



# Newsletter 8th February 2019

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

**Head Teacher:** Mrs Julia Lawson

**Deputy Head:** Mr Christopher Gunning **Assistant Head:** Mrs Patricia Kuevi

**Chair of Governors:** Ms Claire McDonald

## VALUE OF THE MONTH: **HOPE**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you that after eleven immensely enjoyable and successful years as Headteacher of Thornhill Primary School, I have made the decision to leave at the end of the year, December 2019.

I am proud of our achievements and feel that I am leaving the school well equipped to face the future challenges that lie ahead. I joined the school in 2007, only intending to stay for five years, but somehow couldn't bring myself to leave until now! I feel privileged to have worked with some fantastic members of staff over the years, and am pleased to be leaving behind a strong, talented and very committed team who will ensure that our present strengths are built on.

It has been an absolute honour to see hundreds of children grow and develop into such confident, successful learners, who leave Thornhill well- equipped and prepared for secondary school life.

The school enjoys an excellent reputation in Houghton Regis and beyond, this is because of the excellent behaviour of our children and the quality of care and education provided by all the staff members at Thornhill. I know I will be leaving the school in very safe hands; we are fortunate in having a strong governing body, and very many brilliant and committed members of staff.

I understand that some parents may have anxieties about the future but I would like to reassure you that I have every confidence in the school's ability to recruit an excellent Headteacher to carry on my work. The Governing Body have started the process for appointing my successor. We will keep you updated on the outcome.

I will be spending my remaining months continuing to implement all our exciting plans and will continue to ensure that the needs of our children are at the forefront of our work.

Warm Regards  
Julia Lawson

### **Workers of the Week**

Congratulations to Aleksander B, Gabriella B, Ryan T, Deondre W, Denis J, Kyla G, Eryk K

### **Special People of the Week**

Congratulations to Amna Z, Luca F, Daniel C, Charlie P, Josh C-H, Grace F, Ashley M

**Class Attendance Winners:** Panthers with 98.2%

**House Points Winning House:** **Amber** with 67 points!

We break up for half term today and return on Monday 18th February.  
We hope everyone has an enjoyable break.



### Thank you

Thank you for all of the cake donations for our bake sale which was held yesterday after school. We raised £108!

office any time this week.

Thank you for your continued support.



### Dance Class

We still have many spaces available on our dance class which is run on a Monday after school.

**Please be advised that we have decided to delay the start of classes by one week to try and boost the club numbers. Classes will therefore start on Monday 25th February .**

If you would like your child to attend please see the school office.

### Teaching Assistant Interviews

We are delighted to announce that we have appointed two new Teaching Assistants.

Mr Scippo will join us on Monday 18th February and will be covering classes that Miss Connolly worked in.

Miss Herber will also be joining us on Tuesday 23rd April.

### Attendance

Any child who has under 96% attendance, will be asked to provide medical evidence if having time off school. Failure to provide this will result in an unauthorised mark on the register.

### Outstanding Dinner Monies

We have a number of children with outstanding dinner monies which need to be settled asap.

**If your child's dinner bill exceeds £20 we may stop children from receiving further school dinners until payment is received.**

### Dropping your child at school

It has come to our attention that some parents in Year 3 and 4 are leaving their children at the gates. Can we please ask that children are taken to the classroom door.

Many Thanks

### **DIARY DATES**

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 1st March—Reception Assembly

### **School Trips**

27th February 2019—Year 5 Wrest Park Trip  
26th to 28th June 2019—Year 6 Kingswood Trip  
26th to 27th September 2019—Caldecotte Xperience