

AUTUMN HALF-TERM 1



Part of the Green Hills First federation

Welcome back to the new school year!



>>> HEAD TEACHER'S WELCOME

A huge warm welcome back to school to our existing families and pupils and a very warm welcome to our new starters and their families too. I hope you all had a fantastic Summer, despite the weather.

We are so pleased to see our children back in school and settling well.

School had such a lovely feeling last week with all the children buzzing and enthusiastic about their learning, classroom spaces and seeing many old and new friends. There is much to look forward to in the year ahead and many things for children and parents to get involved with, we would love to see you at our planned events over the coming year. If you need to have an informal chat about anything, the door is always open. If I am in school, I will be on the door as frequently as possible but if I am not visible in school, I can be contacted via the school office and will get back to you as soon as possible. Here's to a great start to the new school year.

Mrs Wagstaff

>>> HELLO TO NEW FACES!

Along with our 7 new starters joining us in Reception and 3 new pupils in Years 2 & 4 we also have 5 new members of staff; Mrs Felicity MacLean and Miss Katie Walshaw (our new after school club staff) and ETA's Claire DeLivio, Sarah Paget and Cheryl Metcalfe.

We're sure you will give them all a warm welcome as they settle in at Thurstonland!



>>> BREAKFAST & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Our new after school club is well underway and runs Monday - Thursday each week - our new participants are settling in well and feedback from the children has been great! Do get in touch if you need to book regular sessions or an ad-hoc (one off) session - we currently have places available and as this is a service we have worked to put in place after feedback from parents we would love to see it well supported.

Breakfast Club also runs on a Friday morning at the moment on a trial basis - we will review this session as we approach Christmas as we need a minimum number to keep it in place.

Please get in touch if you have any questions about wrap around care or wish to book any sessions.

>>> CLASS NEWSLETTERS

A newsletter for each class was emailed home this week and Miss Norris has sent out some useful 'how to help your child at home' information for Reception & Year 1 year groups (please check book bags!).

[For reference the class newsletters have also been uploaded to the class pages on the school website.](#)

>>> SOCIAL MEDIA

Find us on Twitter and Facebook via the following links:

<https://www.facebook.com/>

Search for **Thurstonland FIRST School PTA**

<https://twitter.com/ThurstonlandSch>

@ThurstonlandSch





Children need to be on the school premises promptly each morning so that lessons can begin promptly. Children who arrive late are greatly disadvantaged as they miss starting the school day with their peers and the beginning of lessons. The start of the school day is also important for children developing friendships and building social skills. It also gives parents a chance to meet other families who will form their support network as their children transition through school together.

For reception pupils, their first year in school is crucial in forming early foundations for learning and play which they can build on in future years. Good attendance means your children will not go into future years with gaps in their early number work and phonics for example.

We understand there are occasions when you are unavoidably late due to unforeseen circumstances or when your child is too poorly for school. You, as parents, are the best of judge of that but please be assured that when children are unwell at school, we would inform you as the day progresses and send them home if necessary. Most children 'perk up' around their friends and often come round once they are here. On an occasion when your child is too unwell to attend or will be late, please always inform the school office as soon as possible.

In line with our attendance policy, it is only in exceptional circumstances that pupils would be granted leave of absence for a family holiday. Our attendance policy can be found on our [school website](#).

AMAZON WISHLIST <<<

Did you know we have an Amazon 'wishlist'?

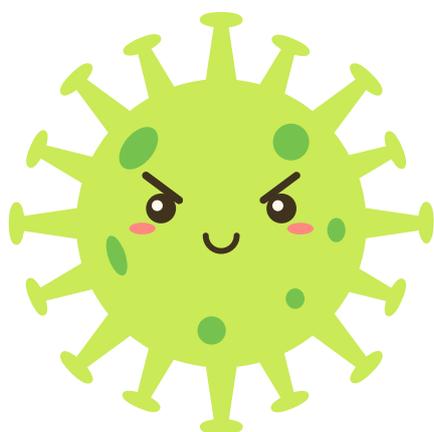
Please follow the link below if you would like to help us out with any of the little extras we often need in school for the children:

<https://amzn.eu/5CMkvbp>



We'll soon be into cold season and we'll be getting through lots of tissues!

Thank you!



>>> FLU VACCINATION

This autumn school term, your child is being offered a flu vaccination through a nasal spray. This year the vaccination is being offered in school to all children from Reception to Year 11 as part of a national health campaign to protect vulnerable people, including young children, from flu this autumn and winter.

Please click on the link below and use the code listed to complete the form as soon as possible:

<https://www.locala.org.uk/services/immunisation-service/flu-vaccination-south-kirklees>

You will need the following code **107717**

If you do not wish for your child to receive either vaccines but do not want to complete the electronic consent, please email the Nursing Team at **LCP.localachildhealth@locala.org.uk** with your child's name and date of birth and confirm that you wish to decline consent.

PTA MEETING! <<<

Come and join us for our first PTA meeting of the school year - all parents are PTA members and are very welcome!



ALL WELCOME

PTA MEETING

Have Your Say

THURSDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 8AM IN THE BARN

TOPIC OF CONVERSATION:

MRS WAGSTAFF WILL TELL US ABOUT SPENDING PRIORITIES FOR THIS YEAR

WE WILL BE PLANNING OUR FUND RAISING EVENTS FOR THE YEAR



THURSTONLAND FIRST SCHOOL WELCOME WEDNESDAY OPEN MORNING

Open To current & prospective parents

An opportunity to look around our school and beautiful garden, talk to our fantastic teachers, staff & Governors and see the fun learning that takes place!



SMALL CLASS SIZES
REC - YR 5

WRAP AROUND CARE

ACTIVE PTA

www.thurstonlandfirst.org.uk

27th September
9.00am - 10.30am

SPACES AVAILABLE IN VARIOUS YEAR GROUPS

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT:

01484 666480

office@thurstonlandfirst.co.uk



ADMISSIONS 2024 <<<



Applications have now opened for you to apply online for Reception 2024 and for children moving to Middle School next September.

Leaflets have come home with Year 5 pupils.

If you require any further information please visit:

<https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/admissions>



>>> SCHOOL MILK

Thank you for your patience as we work to secure a new milk provider after our previous supplier SCHOOL MILK closed down unexpectedly at the end of the summer term.

Many schools across Kirklees used this particular supplier and so the remaining suppliers are working flat out to cope with the demand for new accounts and deliveries.

Pupils receive free milk up until the time they turn 5 years old as do pupils in receipt of free school meals (means tested). We will automatically order a carton of milk each day for these pupils.

We will be in touch again as soon as we have further information for you.

SUMMER WORK IN SCHOOL <<<



As always we've used the summer holidays as an opportunity to have lots of work carried out to our school building and you'll have noticed some changes on return to school!

We have new graphics to the outside windows, entrance lobby and main corridor - these really brighten up the entrance to school. Our new PE equipment shed looks amazing I'm sure you'll agree; the old one was rotting away and we now have a sturdy, racked out shed which will last us for many years to come! We've also had new heating installed in the Barn classroom and our Caretaker/Cleaner Sam has worked hard to resurface our hall floor. Thank you to everyone involved for their hard work; staff moving equipment in and out, parents who stored it all during the work - it is much appreciated!

We will be shortly be constructing our new curriculum sheds for the Early Years area and once complete the whole playground will be resurfaced. Thanks must go again to all who have donated towards the cost of the work and the sheds - you're amazing!

If you'd like to come and see the changes we've made we'd love to see you at our open morning on Wednesday 27th September!

SCHOOL FUNDRAISING <<<

We are delighted to announce an exciting new partnership with our local estate agents **SnowGate**! This is a fantastic fundraising opportunity for our schools - more information for parents will follow shortly but if you have any questions in the meantime please don't hesitate to ask!

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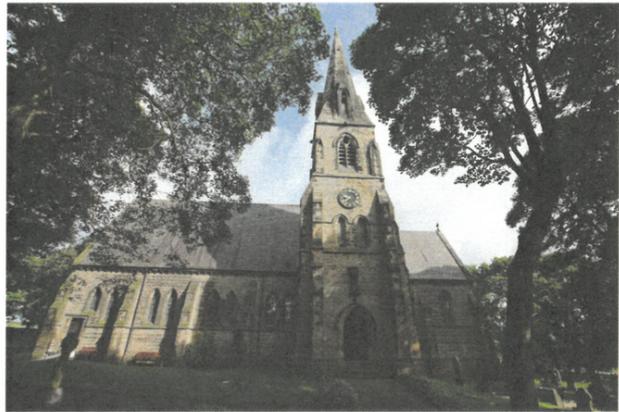
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Open on Sun 17th Sept: 2-4pm

Refreshments available

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Thurstonland First – Autumn 1 term 2023 Diary dates

SEPT Thurs 14 th	8am	PTA (Parent Teacher’s Association) meeting in the Barn (see page 5)
Mon 18 th	3:30-4:30pm	Girls football after school club Yr 1 Yr 2 & Yr 3 (5 wks)
Tues 19 th	4-5pm	Cross Country KS2 Yr 3 Yr 4 Yr 5 Shelley College
Tues 26 th	4-5pm	Cross Country KS1 Rec Yr 1 Yr 2 Shelley College (Info to follow)
Wed 27 th	9 – 10:30am	Open morning for current and prospective parents (see page 6)
Fri 29 th	3:30 – 4:15pm	Dance after school club Yr 1 Yr 2 Yr 3 Yr 4 Yr 5 (8 weeks – continues into Aut 2 term) Details to come home shortly!
OCT Mon 9 th	Save the date	Parents evenings
Tues 10 th	Save the date 4 – 5:15pm	Parents evenings Girls Football Tournament Yr 1 Yr 2 & Yr 3 @ SCORE (Info to follow)
Thurs 12 th		Bikeability Year 5 (Info to follow)
Fri 13 th		Bikeability Year 5
Tues 17 th	1 – 2:45pm	Multi-skills Yr 2 @ Shelley College (Info to follow)
Thurs 19 th	9am – 12 noon	Rec – Year 5 Flu vaccinations (nasal spray) see page 4
Thurs 26 th	Time TBC	Harvest Festival service – St Thomas Church Last day of half-term
Fri 27 th		INSET DAY – School closed to pupils
NOV Mon 6 th		First Day back of Autumn 2 term