

# Thurgoland

Church of England Primary School



Learning together in Faith and Joy

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## School News

### Weekly Attendance

Class R – 91%

Year 1 - 95%

Year 2 – 95%

Year 3 – 98%

Year 4 – 95%

Year 5 – 94%

Year 6 – 94%

## Upcoming Events

### Year 6 enterprise sale

Year 6 pupils are really getting into the swing of being entrepreneurs this term, and have already impressed us with the range and quality of items they are producing. They will be selling their products on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December from 3:15 onwards in the school yard (school hall if the weather is poor). Please come along and support them.. you may pick up a present or 2.

Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who are supporting the children with their project.

Florence and Millie-Ann would be very grateful for any donations of good quality, unwanted photo frames and plastic carrier bags to support them with their business

### Singing Santa Stroll

Join us on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> for our second led walk to school.

The walk will start at 8:40 at the top of Fir Tree Estate (Roper In), with a pick up at the Community centre.

We will be joined on the walk by "Charles Dickens" who will take children through the tale of "a Christmas Carol". Mr Dickens will then lead some fun drama activities in a short assembly.

**Please see the letter attached to this email for further details about the led walk to school.**

Well done to the following pupils who received a Special Mention certificate in assembly today:

**Class R – Thomas, Joshua, Olivia, Madeleina**

**Class 1 – Ella, Freddy, Rose, Amelia T**

**Class 2 – Kris, Sienna, Flynn, Elsie**

**Class 3 – Arjun, Lottie, Noah, Rose**

**Class 4 – Freddie, Martha, Molly, Jownai**

**Class 5 – Charlie, Rosie, Ava C, Nancy T**

**Class 6 – Christopher B, Niamh, Adam, Katie**

### Infant trip

The children in classes R, 1 and 2 are looking forward to watching The Elves and the Shoemaker at the Civic on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December. They depart after 9am and will return in time for lunch. They should wear school uniform as normal on this day.

### Infant Nativity

We are really looking forward to watching our youngest pupils perform their nativity in church next week: A sneak peek at their performance will be shared on Twitter this weekend. They have been working so hard, and are excited about telling this very important story. The performances are on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> at 2pm in church.

We ask that family members wait in the church for 15/20 minutes after the performance to allow the children time to get changed. They can then be picked up from school. Refreshments will be served in church while you wait.

Please avoid taking photos/videos of the performance on mobile phones.

A dvd of one of the performances will be on sale next week.

## Christmas Dates

### Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December

Classes R, 1 and 2 at The Civic

Nativity dress rehearsal at 2pm in church for all pupils

### Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Class 3 and 4 Christmas party in the morning. Pupils may come in their party clothes for this, and do not need to bring their uniforms to change back into.

Year 5 and 6 disco and buffet 3:30 – 5:30 in the school hall. Money is not needed. Pupils can bring party clothes and get changed at school beforehand.

### Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December

Class R, 1 and 2 Nativity in church at 2pm.

### Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December

Singing Santa Stroll – led walk to school

Christmas Jumper/ festive outfit day - no money required

Class R, 1 and 2 party - children to come to school in party clothes

## Clubs

**Due to the year 5 and 6 disco next week there will not be an art club session on Tuesday.**

The final session of art club with Rosie Pearsall will be held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January. Mrs Brown will then take over the club and it will run up to half term (on Tuesdays) for pupils in years 3 to 6.

### Monday

Dodgeball Mr Jordan – class 3 and 4 at playtimes

### Tuesday

8 – 8:50 gym club run by Team Activ - years 2 to 6 – £25 for 13 sessions – please contact the office to sign up

Art club Mrs Brown years 3 - 6

### Wednesday

8- 8:45 – Hockey Mrs Barton year 5

Colouring Club – Class R & 1 Mrs Stokoe & Mrs Eynon - Lunchtime

### Thursday

8 – 8:45 Hockey Mrs Barton year 6

Cheerleading Miss Lane

Choir Mrs Davies

### Friday

Musical Theatre – Team Activ – please contact the office to sign up for this.

In the first half term our year 6 sports leaders will run activities for class R pupils at lunchtimes.

## Sheila's Sporting News

Only two more letters before the end of term and only one competition left to take part in. On Thursday of this week Y6, having qualified at a previous event, represented our school at the School Games Indoor Athletics Competition which took place in Barnsley College Campus. Our boys and girls came first in the previous competition, winning by a short margin, which meant they had to pull out all the stops to repeat this.

The finals yesterday were a tough competition but we are proud to report that our children were once again brilliant Ambassadors for Thurgoland School and came second overall. When we return to school in 2019 training at hockey club will go up a level as we need to raise our game. Complacency has no part to play in any of our practices and the word on the street is that other schools are hot on our heels and want to 'steal' our hockey crown 🏆; we shall not let this happen, so come on you super-duper hockey players, let's show them what we're made of.

Wise men and angels take over from hockey sticks and basketballs now as the younger children take part in nativity plays in celebration of Christmas.

I would like to finish by saying a huge 'Thank You' to all the young superstars who have taken part in sporting events since September - Team Thurgoland you are amazing! Equally fantastic are all parents, grandparents and guardians who have supported (and transported) your children to competitions - you are invaluable!

## PFSA News

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the three Christmas events we have held over the last 3 weeks. They have been an amazing success. We've made £650 at the Christmas Fayre, £289 at the wreath making and £303 at the Polar Express Night, so that's a whopping total of £1,242 towards the school reading books.

# Christmas Themed Walk to School

## Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December

The South Yorkshire STARS project is all about getting active on your way to and from school. To celebrate all that is good about walking, we would like everyone who can, to join us on a special Christmas themed walk to school day starting from Fir Tree Estate (Roper In) then on to school. Pupils are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers or Christmas accessories like hats and headbands as part of the themed walk to school.

There will be one walking route to school as shown on the map below. The walk will start Fir Tree Estate (Roper In). We will have one pick up location at the Community centre. We will be joined on the walk by “Charles Dickens” who will take children through the tale of “a Christmas Carol”.

The walk will start at **08:40**, we’re asking parents to arrive a few minutes earlier so we can register children and be in with a chance of winning some STARS branded goodies. We are not able to wait for people to join us so please arrive on time to ensure that we arrive at school ready for the start of the school day. One lucky participant will win a selection of Active Travel essentials!!! Just make sure your child is registered on the walk.

**Parents are still responsible for their children getting to school safely!** Thurgoland C of E Primary staff Mr Jordan and Mrs Mackie will be joining us on the led walk along with Dave Atherton from South Yorkshire Stars.

It would be great if you could join us!

Dave Atherton, Active Travel Officer for Barnsley



Meet Point: Fir Tree estate

Time: **08:40**

Pick Up: Intake Lane

Time: **08:45**

Arrive at school for **08:50**

