



Thorntree Primary School

January 2018 Newsletter



Happy New Year

The children have made a fantastic, settled start to the new year .

Safety Plea! Please can parents/carers encourage children to walk along the path NOT through the carpark when dropping children off for breakfast club and school.



This term, there will be a huge focus in school on the power of Reading. We will be having competitions and events for both reading in school and reading at home.

Time and time again, research shows that learning to read - and to love to read - is directly linked to children's success at school and beyond. So how can you best support your child at home?

The following link has some great advice and videos to support reading at home. <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/advice-for-parents/reading-at-home/>

WHAT DO I WRITE IN THE READING RECORD? It is important that the Reading Record reflects the child's reading patterns. Regular comments from the parent, linked to the questions below, are also needed to show that your child is extending his/her reading through questioning and interaction with an adult. The following list offers suggestions that may be appropriate.

How enthusiastic is my child about the choice of book? • Can my child remember the story? • Is my child reading using only the pictures for clues? • Does my child understand the words they are reading? • Can my child read words out of context e.g. when you point to a word without reading the whole sentence? • Is my child confident to attempt new words? • What reading strategies is my child using e.g. sounds, use of the picture, use of the context? • Can my child

follow the text without using a finger or marker? • Is there a pattern to the mistakes they are making e.g. words ending in "ed" or starting in "sh"? • Does my child recognise mistakes and self correct? • Is my child recognising many key words? • Is my child aware of punctuation? • Is my child reading with expression? • How long is my child able to sustain reading?

The MORE that you read, the MORE things you will know. The MORE that you LEARN, the MORE places you'll go.



Key Dates/Events

- 2nd Feb NSPCC Numbers Day (wear a number to school)
- 6th Feb—Safer Internet Day
- 6th Feb—School Photograph Day
- 7th Feb—Y4 visit to Segedunum*
- 7th Feb—Year 2 Pirate Day, Parents and carers welcome (see separate letter)*
- 7th Feb—Nursery Stay & Play 10:45– 11:30 & 2:15–3:00
- 8th Feb Reception Stay & Play 2:15– 3:00
- 8th Feb—Y5 Carnival*
- 8th Feb—Y6 Igloo Building*
- 9th Feb— Wear Red for Roary Day (Children may wear a red top or football shirt with their school uniform bottom.)
- 9th Feb— School closes 3:00pm
- 12th–16th Feb—Half Term
- 19th Feb—School opens
- 1st March— World Book day. (Children can dress up as a favourite book character and parents/carers will be invited into school)

*Children who are on support card two will not be permitted to attend the starred events.

SHOW RACISM THE **RED CARD**



Thorntree Primary will be entering the Show Racism the Red Card competition 2018. This is an amazing opportunity for our children to use their creativity and demonstrate their knowledge about racism, allowing them to grow as active citizens within our community and spreading much needed awareness.

Register at info@theredcard.org



We would like to notify parents that there have been recent reports on Gazette live about the concerns of the popular app 'Roblox'. A Middlesbrough mum reported her concerns as there is also a messaging function which could potentially allow strangers to message children.

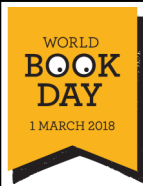


Tomorrow we will be joining thousands of schools for a mega maths-inspired fundraising day and raise money for the NSPCC. With new creative activities this year, it's maths but not as you know it!

Our Attendance target is **95%**





Our December achievement was **93%**

Please support our attendance goal, we need to do better.



Following Parent/Carer feedback, this year we will be dressing up for World Book Day. Your child will bring home a letter nearer the event.

House Points

Oak	Rowan	Beech	Sycamore
			
552	536	461	562

Safeguarding Procedures- We are planning to practice our Lockdown Procedure so the children know how to respond in the even of an incident.

Spring Term Clubs

Please note; Clubs are free of charge to attend. Children who are on support card 2 will not be allowed to attend clubs.

Club Title & Location	Year group/s	Day	Time	Adult/s	Collection Point
Homework Club, Year 2	Years 1, 2	Thursday	3:00pm—4:00pm	Mrs McDonagh	Year 3/4 door
Netball, Main Hall	Years 3,4,5,6	Thursday	3:00pm—4:30pm	Miss Tupling / Miss French	Main Office
Gardening club, Outdoor Classroom	Year 5	Thursday	3:00pm – 4:15pm	Mrs Nottingham	Main Office
Drawing Club	Years 5,6	Thursday	3:00pm – 4:00pm	Mr Cassidy	Year 5 door
Drama Club	Years 3, 4	Thursday	3:00pm – 4:00pm	Miss Watson	Year 3/4 door
Breakfast Club, Lunch Hall	All Years	Everyday	8:10am—8:40am	Mrs Fryett	Year 3/4 door

Find out more on our school's twitter feed ...<https://twitter.com/TrThorntree>
Or our fantastic website: <http://www.thorntreeschool.co.uk/website>

