



Thorner C of E Primary School

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Newsletter – December 2023

We have had a fantastic Autumn Term and are incredibly proud of all of the children. They have worked hard throughout the term and have demonstrated all of our school values. The children have approached their learning with such enthusiasm and have produced some brilliant work across the curriculum.



Hawthorn Class-Greek Meze in D.T



Elm Class-clay Tudor roses



Maple Class-Marble runs in D.T.

As the term draws to an end, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff and governors for their hard work and dedication to the children at Thorner. I would also like to thank parents for your ongoing support, with a special mention to the members of the PTA who give their time and effort to fundraise for school. It is really appreciated and makes such a difference to what we are able to offer the children at Thorner. Thank you for supporting all of the fundraising efforts this term, both for school and for other charities that we have supported; Children in Need, St. George's Crypt, Leeds Foodbank and the Children's Society to name a few.

It has been a long term and I am sure the children are well ready for a break! We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year and hope that you enjoy precious family time during the holidays. Please note that we have a training day on Monday 8th January 2023. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school in the new year on **Tuesday 9th January 2023.**

Latest News

Here are some highlights from the last few weeks in school. To see more of what happens in school please follow us on Twitter: @SchoolThorner





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PTA Christmas Fair-a big thank you to the PTA and the Playleaders, supported by Mrs Daniel, for organising a very successful Christmas Fair, which raised over £600, which is an incredible amount! Thank you for supporting this event.



Christingle Service-thank you to Rector Jonathan Brennan for leading the service and to the Junior Choir, who sang beautifully.



Junior Choir



Reverend Jonathan!



“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

Cedar Class Nativity ‘A Miracle in Town’-the children did a fantastic performance, singing, speaking and acting with such confidence! Thank you to Miss Bushell and the Cedar Class staff for supporting the children to shine!





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House Ball Skills Competition-the children showed such enthusiasm and ambition in our Christmas themed House Ball Skills Competition last week. Well done to all of the children and thank you to Mrs Colaluca for organising the competition and to the Playleaders for supporting each class to take part in the event during the day. Here are the overall results:

- 1st -Blue House
- 2nd -Green House
- 3rd -Red House
- 4th -Yellow House



Christmas Concert-the children really got us all in the Christmas spirit this week with their amazing singing!



Christmas Dinner-it was delicious and the children loved listening to Christmas music whilst they ate! Thank you to our fabulous catering team who did a brilliant job of cooking us a delicious Christmas dinner!





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Pantomime-thank you to the PTA for funding a trip to the Victory Hall to enjoy the pantomime 'Sleeping Beauty'. What a fantastic end of term treat. The children (and staff) really enjoyed it!



Key Diary Dates – Spring Term

January

- 8 Staff Training Day
- 9 School Opens
- 11 Cedar Class Trip to the Deep
- 17 MindMate Parent Workshop 2:15pm (Hall)
- 22 House Cake Bake – Blue House
- 25 Hawthorn Class Trip – The Royal Armouries
- 26 Takeover Day
- 30 Parent Open Morning for all year groups surnames A-M (9.00 – 9.30 am in classrooms)
- 31 Beech Class Trip – Ripon Workhouse

February

- 2 Parent Open Morning for all year groups surnames N-Z (9.00 – 9.30 am in classrooms)
- 5 Y2 & Y6 SATs information evening
- 8 Cross Country Final (Temple Newsam)
- 9 Young Voices (Y5)
- 9 School Closes for Half term
- 19 School Opens
- 19 National Child Measurement & Vision Screening (Ash & Oak)
- 28 SEND Hub Parent Drop in 9:00am (Hall)
- 28 PTA Movie Night

March

- 4 House Cake Bake – Yellow House
- 7 World Book Day
- 15 Comic Relief (inc. House orienteering competition)
- 18 – 22 Year 6 Bikeability
- 20 EYFS/KS1 Spring Sing
- 21 KS2 Spring Sing
- 22 Easter Service at Church-10am (Elm Class to lead)
- 22 School Closes for Easter holidays at 2.30pm

With very best wishes,
Gemma Whawell (Headteacher)

