SPF30 + is recommended) applied at home and that lasts all day. If your child needs to bring some into school they will need it to be clearly labelled. Please remember children's skin is much more sensitive than adults. We want to ensure your child is safe and happy in the sun

Our pupils always work hard and you will receive your child's school report the week beginning Monday 11th July, if when you receive this you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

As a school community we are here to help and support our children and our families, if there is anything we can do to support please do not hesitate to contact myself or any member of staff.

Have a lovely weekend

Sophie McCabe
Executive Headteacher



ATTENDANCE

Whole School - 94%

Reception – 96%

Year 1 & 2 – 87%

Year 3 & 4 – 98%

Year 5 & 6 – 94%

CALENDAR

4/7/2022

Year 5 & 6 Forest School

5/7/2022

Year 3 & 4 Forest School

7/7/2022

EYFS & Reception Forest School

8/7/2022

KS1 Forest School

7/7/22

Thornhill's Got Talent Final

15/7/2022

Year 6 Leavers Assembly

18th & 19th July 22

KS2 Harbour Youth project

20/7/22

EYFS Teddy Bear Picnic

21/07/22

Last day of Term - School finishes 1pm

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cumberland Sausage & Mash Potato	Spaghetti Bolognese	Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes, Stuffing & Gravy	Beef Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges	Sausage, Chips & Tomato Sauce
Macaroni Cheese	Vegetable Bolognese	Tomato & Vegetable Pasta	Vegi Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges	Fish Fingers, Chips & Tomato Sauce
Mixed Vegetables	Green Beans	Carrots Peas	Cucumber Rainbow Slaw	Baked Beans
Flapjack	Orange & Cinnamon Cookie	Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt Station or Jelly	Chocolate Brownie & Chocolate Sauce	Apple, Cheese & Crackers
Freshly cooked jacket potatoes / Fresh Bread / Fresh Fruit / Daily salad selection				

GOOD WORK ASSEMBLY



SMART CERTIFICATE WINNERS

Nursery—Lyra-Mae for a fantastic drawing!



KS1 – Zina for great improvements in his reading

Year 3/4 – Ugoeze for great improvements in swimming



Year 5/6 – Hannah for big improvements in her confidence & making good progress.



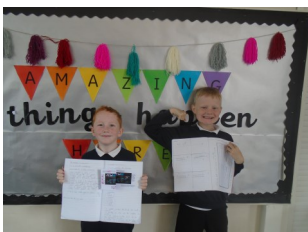
We had a mix of work from Reception today; we saw some art-work, some letter recognition and some fantastic red-word reading!



Year 1 & 2 - George has been on fire this week with his phonics and spellings; Gabriella impressed us all with her reading improvements, Leo & Ocean discussed keeping safe in the sun & Daisy told us some interesting facts from our zoo trip.



Year 3 & 4 - Damien showed off his fluency in 5 maths skills. Kai told us about technical vocabulary and superlatives.



Year 5 & 6 – Noah, Jack and Harley had some amazing DT work, Sophie, Marcie and Jack M for some great retention of Geography knowledge!



Thornhill Primary School Presents...

THORNHILL'S GOT TALENT

**Thursday
7th July**



5pm



**School
Hall**

TICKETS AVAILABLE TO BUY AT THE OFFICE
FEE: £1.50

Join us for an evening of entertainment, showcasing some of the amazingly talented children we have. Refreshments will be available. Raffle tickets sold on the night; 50p per strip.



NETBALL TOURNAMENT

The school hosted a netball tournament on 24th June with five other local schools. Our year 5 and 6 pupils competed in close matches and all pupils tried really hard. The skills improved with every game. We hope to repeat this next year as it was a great success and lots of fun.



Everyone had a wonderful time when the **WOW** (Wheels of Wellbeing) bus visited on Monday.

We all realised that as soon as you step on a trampoline you break into a huge smile which doesn't stop until you have to step off. It was lovely to see everyone having fun and exercising at the same time.

The children fully embraced bouncing, dancing and smiling and the visitors were impressed with the children's enthusiasm and behaviour.

Year 3 and summed it up well when they exclaimed, "It was an experience of a lifetime...it was amazing and exciting...it was excellent, the best day ever!"



Safari Zoo Cumbria

On Wednesday Year 1 & 2 had an exciting visit to **Safari Zoo Cumbria!**

We have been making comparisons between Africa and the UK in Geography and we've been planning an African Safari Travel Journal in English; so this trip has helped us gather lots more information! We were lucky enough to have an African Safari workshop with Zoo Keeper Andrew, who told us lots of interesting facts about African animals and if they are becoming endangered. After that we enjoyed a picnic in the sunshine and walked our socks off exploring the zoo and looking at all of the different animals.

We were even more excited when we got to the monkeys and the zoo keeper let us feed them!



Is your child interested in Engineering?

On **Friday 29th July**, The Centre of Excellence are hosting an IET Open House Day for Parents/carers and their children aged 5-13 to give an eye opener to what engineering is all about.



IET The Institution of Engineering and Technology

Engineering Open House Day

29th July 2022

Engineering Centre of Excellence
Unit 6 Leconfield
Cleator Moor
Cumbria

Icons: hourglass and book, microscope, test tube and beaker, rocket.

IET Engineering Open House Day - West Cumbria

Sellafield Engineering Centre of Excellence,
Unit 6, Leconfield Ind Est. Cleator Moor. Cumbria. CA25 5BQ

Click the link below to book your ticket

[IET Engineering Open House Day - West Cumbria Tickets, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite](#)

Cumbria's Holiday Activity & Food Programme

The Summer holidays are almost here!

Get a head start on a Summer of fun for your child by booking them on to one of the **FREE Summer holiday activity places for school-aged children and young people aged 5-16. Activities will be taking place in the Summer holidays between July and September.**

Cumbria's Holiday Activity and Food Programme is funded by the Department of Education's Holiday Activity and Food Programme 2022

The programme facilitates hundreds of activities for Cumbrian children and young people during the school holidays through dozens of different activity providers.

The programme also subsidises the activity cost for families whose children receive benefits-related free school meals and other eligible children in particular circumstances, making those activities free for those groups.

Visit cumbria.gov.uk/holidays for further information about the programme and to search the range of activities on offer.

For information about individual activities, contact the providers directly. For information about the overall Cumbria Holiday Activity Programme email HAF@cumbria.gov.uk.



SCHOOL CLOTHING GRANTS

School clothing grants receive £500k boost in response to cost-of-living crisis

Cumbria County Council's cabinet has approved a significant increase to school clothing grants in response to the cost-of-living crisis.

£500,000 worth of additional funding has been allocated to the school clothing grant fund as part of a new £2m cost of living reserve fund. This means that eligible parents will now receive a clothing grant worth £50 for each primary school child, up from £25, and £100 for each secondary school child, up from £35.

Councillor Stewart Young, Leader of Cumbria County Council, said: "It's so important that all eligible parents continue to apply for free school meals, including those with infant age children even though they now automatically get a free school meal. If they don't apply, not only are they missing out on help with the cost of school uniforms, but their child's school could also miss out on thousands of pounds of linked Pupil Premium funding from the Government.

"We know many families really benefit from subsidised school clothing and that is why the council continues to fund school clothing grants despite the cuts to our budget, and why I am delighted with the decision taken today to increase those grants - we are fully committed to helping children and families who really need it. The application process is so quick and straightforward, please don't miss out!"

Any parents who are eligible for free school meals because of their financial situation are automatically eligible for the school clothing grants. However, many miss out by not applying - partly because all parents of children in reception, year 1 and year 2 automatically receive free school meals and assume they don't need to apply. Any parents in receipt of income support, Job Seekers Allowance, Child Tax Credits or Universal Credit should formally apply for free school meals through the county council website.

If parents do not apply when they're entitled to, they will miss out on the school clothing grants and their child's school could also miss out on a Pupil Premium payment from the government of up to £1,320. These payments enable schools to provide extra support to pupils to help them achieve their potential.

[Applying online for free school meals and school clothing grants is quick and simple](#) - the whole process takes around five minutes. Once approved, the council will send parents a voucher which they can redeem for cash at the Post Office, giving them the choice of where to buy school clothing.

If you were already receiving free school meals before the COVID-19 outbreak, you do not need to re-apply for free school meals or clothing vouchers.

There is no deadline for free school meal applications - they are open all year round. However, applications for school uniform grants must be submitted between 1 July and 30 April. If you make an application between 1 May and 30 June, you will receive free school meals immediately, but will not receive uniform grant until 1 July.

Parents can apply online at www.cumbria.gov.uk/uniforms If you are unable to apply online, please call 01228 606060 for further details.