

# Thurgoland

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## School News

### Weekly Attendance

Class R – 95.38%

Year 1 - 96.09%

Year 2 –96.00%

Year 3 – 98.67%

Year 4 – 96.30%

Year 5 – 94.48%

Year 6 – 95.88%

### School Uniform Orders

Please place orders for school uniform by THURSDAY 13TH DECEMBER. Orders will be delivered to school on Thursday 10th January.

### Snow Days

It's nearly that time again.....

In case of snow, please look out for texts from school.

Parents will be contacted through our text messaging service as early as possible if school is closed. We do try to remain open if it is safe to do so.

As always, in bad weather we ask that parents only bring their children to school if it is safe to do so, as local conditions can vary.

### Christmas Dinner Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December

If your child usually has a packed lunch and would like a Christmas dinner and/or party food please contact the office. The cost of a school meal is £2 for KS 2 pupils. There is no charge for the year 5 and 6 disco.

### Enterprise

Year 6 pupils are enjoying developing their own businesses this term; thank you to all the parents who are supporting them. Some of the groups will be selling their products at the Christmas Fair today.

One of our pupils has the great idea of recycling old t-shirts to make bags and would be grateful for any donations of these to kick start his business. Thank you.

### Christmas Concert

The school choir has been invited to sing with Thurgoland Community Choir at Holy Trinity Church on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 7:30.

Tickets will be on sale from the school office and are £6 for adults and £3 for under 16s.

They will also be performing at Wortley Church with Bolsterstone Male Voice Choir on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 7:30.

**Polar Express Family Movie Night - £2.50 per ticket - Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2018. 5.30pm start** Adults and children are invited to a themed night to watch Polar Express – The wearing of PJ's is optional! Everyone will be asked to bring along a cushion or something comfy to sit on in the hall whilst we view the movie. Hot chocolate and sweet treats will be on sale. Children will need to be accompanied by an adult. Older siblings are also invited.

**Create your own Christmas Wreath evenings - £15 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> December 2018, School Hall, 7pm to 9.30pm** Back by popular demand! We will demonstrate how to create your own wreath. Cost includes all your materials except any personal embellishments or fancy ribbons etc. The price includes a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie on arrival. Tickets are £15 and are still available for Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December. Please bring a pair of secateurs or strong scissors and a pair of gardening gloves.

### **Hand Foot and Mouth**

We have had several cases of hand, foot and mouth at school. The following information is from the document Health Protection in Schools and other Childcare Facilities published by Public Health England .

‘Hand, foot and mouth is a common viral illness in childhood. It is generally a mild illness caused by an enterovirus. In very rare instances it can be more severe.

The child usually develops a fever, reduced appetite and generally feeling unwell. One or two days after these symptoms a rash will develop with blisters on their cheeks, hands and feet. Not all cases have symptoms. The incubation period is 3 to 5 days. Hand foot and mouth infection is most contagious in the first 7 days but the virus can stay in the body for a few weeks.

Spread is by direct contact with the secretions of the infected person and by coughing and sneezing. Promote good hand washing to reduce the risk of transmission even after the child is well because the virus can still be present in the body.

Children are safe to return to school as soon as they are feeling better, there is no need to stay off until the blisters have all healed. Keeping your child off for longer periods is unlikely to stop the illness spreading.’

Throughout school we have promoted the benefits of good hygiene to the children and this will hopefully limit the spread of the disease.

We would appreciate it if you could encourage your child to wash their hands regularly.

### **PFSA News**

Its Reception’s turn to host the Friday Feast on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December after school. Please can the parents of Class R buy or donate cakes and buns and hand them into school next Friday. We then need 2 or 3 parents to sell the cakes after school. If you contact a member of the PFSA they will be more than happy to explain where everything is. Thanks very much.

### **Sheila’s Sporting News**

It’s been a very quiet week since the last newsletter with no competitions taking place. The children have been working hard in their PE lessons where they learn many basic skills which they will take forward to use in other sporting activities .

Dodge ball with Mr Jordan was thoroughly enjoyed by class 3 pupils this week; class 4 can join in next week. What a way to let off steam. Brilliant!

Year 5 boys and girls who come to the early morning hockey club are playing such a fantastic game. They are all improving every game, listening to coaching tips and implementing these new found skills. Such a joy to be part of this group. Well done guys 👍

Unfortunately I have had to cancel Y6 club on Thursday as this horrid flu-like virus has made itself at home with me. However, back to normal for next week.

On Monday Years 5 and 6 are off to Penistone Grammar School to take part in a Sportshall Athletics Competition . We wish them well. Go Team Thurgoland.