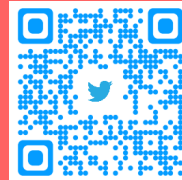


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Hello everyone

On behalf of our everyone at Thornton, I would like say a **very BIG thank you to Laura, our fantastic lollipop lady on Alum Rock Road**. Laura has served our local community for **23 years** and has now reached the point where she is ready for her well earned retirement! I know you will join me in wishing Laura all the very best in her new adventures and will say an extra special thank you to her when you see her over the coming days this week.



Wowzers! We are still recovering from the sound of 480 prancing reindeers in the school corridors this week as excited children and staff made their way to the dining hall for Christmas dinner! **Our school chef and his superb team cooked us a delicious traditional Christmas meal—a MASSIVE thank you to them!**



A HUGE well done too to everyone in **Year 3** who put on phenomenal **performances of their Nativity Assembly** for the whole school this week. We are really impressed with their hard work, growing confidence and range of acting and singing skills. We can't wait for the Year 3 parents/carers to share the heart-warming experience tomorrow morning at 9am.



On **Tuesday 7th January at 8.45am until 9.30am** we will be holding our monthly **'Time To Talk' coffee morning in the Dining Hall**. This is a great opportunity to pop in for a drink and chat with other parents/carers and members of the Senior Leadership Team and Inclusion Team. It would be lovely to see you there!

On behalf of the Governors and staff at Thornton, I would like to wish everyone who celebrates Christmas a **very merry Christmas**, and to all a **peaceful and happy new year**.

We are looking forward to welcoming the children back to school from **8.30am on Tuesday 7th January 2025**, and by 8.45am at the very latest! (Monday 6th January is a Teacher Training Day and School is closed to all children.)

Have a great holiday everyone!

Cathy Grace, Headteacher

Headteacher - Mrs Cathy Grace
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School Attendance



Class Attendance

Well done to **6ZB** who achieved our school attendance target of 97% and above for last week.

Our school attendance last week was 93.5 %

Magic 15 Raising Attendance and Punctuality Project

Well done to all the children who have completed the Magic 15 Attendance and Punctuality initiative. Attendance celebration assembly will be held next term. Thank you to the parents and carers for working in partnership with us to help improve our school attendance.

PE TIMETABLE

Monday 6th January 2025

TEACHER TRAINING DAY

School closed to pupils

Tuesday 7th January 2025

ALL PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL

Swimming for 4NG and 4AA.
4NG MUST be in school for 8.25am

Wednesday 8th January

Year 4

Thursday 9th January

Year 6

Friday 10th January

Year 5

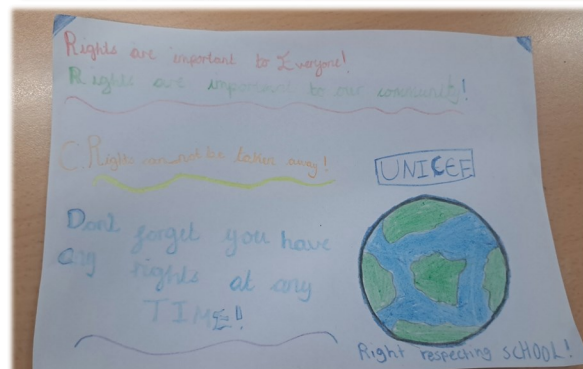
ARTICLE OF THE WEEK

This week we focused on the **Unicef ABCDE** which reminds us that:

- A: Rights are for ALL children.**
- B: Rights are there at BIRTH.**
- C: Rights CANNOT be taken away.**
- D: Rights DO NOT have to be earned.**
- E: All rights are EQUALLY important.**



We have learned that ALL children and young people have these rights no matter where you are from, how old you are, what you believe, or how you choose to live your life. That governments cannot pick or choose which rights to honour, your rights can't be taken away from you and adults must respect and protect your human rights when they plan services, make policies and make decisions.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Y3 Nativity Assembly

Friday 20th December
9-10am

Christmas Party afternoon
(all children can wear their own warm clothes!)

Friday 20th December
School Closes at 3:30pm

Christmas Holidays
Monday 23rd December to
Friday 3rd January 2025

Teacher training day
Monday 6th January 2025

Spring Term 1 Starts
Tuesday 7th January until
Friday 14 February 2025

Time to Talk Coffee Morning

Tuesday 7th January
8.45-9 am