# Thornhill News



We are at the end of our first half term and I am very proud of the wonderful start all our children have made to the new school year. Our children have such an amazing attitude to every aspect of school life and because of that the school has a really energetic and positive atmosphere. Special mention to our Reception and Nursery children who have settled so well.

I hope you all have an enjoyable Autumn half term and we look forward to the children's return on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.



### **Harvest Festival**

Year 3 performed a great assembly on Harvest, to their parents/carers. The whole school have been collecting for the Shildon Alive Harvest Parcel challenge which reached a grand total of 2110 items. We also sent Harvest hampers out today for friends/relatives in the community.

What an amazing effort from our school community!





### **Spellings/Maths Facts**

Please encourage your child to practise over the holidays. Learning these facts can make such a difference in class.

#### Reading

This week we have had online visits from real life authors and children have discussed their favourite books and created their own front covers. This year we are really trying to develop reading for pleasure throughout the school, so this has been a terrific way to get our children talking about books! We have lots more reading activities planned throughout the year

## **Tag Rugby Festival**

Well done to Year 5 and 6 who represented the school at Tag Rugby. The children made it to their group final and were runners up, which was excellent. Fantastic attitude and behaviour all day and the children looked so smart in their new kits too!



# **Online Safety**

Most home will have access to Netflix. Attached is an online safety update, which gives step by step instructions for setting up parental controls. Setting up these controls means children are protected from material which may not be appropriate and gives you peace of mind that your account can be locked.



# **Attendance**

Thanks for all your support with attendance and punctuality. Good attendance makes such an impact, so let's keep working together with this.

# Dates for the diary - DETAILS OF THESE EVENTS WILL BE SENT SEPARATELY. **NOVEMBER**

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov Children return to school

Year 2 Phonics meeting

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> Nov Year 6 visit to Bowes Museum & The Locomotion

Monday 8th Nov Year 1 Walk around Shildon Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Nov Year 1 Forest Schools Thursday 11th Nov Year 1 Phonics meeting Friday 12th Nov Year 2 Assembly

Week Commencing 15<sup>th</sup> Nov **Anti-Bullying week** Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> Nov Year 2 Forest Schools

**School Photographer** 

Thursday 18th Nov **KS2 Gangsta Granny Sunderland Empire** 

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Nov Children in Need Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov **Year 3 Forest Schools** Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Nov Year 1 Assembly Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> Nov **Year 4 Forest School** 

#### **DECEMBER**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec Year 2 visit Bowes Museum

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec Nursery Christmas Song Performance for parents

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec **Year 5 Forest Schools** 

Wednesday 8th Dec KS1 The Nutcracker – Durham Gal Theatre

Friday 10th Dec Reception - Nativity

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec Nursery/Reception Christmas Party

Tuesday 14th Dec **Year 6 Forest Schools** 

Year 1 & 2 Christmas Party

Year 3 - Ancient Egypt Workshop Year 4 - Ancient Greeks Workshop

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec Year 3 & 4 Christmas Party Thursday 16th Dec Year 5 & 6 Christmas Party

Nursery & Reception - Search for Santa production in School

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec Break up for Christmas

## School dates

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Jan to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Feb 2022 Spring Term 1 Monday 21st Feb - Friday 25th Feb 2022 Half term holidays Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022 Spring Term 2 Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2022 **Easter Holidays** 

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April – Fri 29<sup>th</sup> April Summer Term 1

Bank Holiday Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022 **May Half Term** 

> Monday 6th June Bank Holiday Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Staff Training Day

Summer Term 2 Wednesday 8th June – Wednesday 20th July 2022

Thursday 21st July 2022 - Training Day for Staff

Thursday 21st July 2022 – Monday 5th September 2022 **Summer Holidays** 

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September & Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September

(Staff Training Days)

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2022 **Children Return to School** 

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