



Thurcroft Infant School Newsletter



Harvest Festival

We would like to say a huge thank you to every one who donated food for our harvest festival. The food was collected by Food Aware food bank in Maltby and they were really pleased with your generous donations. Rev Tim Leach told the children all about the Harvest at our harvest assembly and the children shared work and sang harvest songs. Lots of parents attended and helped us raise £92 for school funds by buying harvest raffle tickets.



Pupil Progress meetings and Parent Questionnaire

Pupil progress meetings are Tuesday 11th November and Wednesday 12th November. Please make an appointment in your child's classroom. It is a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress and ask any questions you may have, you and your child both need to be present.

While you are waiting for your appointment we would appreciate it if you could fill in a parent questionnaire, your opinions are very valuable to us. By filling in a questionnaire you will also be entered into a raffle to win £20.



Christmas Concerts

Foundation 1 and Foundation 2 Christmas Concert *Our First Nativity*

Tuesday 9th December
9.30am

Parents of

- FS1- Morning children
- F2TS
- Boys in F2EP



Wednesday 10th December
2.15pm

Parents of

- FS1- Afternoon
- F2RJ
- Girls in F2EP

Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Concert *HOSANNA ROCK*

Thursday 11th December
9.30am

Parents of

- Y1DW
- Y2LF

Friday 12th December
2.15am

Parents of

- Y1CW
- Y2NS

Christmas Party Dates

Foundation 1

Tuesday 16th December AM

ALL FOUNDATION 1 CHILDREN TO COME IN THE MORNING.

Foundation 2

Tuesday 16th December - PM

Year 1

Thursday 18th December - PM

Year 2

Wednesday 17th December - PM



Children can bring party clothes to change into on party days.

Christmas Fayre

Our Christmas Fayre will be on Monday 15th December in the school hall, doors open at 2.15pm.



We would be very grateful for any donations of unwanted gifts and toys in good condition for the stalls.

Thank you for your support.

Father Christmas will be visiting on this day in his very own grotto!



Playtimes

We are making every effort to improve playtime provision and making playtimes more engaging and exciting for your children. With the winter weather on it's way we anticipate some indoor playtimes, do you have any games that your children don't use that you could donate to us for our indoor play boxes? We would really like board games/card games/jigsaws. Thank you for your help in advance.



Chistingle - Walk to church

On Thursday 18th December, Foundation 2, Year 1 and Year 2 children will be walking to St Simon and St Jude's Church for a Christingle Service. Rev Tim Leach will be leading the service where the children will light their Christingle.



Free school meals

Last term we asked you to help us by letting us know if you think your child would be eligible for free school meals on the old system. For every free school meal child the school receives Pupil Premium funding which is currently £1300 a year! Thank you to F2 parents who helped us generate another 15 applications for eligible pupils which equates to £19,500 for school. Pupil Premium funding enables us to support children and close any attainment gaps. Please refer to our school website at www.thurcroftinfant.co.uk to see how Pupil Premium funding is currently being used.

One winner of the prize draw received £50, thank you all for your help.

Christmas Dinner Day

All children are invited to have a Christmas Dinner at school on Wednesday 10th December. We do like all children to have a Christmas dinner on this day so they join in the celebration. If you do not wish your child to have Christmas dinner you will have to bring in sandwiches from home as **no sandwiches will be made on this day.**



School Disco

We had a very successful school disco last half term and made £136 for school funds. The children had a wonderful time and DJ George kept them entertained with dancing and lots of fun party games.

Thank you for your support.

Stay and Play

Foundation 2 classes will be holding 'Stay and Play' mornings so you can join in with your child's learning at school. The first one will be in November and will help you to support your child's phonic learning. The second will be a Christmas Craft morning.

Please look out for dates in your child's classroom.

Ian's Mobile Farm

We have arranged for Ian's Mobile Farm to visit the children in Foundation 1 on Monday 17th November. The fun sessions involve the children having an introduction to the animals followed by hands on interaction. The animals visiting us will be a miniature donkey, pygmy goats, sheep, alpacas, Shetland pony, giant rabbits, pigs, chickens, ducks, tortoise and guinea pigs!



Foundation 2 - Fire Engine visits school



Foundation 2 children enjoyed a visit from South Yorkshire Fire Service before the holidays. The fire fighters showed the children around the fire engine and the children even sat in the front!

Individual Photographs

The school photographer will be in school on Wednesday 12th November to take individual photos of your child during the school day. If you would like your child to have a photograph taken with siblings there will be an opportunity for this after school between 3pm and 6pm. Appointments **MUST** be made for this via the school office, visit Mrs Godwin in reception or ring school 01709 542538.

Christmas Art Week

Art week will be the beginning Monday 19th November. If you would like to help with our Christmas art please sign up in your child's classroom, we would love your support in our classrooms during this week.



Children's Centre News

Imagination Library

Every child living in Rotherham under the age of 5 is entitled to a free book once a month. For further information see Lauren in the Children's Centre. Have you recently moved house? Let Lauren know your new address and she will have the books redirected.

Tiny Tots

Friday 10am - 11.30am

Join us for a fun morning exploring toys, meeting new families and having new experiences. Non walkers only. £1 per family

Parent and toddler Group

Thursday 9am - 10.30am

Lots of fun and interesting toys and resources to play with. Promotes skills for school such as sitting for snack, sharing and singing time.

£1 a family

This session is suitable for all children aged 4 and under.

Brush up your English

FREE 4 week course

Friday 14th November

12.30pm-3pm

Covers punctuation, spellings and writing letters.

School Holidays

School closes on Friday 19th December at **2.00pm**. Children return to school on Tuesday 6th January 2015.

Proud Pod

Are
you
proud?

Don't forget about our Proud Pod, we love to hear about your child's achievements. So far we have heard about swimming, kick boxing, football, rounder's competitions and ballet and tap. Tell your child's class teacher if they want to visit the Proud Pod and appear on our Proud Pod board!

PE Kits

Can we remind you that in KS1 children must take part in 2 hours of PE per week, this is a legal requirement. Many children are not appropriately equipped for outdoor PE now the colder weather is upon us. Please can you ensure your child is equipped with an appropriate PE Kit and have had their earrings removed on PE days.

Indoor kit

White T shirt
Blue/Black shorts

Outdoor kit

White T shirt
Tracksuit bottoms
Warm Jumper
Trainers/Pumps

Children in Need

Friday 14th November is Children in Need day. We are having a non uniform day to support this cause and are asking for a £1 donation. Buns will be on sale after school in the Pavilion. We are asking for donations of buns for the stall if you could contribute it would be very much appreciated, thank you in advance.



Lost Property

We already have a very large stock of 'Lost property'. Unfortunately all this clothing is unnamed so cannot be returned to their owner. Please can you ensure that all uniforms and clothing are named with a permanent marker so that stray items can be returned to their owner.