



# Thorner C of E Primary School

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## Newsletter – March 2024

The Spring Term is flying by! The children have been working hard and we have packed in a lot of learning and fun along the way! If you were able to join us for the parent open mornings earlier in the term, we hope you enjoyed seeing your children's work and finding out more about what they have learnt so far this year. We will be holding further open mornings in the Summer Term. Coming up soon, we have our 'Spring Sing' concerts. Reception, Y1 & Y2 will be singing on 20<sup>th</sup> March, 9.00-9.30am and KS2 (Y3-6) on 21<sup>st</sup> March-9.00-9.30am. We hope you are able to join us to enjoy some feel good Spring themed songs!

### Latest News:

**PTA Movie Night-** thank you to the PTA for organising the movie night and to the teachers and parent volunteers for their help in making it run so smoothly. It was lovely to see the children young and old enjoying the movies and sweet treats! It raised an incredible £724.14! The yellow house cake bake raised an impressive £79.35, thank you to everyone who baked and purchased buns! The money raised has been used to buy new books, atlases and musical instruments. Thank you for supporting these events.

**Sporting events-** we are so proud of all of the children who have represented the school this term in a number of events. The children all did us proud in the West Yorkshire Cross Country finals and both the teams of boys and girls demonstrated excellent football skills, along with all of our school values in the recent football tournaments. The girls team came 2<sup>nd</sup> overall and have been awarded football kits as prizes. Year 2 are currently working hard in preparation for the Skipping Festival they are taking part in during the Summer term. Thank you to Mrs Colaluca, our P.E. Lead, for her hard work behind the scenes, making it possible for the children to take part in these events.



**Forest School-**Reception are loving their Friday morning Forest School sessions! Children in Key Stage 2 are scheduled to have weekly sessions during the Summer term. Further details of the Summer term sessions will be shared before we break up for Easter.



**World Book Day-**Thank you for your support with World Book Day. The children looked fantastic in their book themed costumes and enjoyed lots of fun reading themed activities throughout the day. It was wonderful to





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see the older children reading with the younger children and there were also some mystery readers visiting some of the classes. Thank you to Miss Capstick for planning this event and thank you to the children and staff for entering into the spirit of the day.



**Comic Relief:** on Friday 15th March it is Red Nose Day. We will be supporting Comic Relief by inviting children to come to school dressed in non-uniform, wearing something sporty, or something suitable for outdoor activity, as Mrs Colaluca is organising an Orienteering House Competition for the children to complete. Children are welcome to wear something red and wear red noses, but this is not essential. We are not selling red noses in school, but they are available to purchase to buy on Amazon if you do wish to buy one. Please could the children bring in a voluntary donation of £2 and all money will be donated to Comic Relief, or please use the following link to make a direct donation:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=14204>

Mrs Colaluca has also set up an orienteering challenge in Thorner village for children to complete with their family, which will run throughout the Easter holidays. Please look out for a separate email with further details and an orienteering challenge sheet that your child will be bringing home with them.

**Easter egg competition**-we would like to invite the children to take part in our Easter Egg Competition. Children (with a little help from home) need to turn an egg into an artistic masterpiece. They then bring this in to school on the final week of the term, by **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March** at the latest. We will put them on display in the hall for all the children to admire. All entries will contribute to house points, and there will be winners from each year group, with prizes (provided by our wonderful PTA) linked to Easter! We look forward to seeing some "eggcellent" entries in due course. Here are a few examples:





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## Key Diary Dates – Spring Term

### March

- 15 Comic Relief (inc. House orienteering competition)
- 18 – 22 Year 6 Bikeability
- 20 EYFS/KS1 Spring Sing (9am-9.30am)
- 21 KS2 Spring Sing (9am-9.30am)
- 22 Easter Service at St. Peter's Church-10am (Elm Class to lead) Y3 parents are invited to attend
- 22 School Closes for Easter holidays at 2.30pm

### April

- 8 Staff Training Day
- 7 School opens
- 12 Spring Term Reports to parents
- 15 World Art Day-whole school art project (portraits)
- 15 & 17 Parents' evenings/consultations
- 16 Y5 Class Trip - MAGNA
- 16 Year 6 Primary Choices with Leeds United
- 23 Class photographs
- 24 Class photographs (back up date)

### May

- 6 May day bank holiday
- 7 School opens
- 13-17 Y6 SATs Week
- 24 Thorner Performs
- 24 School closes for half term holiday

With very best wishes,

Gemma Whawell  
(Headteacher)