# **Thornhill News**



It has been a really busy week in school this week. Can you believe we have been back 2 weeks? Here are some school updates:

# **Remembrance Day**

Year 2 - Year 6 took part in a historical workshop from the Durham Archive Team, which gave them an opportunity to investigate a local soldier from the First World War.

The whole school also created a wonderful poppy display, which was beautiful.



This is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Poppy Appeal for the British Legion, so thankyou for any contributions.

# **Sporting Events**

- Netball Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre, our Netball team won all 3 matches this week.
- Football King James School. This week we won 1 game and lost 1, the week before we won both games.
- Sporthall Athletics –Newton Aycliffe Leisure centre. Our Year 6s took part in this event finishing 5<sup>th</sup> overall.





# **Shildon Alive**

Year 6 have been working in partnership with Shildon Alive and will be setting up a school shop every Thursday on the yard from 3-3.15pm. The school will keep half of any contributions and the School Council will have the opportunity to be involved with how that is spent. It is also a great way to support food waste, as this is food donated by supermarkets and local people that would otherwise be thrown away.



# **Anti-bullying week**

Next week is Antibullying week and the theme for Monday is Odd Socks Day, so children can wear their own odd socks. As crazy and wacky as you like! At Thornhill Primary School, we work hard to promote positive and respectful behaviour and ensure that school is a safe and welcoming place to learn.

#### **Children In Need**

Next Friday is Children In Need – children can wear yellow/spotty clothes or their own clothes. We will be holding a book sale during the day, so children can bring up to £1 into school, all proceeds go to Children In Need.

We have lots of fun activities planned for the day!



#### **School Photographs**

The school photographer will be in school on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November. Unfortunately due to Covid, photos can only be with siblings in school.

**Diary of dates is attached -** We have postponed the Theatre visits until the New Year. Details about Reception Nativity, will be decided in December.

Parents/carers will continue to be invited to class assemblies. Unfortunately at the moment, we do have restrictions on numbers and it can only be 1 parent/carer, but hopefully in the New Year this may change.

Finally, we would just like to add how incredibly proud we are of our children. We have been contacted by a number of visitors, to say how well behaved, enthusiatic and eager to learn they all are. We have also had some lovely messages about the Harvest parcels and it is always great to read your responses on our Facebook about what the children are doing.

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

# **NOVEMBER**

Week Commencing 15<sup>th</sup> Nov Anti-Bullying week

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> Nov Year 2 Forest Schools

School Photographer

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Nov

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Nov

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> Nov

Year 1 Assembly

Year 4 Forest School

**DECEMBER** 

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

Shildon Christmas Lights Switch on

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

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas Mayor Event – Civic Hall

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec Reception – Nativity

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

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec Year 6 Forest Schools

Year 1 & 2 Christmas Party

Year 3 – Ancient Eqypt Workshop Year 4 – Ancient Greeks Workshop

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec Year 3 & 4 Christmas Party

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec Year 5 & 6 Christmas Party

Nursery & Reception - Search for Santa production in School

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Dinner Break up for Christmas

# **School dates**

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

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

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

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

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June Bank Holiday

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Staff Training Day

Summer Term 2 Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022 - Training Day for Staff

Summer Holidays Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022 – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022

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

(Staff Training Days)

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

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