



Newsletter 4th January 2019

Every child is unique and at the heart of everything we do.

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VALUE OF THE MONTH: **HOPE**



Happy New Year!



Welcome back to school. We hope you had an enjoyable Christmas break.

The children are settling back into their classes and have had a fantastic few days this week with the treat of the Jack and the Beanstalk pantomime today.

School Expansion Proposal

A letter was sent out yesterday regarding Central Bedfordshire proposing to expand Thornhill Primary School as part of the HRN1 development. The expansion will supply additional primary school places through a new school building on land adjoining our existing Thornhill Primary School.

Should you have not received this letter please see the school office

Stay and Play

Every Thursday we will be holding a Stay and Play session in our nursery for children under 5 years old. We invite parents/ guardians/ childminders etc to stay and play with their child in our nursery setting. This will be a great opportunity to meet other parents and for your child to develop their social skills.

Our first session will start on Thursday 17th January from 2:30pm to 3:30pm.

Please come along!

After School Clubs

After School Club letters were issued this week for clubs being held on a Tuesday. All children accepted on the club will be notified next Wednesday by Text. Clubs to start Tuesday 15th January 2019.

Dance Club starts Monday 7th January

Gymnastics Club starts Thursday 10th January

Football Club—We still have many places available. This club may be cancelled if we do not have more interest.

Please be advised that we still have places in Dance and Football Club

Important Dates

Please be advised of Important Dates to make note of:

23rd January between 8:45am and 9:45am also between 6:00pm and 7:00pm—Drop In Session with Central Bedfordshire for the Proposal Expansion of Thornhill Primary School.

2nd May 2019—Polling Day—School will be closed

Start Dates

Café—We hold a breakfast café in our school hall every Thursday from 8:30am. Parents can enjoy hot food with their child before school. This will start again on Thursday 17th January

Tuck—Our Wednesday Tuck for Years 5 & 6 will start again on Wednesday 16th January

Juice and Biscuits—Children can purchase juice and biscuits every Friday for 20p. This will start again from Friday 11th January.

Nursery Places

Please be advised that we have nursery places available. Please see the school office for further information. Places available for 2 year funding and ages 3 and up

Outstanding Dinner Monies

We have a number of children with outstanding dinner monies which need to be settled asap. Please see the school office to make payment.

Asda Voucher for new awards of Free School Meals

Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free school meals. Your child is eligible for free school meals if you're in receipt of one of the following benefits:

Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400.

Income Support

Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance

Income-related Employment and Support Allowance

Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

The guarantee element of Pension Credit

Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190

Registering for free meals could also raise an extra **£1,320** for every year that your child is in education. That is **around £13,000 toward your child's education** from now until they are 16. This funding is given straight to your child's school to fund valuable support like extra tuition, additional teaching staff or after school activities.

This additional money is available from central government for every child whose parent is receiving one of the benefits listed above.

Parents can check their entitlement by contacting **0300 300 8306**.

Any Parents/ Carers which contact the above number by Friday 11th January 2019 and are awarded Free School Meals will receive a **£20 Asda Voucher**.

Please note that this is only for new applicants of Free School Meals and not for parents/carers already in receipt.

DIARY DATES

- 4th January 2019—Jack & The Beanstalk Theatre Production
17th January 2019—Stay and Play Session in nursery 2:30pm to 3:30pm
23rd January 2019—from 8:45am to 9:45am and 6pm to 7pm—Proposal Expansion Drop In
25th January 2019—Year 3 Trip to Verulamium Museum
31st January 2019—Behaviour and Autism workshop 1:30 to 3pm. Details to follow
27th February 2019—Internet Safety with parents at 9am
7th March 2019—World Book Morning 9am to 10am for parents
8th March 2019—World Book Day dress up
15th March 2019—Red Nose Day—Details to follow
25th March 2019—Parent Consultations 3:30—5:30
26th March 2019—Parent Consultations 4:30—6:30
26th March 2019—No "Tuesday" After School Club
27th March 2019—Nursery Mark Making Session—9am and 3pm session for parents
Details to follow
29th March 2019—Mothers Day Assembly or years R, 1, 2, 3, 4 at 9am
29th March 2019—Mothers Day Cream Tea—2:45pm to 3:30pm—details to Follow
2nd April 2019—Last Afterschool club for the term
2nd April 2019—KS2 Spring Play— 2pm—Details to Follow
3rd April 2019—KS2 Spring Play—2pm—Details to Follow
5th April 2019—End of Term Assembly at 9am

Term Dates

- Half Term—Monday 11th - Friday 15th February
Easter Break—Monday 8th - Monday 22nd April
May Day—Monday 6th May
Half Term—Monday 27th - Friday 31st May
Training Day—Monday 3rd June
Break up for Summer—Friday 19th July

Assemblies

- Celebration Assemblies are every Friday at 9am - all welcome.
Friday 25th January—Year 2 Assembly
Friday 8th February—Year 1 Assembly

School Trips

- 25th January 2019—Year 3 Verulamium Museum
26th to 28th June 2019—Year 6 Kingswood Trip
26th to 27th September 2019—Caldecotte Xperience