



The Thornton Times

Spring Term 1

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Friday 31st January 2020

Hello everyone,

It was great to see so many of you at parents' evening on Wednesday and we hope the remaining parents will visit us next week to meet the teachers and discuss their child's progress. When you are at parents' evening we would really like you to complete a short questionnaire, devised by the RSE working party, as this will help inform the work we do over the next three terms. Thank you in advance for your help.

Get the facts
on Relationships
and Sex Education

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**DON'T
FORGET
YOUR
PE
KIT**

Please can you ensure that your child has a PE kit in school and also wears their kit on PPA day as it really helps us to get lessons off to a quick start. Warm coats, tracksuits and layers are really important at the moment as the weather seems to be getting colder!

Have a great weekend everyone.

Sue Simmons, Headteacher.

King Edward's Debating Workshop

On Friday afternoon, we were visited by a group of students from King Edward's School. They came to lead a debating workshop with thirty children from Year Four. Through games and activities, they were taught how to present an argument, how to challenge someone else's points effectively and had some tips on speaking to a crowd under pressure. The children were full of excellent ideas and performed brilliantly; they really impressed the older students. Some of the children showed such talent that they were chosen to represent the school in debating. Hopefully we will be able to attend King Edward's School to compete against other primary schools later in the year. We are very proud of our talented students.



Year 5 Stratford-Upon-Avon Trip

On Monday, Year 5 visited Shakespeare's hometown of Stratford-upon Avon. We had the chance to visit Shakespeare's birthplace, inspect different artefacts, write with a quill and walk through the beautiful town. Thirty of the children had the chance to act as tour guides for the day, passing on their expertise to members of the public – they were a credit to the school.



The school newsletter for children, parents and carers of Thornton Primary School.



Year 4 Museum & Art Gallery Trip

This week Year 4 have been on a trip to the Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery. During their visit, they all took part in a mummification workshop and learnt why the Egyptians removed the different organs from their bodies to be used in the afterlife. They spent the day exploring the different galleries in the museum and looked closely at the Ancient Egyptian artefacts. They all had a great time and they can't wait to go on another exciting trip!



Dates for your diary

Non-Sibling Parents' Evening –

Wednesday 5th February
3.45pm – 5.30pm



Behaviour Parent Information Session–

Monday 10th February 9am until 10am.

Year 5 Science Parent Information

Sessions–**Thursday 13th February**
9am until 9.30 am

Year 3 Roman Museum – **Friday 14th**
February 9am until 9.45am

Year 4 Egyptian Museum – **Friday 14th**
February 9am until 9.45am

**DATES TO
REMEMBER**

E-Safety Concern

It has come to our attention that children are using an app called **Discord**, which is for individuals over the age of 13. It is a parental responsibility to ensure that your children under the age of 13 are **NOT** using this application. Discord app is available on all devices from laptops, smartphones, tablets, iPads and computers. For more information please visit:

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/>



reading plus

Ms Evans, English Lead, will be in the hall during Parents' Evening and will be offering support with Reading Plus. Please drop in if you have any questions or concerns. Please pop in!



Y5 Science - Parent Information Sessions

On **Thursday 13th February**, there will be a session about the upcoming topic 'Living things and their habitats' which will cover the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird, as well as describe the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals.

On **Thursday 19th March**, there will be another session about the upcoming topic 'Animals, including humans' which will cover describing the changes as humans develop to old age.

Next week, we will be sending letters home to Year 4 and Year 5 parents to invite you to attend these sessions about Year 5 Science.



Class Attendance



Well done **GHO3** who achieved 100% attendance last week.

The following classes achieved 97% and above attendance last week.

Year 3 – Snowy Owl 3 and Eagle Owl 3

Year 5–Snowy Owl 5, Great Horned Owl 5 and Barn Owl 5,

Year 6 – Eagle Owl 6



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