



THORNHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL



FRIDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2022

WHOLE SCHOOL MESSAGE

We are deeply saddened by the news of Queen Elizabeth II passing. We will remember her decades of dedication and service, her commitment to family values and duty. We have held an assembly today and have spent time reflecting on this news. We will be inviting children and families to tie a remembrance ribbon to our school gates and we will commemorate her life as a school community.

It has been lovely to welcome all the children back to school, we have seen some lovely smiles. They were straight back to learning from day 1 and they have really embraced this.

You will receive all of the relevant pupil information forms to be completed and returned. If we can support with this please do not hesitate to contact the school office. There are a number of updates you will receive within the next week, from curriculum information and overviews, to school agreements and approaches to reading.

As a school we have adopted Read, Write Inc, as our phonics scheme. Staff have received training on this and we are incredibly well resourced. For further information please see the parent information link: [Parent guide to Read Write Inc. Phonics - Oxford Owl](#)

We have made some changes to our approach to rewards. We have a whole school system for rewards and children are placed in houses/teams, children will have the opportunity to receive GEMS similar to house points and these are recognised and rewarded across the school on a daily basis. GEMS are awarded to individuals, but the points count for each team. We will reward the teams with the most GEMS weekly.

G – growth mind set

E– effort

M– manners

S – success



We have new posters to sharing this information and I hope you will be able to come into school soon and will have an opportunity to see these. If you have any questions or thoughts please speak with me, your thoughts and opinions are appreciated.

We have had a very positive start to term and we look forward to our first full week next week.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Sophie McCabe
Executive Headteacher

CALENDAR

12th , 13th , 15th, 16th September
Forest School Trips

16/9/22

No Nursery provision
Staff training-Read Write Inc. Phonics

27/9/22

React Science Show KS2

30/9/22

Macmillan Coffee Morning

30/9/22—6/10/22

Harvest Food Collection

7/10/22

Harvest Assembly

24th—28th October 22

Half Term

ATTENDANCE







Whole School - 99%

Reception - 98%

Year 1 & 2 - 100%

Year 3 & 4 - 100%

Year 5 & 6 - 96.7%

 <p>HIGH ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL GETS YOUR CHILD'S LIFE OFF TO A <i>FLYING START!</i></p>	 <p>INCREASING ATTENDANCE BY JUST 5% CAN DOUBLE THE CHANCES OF GAINING GOOD QUALIFICATIONS</p>	 <p>MISSING TWO DAYS A MONTH MEANS A CHILD MISSES 10% OF THE SCHOOL YEAR</p>	<p>GOOD ATTENDANCE IN PRIMARY SCHOOL</p> <p>Improves reading</p> <p>Writing + MATHS SKILLS</p>
 <p>THERE ARE 175 DAYS A YEAR NOT SPENT IN SCHOOL</p> <p>PLENTY OF TIME FOR SHOPPING, HOLIDAYS AND APPOINTMENTS!</p>	 <p>100s OF SUBJECTS 1000s OF CLASSES</p> <p>ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES</p>	 <p>TURNING UP JUST 5 MINUTES LATE EVERY DAY ADDS UP TO OVER 3 DAYS LOST IN THE YEAR!</p>	<p>MORE SCHOOL=</p> <p>HIGHER GRADES INCREASED CONFIDENCE MORE FRIENDS BRIGHTER FUTURE</p>

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

Meatballs in Gravy with Mashed Potatoes	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				

SCHOOL TIMINGS 22-23

8.50am	Start of School day
9.00am	Registration
9.05 to 9.25am	Assembly (selected days)
9.25 to 10.30am	Lesson
10.30 to 11.00am	Play time
11.00am to 12.00pm	Lesson
12.00 to 1.00pm	Infant dinner time/playtime
12.15 to 1.00pm	Junior dinner time/playtime
1.00pm	Registration for afternoon lessons
3.15pm	End of school day
3.15 to 4.30pm	After school clubs until 4.15pm WRAP after school provision until 4.30pm

GEMS REWARDS

AT OUR SCHOOL HIGH STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOUR ARE EXPECTED.

We are a small and happy school and we ensure we work to fully support all of our pupils. We recognise that for our children to achieve their full potential there is a need for them to feel safe, secure and happy. We want all of our children to thrive and flourish.

We respect all of our pupils equally and care for their happiness and wellbeing. We ensure all of our pupils have opportunities to progress academically and provide learning opportunities at all levels. We work to inspire high personal achievement, self-confidence and high aspirations. We expect our pupils to show respect for each other and support and encourage each other. We have a strong sense of community.

We have a whole school system for rewards and our pupils are placed in houses. We believe that it is incredibly important for our children to receive recognition for their achievements and we share this with parents and carers. We ensure all of our pupils benefit from the rewards process.

We recognise the importance of rewarding successes and celebrate achievement daily within lessons and weekly as a whole school community.

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CHILDREN RECEIVE PRAISE IN VARIOUS WAYS

**VERBAL PRAISE • COMMENTS ON WORK • HOUSE POINTS • CERTIFICATES • EMAILS HOME
POSITIVE PHONE CALL HOME • DISPLAY OF WORK • CELEBRATION THROUGH ASSEMBLY
CELEBRATION THROUGH PUPIL REPORTS**

We pride ourselves on our culture of positive achievement and our positive approach to learning and behaviour and wellbeing. Pupils are recognised for their individual progress and academic achievements and their individual acts of kindness.

Team points are calculated and shared with pupils weekly and this aligns with a weekly team reward.

CHILDREN SELECT THE REWARD FOR THEIR TEAM AT RANDOM, AND THE REWARDS INCLUDE

**ONE EXTRA PLAY TIME THAT WEEK • A BOARD GAME HOUR • NON-UNIFORM ON A SELECTED DAY WITHIN THE WEEK • AN ICE CREAM • HOT CHOCOLATE FRIDAY FOR THE WINNING TEAM
• CAKE AND JUICE WITH THE HEADTEACHER • FIRST IN LINE FOR LUNCH**

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE EYFS& KS1

MONDAY- PICK & CHOOSE

Come & choose your favourite toys & activities to enjoy with your friends

TUESDAY- LEGO LEGENDS & CONSTRUCTION

Come along & use your favourite construction (Lego, Duplo, Mega Blocks) to create spectacular models

WEDNESDAY- PAINTING & COLOURING

Enjoy fun painting activities & creative art

THURSDAY- OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

Enjoy lots of outdoor activities with your friends

FRIDAY- SPORTS CLUB

Come & join in the fun with our PE coach. Enjoy lots of running around, team games & learn new skills

KEY STAGE 2

MONDAY- SPORTS CLUB

A real mix of sporty activities including football, dodgeball & other fun activities

TUESDAY- TEAM CHALLENGE

An opportunity to be part of a team & have lots of fun

WEDNESDAY- WHIZZ IT

Always lots of fun!

YOU MUST BRING A HELMET THAT FITS TO THIS CLUB

THURSDAY- 'GAME IT' OR ART

Come & have fun with your friends playing pool, table football & board games or enjoy some art activities

FRIDAY- COMPUTER CLUB

Relax & unwind after a busy week doing a variety of computer-based activities

Come & have fun with your friends playing pool, table football & board games or enjoy some art activities.



Have Fun! Join a Club!



Whitehaven Park Play

ParkPlay launch in Whitehaven on 10th September 2022

ParkPlay is a two-hour long play session of fun and games for everyone starting at 9.30am every Saturday morning. This brilliant opportunity has been funded by Well Whitehaven and the delivery supported by Family Action.

The team are very energetic people and are enthusiastic about outdoor play. They can't wait to get the local community together and playing!

<https://park-play.com/register/>



Whitehaven ParkPlay

Come and meet Christina, Rachel & Rebecca at South Whitehaven Family Hub, Family Action CA28 8BN every Saturday from 09:30 am

Cornerstone Partners:



ParkPlay welcomes everyone, so turn up for games, activities, fun - and a community here for you.



Register at park-play.com



Early Years and Childcare

Cumbria County Council



Childcare Choices

Calling All Parents
Help paying for your childcare

30 Hours Free Childcare

All 3 & 4 year olds are eligible for 15 hours of free childcare the term after they turn 3. Working parents of 3 & 4 years olds may be eligible for 30 hours. Apply at www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

Tax-Free Childcare

The scheme gives eligible families 20% off childcare costs. You open an online Tax-Free Childcare account and the Government adds 20p for every 80p you pay in. You then pay your childcare provider from that account

Free Childcare for 2 year olds

Your child may be able to take up 15 hours of free childcare if you meet the eligibility criteria. www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/free-childcare-2-year-olds
To apply in Cumbria go to: www.cumbria.gov.uk/childrensservices/childrenandfamilies/cfis/freechildcarefortwoyearolds.asp

Universal Credit and Childcare

If you are working, and eligible for Universal Credit, you may be able to claim up to 85% of your childcare costs

Care to Learn

This scheme can help with childcare costs while you study. You must be under 20 years old at the start of your course. To apply go to: www.gov.uk/care-to-learn

Childcare Calculator

Using the Childcare Calculator you can find the best offers available to you. www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator



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These materials and more can be found on the CCC Family Information Directory
[Family Information Directory – Information Service, Leaflets and Posters](#)