



Newsletter 10th January 2020

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

Head Teacher: Mrs Bernice Waite

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

Chair of Governors: Ms Claire McDonald

VALUE OF THE MONTH: POSITIVITY

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with great excitement and a sense of pride that I write my first letter to you as the new Headteacher of Thornhill Primary School.

From my previous visits to the school over the past three years, I have been really impressed by the well-mannered, articulate children, dedicated staff and hugely supportive community. I am now thrilled to have the opportunity of leading this wonderful school and building on its success.

I fully understand the importance of schooling and recognise the vital nature of children attending a supportive, high quality school that allows every young person to reach their potential. We all want the best for our children and I have always believed that this is best achieved when schools work in unison with parents and carers.

I feel very lucky to have the opportunity to take over the leadership of a school with such a good reputation in the community of Houghton Regis. I am sure some parents are understandably nervous about the changes at Thornhill Primary both in change of headteacher and the new build. Please be reassured that nothing will change in terms of the routines for your child in the short term. The expectations of all staff (teaching and non-teaching) will be as high as they were before. As the leader of the school, my main job is to make sure your child is safe, happy and achieving well whilst they are at school. Thornhill Primary is a good school with the potential to be excellent. It is the aim of the whole school team to help each child become a successful learner and well-rounded individual who is ready to make the next steps in their learning journey.

I am keen to meet parents and carers, to give you the opportunity to say hello. There will be a meeting for parents and carers on Tuesday 4th February. You can either attend the 9am one or the 5pm one, whichever is the most convenient. There will be a short presentation on the 'New Build' followed by refreshments and the opportunity to ask any questions you may have of my senior leaders and me.

With kind regards,

Mrs B Waite

A note from Mrs Lawson

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

I hope you have had a fantastic Christmas holiday and are ready for a new and exciting school term. I would just like to say a massive 'Thank you' to you all for your kind messages and leaving presents, I was overwhelmed by the send-off I received. I have enjoyed reading your cards and have them all displayed around my house for everyone to see.

I wish you all well in the future... I shall be following Thornhill's progress from afar.

With love and very best wishes.

Julia Lawson

House Points Winning House: Ruby with 109 Points! Second with 106 points!

School Dinner Catering Meeting

We will be holding a catering meeting on Wednesday 22nd January 2020 at 9am, to give parents the opportunity to meet our catering team to discuss school dinners along with any concerns that they may have.

Outstanding Monies

We have a number of outstanding balances for dinners, breakfast and after school clubs.

Please ensure all Parentpay accounts are settled asap.

Many Thanks

Newsletters

Please be advised that we will be producing monthly newsletters at the start of each month. The next Newsletter will be produced in February.

Thursday Café

Please be advised that there will be no Thursday Café until further notice.

Apologies

DIARY DATES

5th January—World Book Day

24th June—26th June— Year 6 Residential with PGL

24th—25th September—Year 4 Residential Caldecotte

Assemblies

8:45am in the school hall

Term Dates

Half Term—Monday 17th - Friday 21st February

Easter Break—Monday 6th - Friday 17th April

Training Day—Monday 20th April

May Day—Monday 8th May

Half Term—Monday 25th - Friday 29th May

Break up for Summer—Friday 17th July