



THORNHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

FRIDAY 10th February 2023



**Changing Lives
Learning Trust**

RESPECT RESILIENCE ACHIEVEMENT OPPORTUNITY

WHOLE SCHOOL MESSAGE

As always, we have had another busy and productive week. Our Year 5 and 6 pupils have been taking part in the bikeability scheme and it has been wonderful to see them grow in confidence, develop their skills and become safe and responsible cyclists. It is always wonderful to walk around the school and talk to children about their learning.

I wrote to you earlier in the week confirming dates for key events this term. There are lots of exciting events, and we will be offering more in the summer term, and there will be a trip for EYFS pupils, Year 1, 2 and 3 pupils. We will be holding our pupil showcase event and parent forum event next half term, we are adopting a different approach, and we will be holding our parent forum event straight after our pupil showcase event on the 22nd March. Our showcase event will start at the earlier time of 2.15pm and will finish at 2.45pm to enable parents to stay for the forum. Please do not feel you have to attend the forum, and you are able to take your children home at 2.45pm if you do not wish to attend, we just wanted to give advance notice in relation to this change. We will share the agenda for the forum prior to the event.

We are looking forward to welcoming parents in to school for lunch next Tuesday. If you have not confirmed you are attending, I am sorry to say we have no further availability for this.

I would like to thank all parents and carers who completed the parent view survey, this was shared last month and we have reviewed the response:

100% strongly agree/agree their child is happy at school

97% strongly agree/agree their child feels safe at school

93% strongly agree or agree that the school informs them of how their child is doing

100% strongly agree/agree their child can take part in clubs and activities at this school

94% strongly agree/agree their child does well at school

100% strongly agree/agree the school supports their child with their wider personal development

In addition to the points above, we received some very positive comments. If you do have any concerns regarding the school please do come and speak with me, we are always eager to improve and your feedback is incredibly important to us.

Over the coming weeks work will be taking place to improve the school building, this work will improve the safety of the school and will modernise our lighting system. This will have a positive impact and we are excited to have these improvements. We will work to ensure this does not impact our children's learning.

Thank you for your continued support.

I hope you have a lovely weekend

Sophie McCabe

Executive Headteacher

Diary Dates

16/2/22

Kurling Sporting Event

20/2/23-24/2/23

Half Term

2/3/23

World Book Day 2023

6/3/23

Forest School Trips

17/3/23

Comic Relief -Red Nose Day

22/3/2023

Pupil Showcase & Parent Forum

30/3/2023

Yrs 4, 5 & 6 Charlie & the Chocolate
Factory Trip

31/3/23

End of Term

ATTENDANCE

Whole School 98%

Reception – 100%

Year 1 & 2 – 97%

Year 3 & 4 – 99%

Year 5 & 6 – 96%



SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

MONDAY

TUESDAY

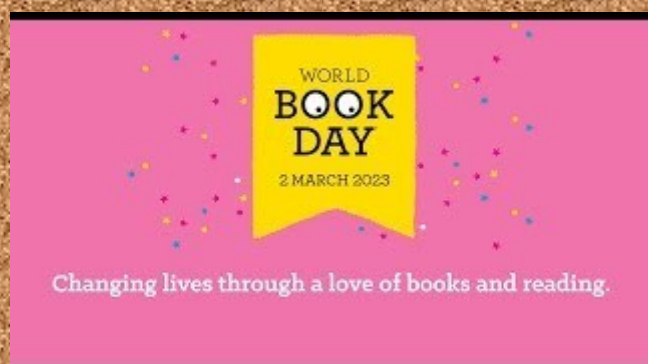
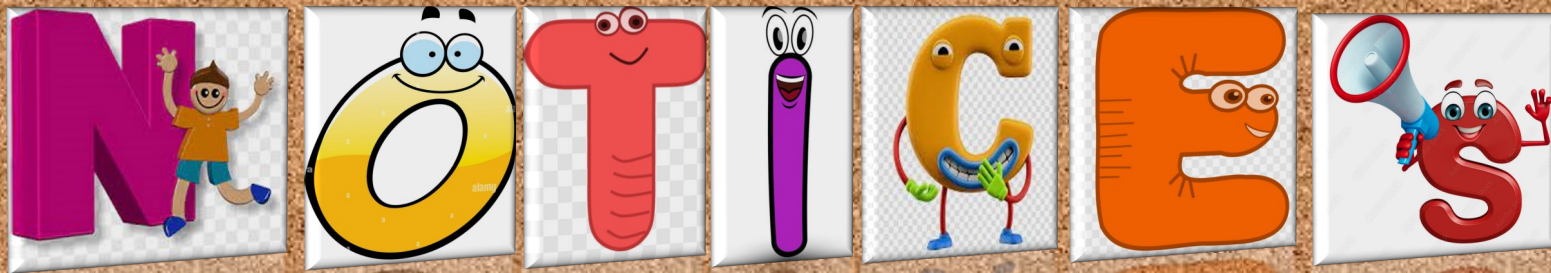
WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

Cheese & Tomato Pizza , Wedges	Lasagne, Garlic Bread, Salad	Roast Gammon Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Sausage, Onions & Gravy, mashed potatoes	Fishfingers with Chips & tomato sauce
Jacket Potato with filling	Macaroni Cheese	Tomato Pasta	Veggie sausage & mashed potatoes	Cheese Omelette & Chips
Beans	Salad	Broccoli Carrots	Mixed Vegetables	Peas Baked Beans
Rice Pudding	Valentine Cookie	Flapjack	Rock Buns	Sponge & Custard

Freshly cooked jacket potatoes / Fresh Bread / Fresh Fruit / Daily salad selection





GOOD WORK ASSEMBLY



well
done

STARS OF THE WEEK

Rosie, Leo & Damien

well
done



Good Work EYFS
Georgia & Ollie

Buddy of The Week
Oakley

Good Work KS1
Leo, Autumn & Daisy



Good Work Year 3 & 4
Zina, Ugoeze & Olivia



Good Work Year 5 & 6
Jamie, Zac & Aadya

Bikeability

Year 5 & 6 have been undertaking their Bikeability course this week.

Some children passed the level 1 course which has developed their skills in traffic-free environments whereas some children passed their level 2 course which developed their skills for cycling on single-lane roads with simple junctions and moderate traffic.

Road safety on a bike is extremely important so please consider helping your child to continue to improve their cycling skills.

One level 2 group completed a 7 and a half mile bike ride, they were tired but very proud of themselves!



LET'S CONNECT



TIPS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

Dear parents and carers,

6 - 12 February 2023 is Children's Mental Health Week. The week is run by children's mental health charity Place2Be to raise awareness of the importance of children and young people's mental health. This year's theme is Let's Connect.

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Let's Connect is about making meaningful connections, and for Children's Mental Health Week 2023, Place2Be is encouraging people to connect with others in healthy, rewarding and meaningful ways.

As parents and carers, you are an important role model to your child. How you connect with friends and family will influence your child, and how they develop their own friendships and relationships. For example, how you greet people and maintain friendships, but also how you forgive people or say sorry when you need to.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Here are a few simple ways you can connect with your child and help them to make meaningful connections.

1. Connect with your child in everyday ways

Moments of connection (and re-connection) are really important in child-caregiver relationships. For example, when you pick them up from school, or come in from work, try to give them your full attention and see if this helps you feel better connected as you hug, talk, smile and hear about their day. Watching your child play and joining in is really important to them – so put your phone away and have a bit of fun – being playful is good for adults, too!

With your older child, you may find times such as car journeys a good time to talk, or to re-connect by playing music you both like. It is important to be accessible to a teenager when they need to talk. You may have to be there 'on their terms' and be ready to listen.

2. Talk to your child about important connections

This could include talking about family members, friends, neighbours, childminders, people in the local community and others in your faith group (if you have one). Remember it's ok to talk about people they miss, for example, family members who live in a different country or people who have died.

Children learn a lot from their parents about how to express their feelings, including the joy that comes with feeling connected to others and the sadness that comes with missing others.

3. Talk to your child about their friends

As children become teenagers, their friendship groups become increasingly important to them. Be open to hearing about their friendships and try to listen without judgement.



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Could you transform a child's
life in 2023 by sharing yours?

We urgently need more
foster carers in your
area. Contact us
today or attend
our upcoming
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Whitehaven on
Friday 17 February
at Costa Coffee,
Market Place from
12pm to 2pm.



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