

Thornhill News



Tonight our Year 5 and Year 6 will perform Christmas songs at the Christmas Light Switch On at 4.30pm at the Town Square. We hope you can join us.

On Sunday, they are also singing at the Civic Christmas Service at 6pm and we are looking forward to performing there too.

It is fantastic to get the children involved in local events within the community!

Football

This week our Year 6 football team won the league, which is a fantastic achievement. The final went down to a penalty shoot out, so was very tense, but a great save and 3 brilliant penalties ensured we lifted the trophy.

Congratulations to those boys who represented our school. They showed an amazing attitude and we are incredibly proud of them!



Bowes Museum Art Competition

Our Year, 4, 5 and 6 were invited to enter an art competition to have their art work displayed in an exhibition at the museum. There were lots of entries, so well done to all those children who entered. 3 pieces of art based on the theme 'Regeneration – Climate Change' were chosen for the competition and highlights the amazing artists we have in school. Fingers crossed for the final in January!



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Covid

We continue to be vigilant in school and follow our robust procedures and risk assessment. Please remember if your child shows any of the 3 symptoms, they must stay off school and get a PCR test. Please ensure school receives the negative PCR test before they return to school.

Attendance

We have been working hard with attendance this term. Unfortunately there is nothing we can do about self-isolation and Covid regulations, but it is important children get to school as much as they can. I will be contacting parents/carers whose children's attendance is below 90% over the next few weeks to make sure we can work together from January to improve this.

Did you know that a child who misses school twice a month will lose 18 days education across the school year, which is almost 4 weeks! Good attendance really is the key to success!

There is so much happening at school it is a real shame when children miss out, so your help to develop good attendance is greatly appreciated.

Parking

As you know, we have asked for your support with parking outside the school to ensure our children are safe. Hopefully the new morning arrangements are easing congestion.

Communication

Please can parents/carers contact school regarding any issues, rather than using social media. It is our job to deal with anything linked to school and we are always happy to help.

Smoking

Please can parents/carers not smoke outside the school gates and be mindful of others.

ParentPay

Please ensure balances are paid regularly. All balances will need to be settled before Christmas break up.

Nursery

We currently have 15 hour and 30 hour places for 3 & 4 year olds, so please contact the school to discuss your child starting nursery.

Dates for the diary

There are a few changes to the Christmas Parties to be aware of

Monday 13 th	am - Year 1 Party pm – Reception/Nursery Party
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Tuesday 14 th	am – Year 2 Party pm – Year 3 Party
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Wednesday 15 th	am – Year 6 Party pm – Year 4 Party
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Thursday 16 th	pm – Year 5 Party
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DECEMBER

Friday 3 rd Dec	Nursery Christmas Song Performance for parents Shildon Christmas Lights Switch on
Tuesday 7th Dec	Year 5 Forest Schools
Wednesday 8 th Dec	Christmas Mayor Event – Civic Hall
Friday 10th Dec	Reception – Nativity
Monday 13 th Dec	Nursery/Reception Christmas Party Year 1 Christmas Party
Tuesday 14th Dec	Year 6 Forest Schools Year 2 Christmas Party Year 3 Christmas Party Year 3 – Ancient Egypt Workshop Year 4 – Ancient Greeks Workshop
Wednesday 15 th Dec	Year 4 Christmas Party Year 6 Christmas Party
Thursday 16th Dec	Year 5 Christmas Party Nursery & Reception - Search for Santa production in School
Friday 17 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Dinner Break up for Christmas

School dates

Spring Term 1	Tuesday 4 th Jan to Friday 18 th Feb 2022
Half term holidays	Monday 21st Feb – Friday 25th Feb 2022
Spring Term 2	Monday 28 th Feb to Friday 8 th April 2022
Easter Holidays	Monday 11th April – Friday 22nd April 2022
Summer Term 1	Monday 25 th April – Fri 29 th April Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May Tuesday 3 rd May – Friday 27 th May Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June 2022 Monday 6 th June Bank Holiday Tuesday 7 th June – Staff Training Day
May Half Term	Wednesday 8th June – Wednesday 20th July 2022
Summer Term 2	Thursday 21 st July 2022 - Training Day for Staff
Summer Holidays	Thursday 21st July 2022 – Monday 5th September 2022 Monday 5 th September & Tuesday 6 th September (Staff Training Days)
Children Return to School	Wednesday 7th September 2022

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