

SPRING TERM 1

Welcome back and Happy New Year!



Part of the Green Hills First federation



HEAD'S MESSAGE

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy New Year! It has been lovely to see all the children come back so ready to learn and ready for the Spring Term.

Autumn Term was full of fun and lots of learning and experiences. There was so much to celebrate for us in Autumn Term - welcoming our new reception pupils and starting our new topics across school, as well as dance performances, movie nights and of course our wonderful nativity at church.

We have two very short Spring half terms, after a very long and busy Autumn Term but we have jumped straight back in with lots of fantastic learning and experiences. Class 1 had a fantastic visit to Cannon Hall last week, which complimented their work on Houses and Homes. The children gained so much knowledge from this immersive experience. There are lots of opportunities for children in sport this term too and a parents evening at the end of this term, where you will be able to find out about how your child is progressing in their learning. Please look out for more information about this coming soon and of course if you ever have any concerns please come into school and speak to your child's class teacher.

>>> SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

We enjoyed some super fundraising events last half-term, thank you to all who supported our efforts! All this money goes straight back into school and our focus this year is raising money for new reading materials and reading spaces in school.

Please check out the diary dates section for upcoming fundraisers organised by the PTA and keep an eye out via email for events chosen by the children & School Council to raise money for in school.

**WIGS AND
WELLIES
£604!!!**

**CHRISTMAS
HAMPERS
£221**

**MOVIE
NIGHT AND
DICSO
£586!!**

>>> WELCOME MRS BURGESS

After a successful interview process, just before the holidays, we were able to secure a permanent Educational Teaching Assistant to work each morning based in Class 2. We have appointed Mrs. Pippa Burgess who has left her post as history teacher at Shelley College and is looking forward to a new challenge working as an ETA at primary level. She has much experience and passion for working with children and we look forward to her joining our team. I know you will join me in giving her a very warm welcome when she commences her contract on Monday 15th January.

ADMISSIONS FOR RECEPTION 2024 & YEAR 6 SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

A reminder that the deadline to apply for a Reception or Middle School place to start in September 2024 is **15th January**.

If you require any further information please visit:

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

>>> OUR SCHOOL VALUES

WORKING TOGETHER TO BE OUR **BEST**

BELIEVE IN OURSELVES

EMPATHISE AND CARE

SUCCEED IN LEARNING

TRUST IN TEAMWORK



>>> FACEBOOK



Don't forget we have an active Facebook page. All the teachers now regularly post updates about learning and activities the children are taking part in at school. This is a great way for you to keep up to date with what your child is doing in school and share our good news with others.

UNIFORM <<<

You may remember we shared with you before Summer the uniform guidance. This can also be found on our school website. We would like to draw your attention to the section around PE kit. For health and safety and so that we can promote high expectations and pupils being their BEST in all aspects of their learning, we feel it is important for children to wear a consistent and safe PE kit when in school. Historically pupils have worn their own clothes for PE, however all new PE kit purchased should be as follows:

- a white or polo plain t-shirt
- green shorts for warmer weather and indoor PE
- plain (no logos) dark blue or black jogging bottoms or leggings
- Sweatshirt (preferably without a hood for health and safety) for colder weather

There is no expectation for new purchases to be made at this time. However, if you do have these items at home or are buying the next size of kit, please follow the above guidelines.

Thurstonland First School Uniform Guide for Parents September 2023

General Appearance

No make-up, nail varnish or visible temporary tattoos. Stud earrings only which must be removed for PE. Long hair tied back and manageable hair accessories.

Uniform

Jade green sweatshirt or cardigan, white or jade green polo t-shirt (with or without logo), grey trousers, skirt or pinafore dress, green checked summer dress or shorts.

Uniform with a logo can be purchased from Term Time Wear in Huddersfield.

Swimming

Boys should wear fitted trunks and girls should wear a one-piece costume. All children should have a swimming cap. Goggles are optional.

Footwear

Black sensible, low heeled shoes and structured boots. No trainers except for physical activity. No open toed summer sandals or flip-flops.



PE Kits

White T shirt or polo shirt and green shorts for warmer weather and indoor PE. Plain, with no logos, dark blue or black jogging bottoms or leggings and a sweatshirt/hoody for colder weather.

Footwear: Trainers.

Provided by School

The PTA will provide your first School Bookbag when you start school and also a water bottle that will be kept in school.

Personal Items

Mobile phones, watches with alarms and inbuilt games should be left at home.

Watches are permitted if they do not disrupt learning.

Cost of Living Support

Where parents need support with the cost of living and school uniform please speak to the school office who can help with the cost of uniform and provide links for second hand uniform.

PANTO TRIP <<<

Our children across the year groups had a wonderful time at our Panto trip just before the holidays. It was lovely to receive such positive feedback about the behaviour of the children on the trip. As always they were a pleasure to take out...OH YES THEY WERE! A great visit was had by all.

Voting for Tesco Stronger Starts will commence from the middle of January and run through until the end of March. This is a store based voting system for Thurstonland First School to potentially receive funds for our playground and outdoor space projects. The funding will be between £500 and £1500 based on where we place in the voting. You can cast your vote after making a purchase at the following Tesco stores:

Brighthouse Bradford Rd HD6 1RZ

Dalton Huddersfld Exp HD5 9SF

5654 Huddersfield Wake Exp HD5 8DE

5943 Scissett Exp HD8 9HU

6090 Leeds Rd Hudds Exp HD2 1UU



REMEMBRANCE SERVICE <<<

It was a moving experience for our children to be able to mark Remembrance Day with a visit to the village memorial. The children were able to understand the significance of the memorial and listen to poems and prayers to mark the occasion. Thank you also to Mr. Tony Clifton for his brass accompaniment to the service.



VILLAGE CAROLS <<<



The children from Class 2 and Class 3 went carol singing around the village stopping outside the homes of Thurstonland's more elderly residents to give them a taste of Christmas cheer before gathering around the village Christmas tree to sing a final selection of Christmas songs and carols. It was lovely to see so many of our parents and Thurstonland residents join us.



DANCE FESTIVAL: SHELLEY COLLEGE

Children from across the year groups in school all did a fabulous job of representing school at the recent Dance Festival at Shelley College. It was a large audience to entertain and you were all AMAZING! KEEEEEEEP DANCING!!



CHRISTMAS JOURNEY <<<

Our Year 2 pupils throughout the Federation took part in The Christmas Journey event at Almondbury Methodist Church. They travelled back in time to visit six important scenes and learn more about why God sent his Son into the World.

Our pupils were very well behaved throughout and are a credit to you all!



CHRISTMAS PARTIES <<<



Each class across school had a great time at their class Christmas parties. They enjoyed games, dancing and a party tea.



NATIVITY PERFORMANCE <<<

What a triumph our Christmas Nativity was. The children did such a wonderful job of telling the Christmas Story to a very large audience in church. The singing was fantastic, acting a delight and you won't find any cuter sheep anywhere else! It's always wonderful to see children perform in other ways and show their talents and they are many.



>>> CHRISTMAS DISCO

The Christmas Disco at Stocksmoor Village Hall was a huge success. Thank you to the PTA and staff from school who were able to help out and make sure the children had a brilliant evening of music, games and entertainment. The event raised £400 for school funds which has gone towards books and library spaces within our classes at school. The children enjoyed the visit from Santa at the end of the evening. What a great way to celebrate Christmas!



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Thurstonland First – Spring 1 term 2024 Diary dates

JANUARY 2024	3:30 –4:30pm	After School Choir Club (Years 2-5) starts and runs every Monday from 8 January to 5 th February <u>and continues</u> after half term from 26 th Feb to 18 th March
Monday 8th		
Wednesday 10th	All day	Class 1 trip to Cannon Hall – Victorian Day
Thursday 11th	3:30 –4:30pm	KS2 Netball Club starts and runs every Thursday from 11 th January to 8 th February <u>and continues</u> after half term from 29 th Feb to 21 st March
Friday 12th	Mornings	Class 3 swimming continues every Friday until Friday 2 nd February
Tuesday 23rd	1:00 – 2:45 pm	Y1 Multi Skills at Shelley College. Email sent 11.1.24
FEBRUARY		
Friday 9th	All day and evening	Class 3 taking part in Young Voices Concert at Sheffield Arena. Final details will be sent shortly along with any tickets/t-shirts ordered.
Friday 9th	3:30 pm	Last day of term
Monday 19th	All day	Inset Day
Tuesday 20th	9:05 am	School re-opens