

Thornbury Primary Newsletter

July 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

School Fayre

We raised a wonderful £1668 at the summer fayre - lots of people commented it was the best one yet! I think the water balloons game was a best seller, and one which I definitely avoided as I didn't want to be volunteered!

Thank you very much to the Friends Group who did all the masterminding behind this event.

If you would like to join the Friends, please pop in and have a chat about it in September.

We have a good amount in the kitty now & are saving for a trim trail, and are applying for grant funding to help- the next opening for applying is in the Autumn term. We looked at the possible designs recently - it will be very exciting!

Facebook

Staff have recently been on training about this, and we will be launching this in the new term - watch out for the consent letter about this.

The Summer Term is always one of change, as the children and staff look forward to the new term, and the celebrations for the ending of the old school year. We held a funny, upbeat and poignant Leavers Celebration, for the first time after school this year, to mark Y6's achievements and to wish them well on their school journey. This was followed by a very loud Y5/6 party and great fun had by all! New class day was very successful, and the children seem very happy and excited about next year. We also say goodbye to leaving staff, and also thank the Governors, MTAs, cleaners, and kitchen Staff for their contribution to the school.

Please be good neighbours over the summer & report any suspicious activity on the school grounds.
Thank you.

Remember the children are not back in until Tuesday 5th September!
With Best Wishes for a great Summer Break.
Claire Hardisty

Meal Time Assistant, Sunshine Club Leader and Cleaner Vacancies

We have vacancies for a new MTA, Sunshine Club Leader and for a cleaner. Combining two of these roles would give a candidate 16 hours per week. If you are interested, please enquire at the school office in September. Thank you

Contacting school - 01752 302600

We are always happy to talk to families, so if you would like to help, or have any queries or worries, do speak to any staff member and we will do our best to help. I am around in school first thing, so after dropping off your child, come round to Reception if you would like to speak to me, or pass a note to the adult on the door and I will get back to you. Our latest newsletter is always posted on the school website which can be accessed through the school website: www.thornburyprimaryschool.co.uk Regards Claire Hardisty

DATES for your Diary

(Full dates to be published on the school website in early August)

During SATs period in May/June 2018, NO HOLIDAYS will be authorised for pupils.

Tues 5th September	First day of term for children
Fri 20th October	Last day of term
Monday 23rd October - Monday 30th October	School Closed
Tues 31st October	Children return to school
Tues 19th December	Last day of term
Wednesday 20th December - Wednesday 3rd January	School Closed
Thurs 4th Jan 2018	Children return to school
Fri 9th February	Last day of term
Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February	School Closed
Mon 19th February	Children return to school
Thurs 29th March	Last day for children
Friday 30th March - Friday 13th April	School Closed
Mon 16th April	Children return to school
Month of May	KS1 Assessment period
Mon 7th May	Bank Holiday - school closed
Mon 14 th May	KS2 test week
Fri 25th May	Last day of term
Monday 28th May - Friday 1st June	School Closed
Mon 4th June	Children return to school
Mon 11 th June	Phonics Check week
Fri 20th July	Last day of term

UNIFORM Reminder

Foundation Uniform only:

Black or grey jogging bottoms, traditional school trousers or jersey trousers, white polo shirt and red sweatshirt or fleece. We request that children wear black trainer style shoes, ideally with Velcro. In Summer, gingham culottes or grey shorts can be worn.

Years 1-6 Uniform:

Girls: Winter - Grey skirt, pinafore dress or trousers, or long grey school shorts or culottes; red cardigan, sweatshirt or fleece; white shirt or polo shirt, red, grey or black tights. NB Leggings are not acceptable school uniform nor are black or 'fashion' trousers.

Summer - Red Gingham dress/white polo shirt/ grey skirt/ red checked culottes/grey school shorts

Boys: Winter - Grey trousers, white shirt or polo, red 'V' necked jumper/red sweatshirt/ fleece

Summer - Grey shorts or trousers; white polo shirt. Sweatshirts, fleeces and PE kits can be purchased from school.

SHOES: Black 'school shoes' NB: No trainers, including branded footwear with logos, white/ coloured soles etc.

PE/GAMES KIT Boys and Girls: White shorts and plain red T-shirt (*Y5/6 may wear black shorts) No football type shirts.

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Foundation - Miss Gerrard & Mrs French

We had a wonderful time on our recent trip to Pennywell Farm and enjoyed feeding the goats, cuddling the animals and riding on the tractor. We planted beans and peas and watched them grow into tall plants in our outdoor area. When they were ready to pick we gave them to the school kitchen to be served with the roast dinner. They tasted delicious! We also had fun decorating butterfly biscuits, which we sold at the school fayre. On new class day had an exciting time with our new teachers and look forward to exciting adventures in Year One.

Y4 - Miss Walsh & Mr Abraham

Year 4 had a fantastic time last week visiting Tor Bridge High for an arts day. We experienced working with clay in order to make a vase and large scale sculptures. The children developed new skills by working with a range of materials and tools. In Maths our focus has been on measurement, finding equivalent units in time, length and volume, as well as lots of practical measuring in the school grounds. We were all very proud of our finished anthologies which sold very well in the summer fayre last week. After an exciting new class day Year 4 are really looking forward to becoming Upper Juniors!

Y1 - Mrs Turner & Miss Hounslow

Year 1 have thoroughly enjoyed their new class day with their teachers in year 2. We have successfully released our butterflies after we watched them change and grow from tiny caterpillars. In maths we have been learning all about time and challenging ourselves to find out how many jumps or hops we can do in 1 minute. We have enjoyed changing traditional tales into our own writing and publishing them in our class books. These were very popular at the summer fayre!

Y5 - Miss Ives-Owen & Miss Greenacre

This term, Year 5 have been exploring Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's dream*; the children were acting and rewriting key scenes using their fantastic literacy skills. We have also been entrepreneurs as groups designed and made products to sell at the Summer Fayre. A trip to Poole Farm gave us a great opportunity to take our learning outdoors and we were able to help the farm collect some important data!

Y2 - Mrs Pring, Mrs Mantell & Miss Dymond

This term, Year 2 have been immersed in learning about Beegu, a little alien from Outer Space. We have written playground game instructions and diary extracts to Beegu's mum. We bought Science and DT together when we designed and created a macro habitat. Plenty of research went into the design process and we really enjoyed finding out about the animals and plants within. New Class day was super exciting for everyone and we are really looking forward to being Year 3s!

Y6 - Mr Wallis & Mr Line

Year 6 have become budding entrepreneurs this month and taken part in a fantastic 'Enterprise' unit. It saw them conduct research, evaluate and create interesting and unique games to play or sell at the Summer Fayre. Unsurprisingly, the game which saw pupils being hit with water balloons was the biggest success!

The Leavers Awards Evening was a huge success and the children did themselves proud and partied hard afterwards. Good luck in the future Year 6, we know you will do us and yourselves proud!

Y3 - Mrs Aspen and Miss Dymond

Year 3 have enjoyed exploring the properties of 3D shapes and creating their own from a range of nets! We have also written a story based on a film called *The Lucky Dip*, where the children worked hard to use exciting word choices. Many of these were included in our final 'amazing anthologies' that we sold at the summer fayre. We are proud that these show how our writing has improved this year! Year 3 also had a great time meeting their teachers and classmates during new class day. Good luck Year 3, and keep up the hard work!

Other News:

It has been another successful year for Thornbury at sporting events, with more than 100 children competing at over 20 events throughout the year. We have received many awards and certificates but most recently we saw lots of children excel at our Brickfields athletics event. A great day out, enjoyed by all the children as they cheered each other on and showed some great teamwork. With plenty of silver medal places being won and even a gold medal for Mia Jones in the Year 3 sprint event. A big well done to all the children that have represented the school this year.