



All Things Thurlby

Newsletter 14
15.12.2023

Dear Parents

Congratulations

Thurlby Stars Certificate Winners

We would like to congratulate our Thurlby Stars for demonstrating one of our Thurlby Values this week. Our winners are:

- Reception** - All children
- Year 1** - Max and Hadley
- Year 2** - All children
- Year 3** - Charlie and Grace
- Year 4** - Amelia and Meadow (last week) All children this week
- Year 5** - Ethan and Elijah
- Year 6** - Dexter C and Harley

Attendance

Our average attendance figure, for the week beginning 11th December, was 93%. A number of children have been battling a variety of viruses of late. We hope you all make speedy recoveries and are back with us very soon for the last few days of term.

Class Attendance Awards

1st	Year 2	96.2%
2nd	Year 1	93.8%
3rd	Year 3	93.7%

Book Fair Update

Thank you to all our children, parents, grandparents etc. who took the time to visit our Book Fair at the end of November. It was incredibly well supported and total book fair takings were as follows:

Cash	£ 565.95
Online payments	£ 304.58
TOTAL	£ 870.53
Rewards	50%
TOTAL REWARDS EARNED	£ 435.27

This is a fantastic amount earned for our school and means we are now able to purchase books for this amount for our library and classes.

Thank you so much, we couldn't do it without you!

Congratulations!

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE
WHO ATTENDED OUR
SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR.**

Together we have raised... **£435.27**...
for our school to spend on **FREE BOOKS**

SCHOLASTIC

Year 6 VE Day



To mark the conclusion of their studies of WWII and to mark the impending festive season, Year 6 held a VE Day party this week.

The children were invited to dress appropriately for 1945 and a myriad of wonderful uniforms, refugees and other organisations they had studied, was the result.



After hearing Churchill announce the end of the war, they spent the day, amongst many other activities appropriate to May 1945, preparing bunting and decorations plus learning about and practising code-breaking, playing games of the time and baking an 'Eggless Sponge' from the wartime recipe. All with 'buffet' breaks with food they had generously brought in to snack on. Hungry work winning the War!



Christmas Performances

We feel that all year groups have made us proud this week. Well done children! A huge thank you must go to all the staff who worked hard to put these performances together.

EYFS and KS1 delighted the school and parents with their wonderful performances of Whoops-A-Daisy Angel this week. The children all worked so hard learning their parts and impressed us all with their clear speaking voices, beautiful singing and dancing. They even learned signing for some of the songs. Well done to all of the children and a special thanks to parents for supporting us with amazing costumes.





KS2 Christmas Performances

Key Stage 2 children visited the Methodist Church today to perform their Christmas ensembles to their families. Years 3 and 4 performed Christmas themed poetry and sang some songs in their individual year groups and altogether. We were impressed by the clarity of their voices and especially those children who showed real bravery by singing solo parts. Year 5 and 6 wrote their own pledges about the importance of peace, respect and tolerance. These were beautifully written, so thoughtful and mature. The children sang a range of songs and really captured the hearts of the audience.





Christmas Appeal Updates

Christmas Tree Appeal

The Stamford Rotary Club collected our tree presents this morning and we counted 56 presents under the tree which is a wonderful amount. We have been told that the charity has also received a number of online donations which will be used to target presents for teenage children.



Our Christmas Tree will be free to a good home at the end of term. If you would like to put your name forward to collect this from school then please do email us on enquiries@th.keystonemat.org



Christmas Jumper Day

We raised a fantastic £114.45 for the Save the Children charity.

iCare Winter Clothing Appeal

We received 4 large bags and 2 big boxes of clothes for the iCare Winter Clothing Appeal today too which will be very gratefully received.

Thank you so much for all your contributions to all the above. We do appreciate that there is a cost-of-living crisis at the moment and finances can be very stretched, especially at this time of year. We are overwhelmed by the continued support and generosity of our Thurlby families.

THANK YOU

Christmas celebrations

Each class will be taking time next week to celebrate Christmas with music and party games.

The children do need to come to school in their usual uniform or PE kit on Monday and Tuesday, however, **children are able to come to school in their Christmas jumpers on Wednesday 20th December, if they so wish. This will follow the same format as last week and be normal uniform with just Christmas jumpers and festive hair accessories.**

Please note, the children do **not** need to bring any food in for their Christmas celebrations.



PE and Forest School - Term 3

Please see the following information regarding PE kit days and Forest School for term 3.

PE

Reception - Monday and Friday

Y1 - Tuesday and Thursday

Y2 - Tuesday and Wednesday

Y3 - Wednesday and Thursday

Y4 - Monday*

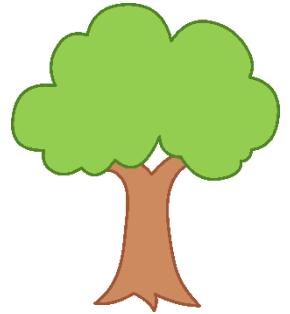
Y5 - Monday and Thursday

Y6 - Tuesday and Friday

Forest School

* Please note that Year 4 will be having Forest School in term 3 on Thursdays, starting on **Thursday 11th January**, so will need appropriate kit as they will go out in all weathers.

- Waterproof coat
- T-Shirt
- Jumper
- Jogging bottoms/old jeans/waterproof trousers
- Wellington boots (in a separate named carrier bag)



Parking Issue

Unfortunately we have been advised by our taxi driver that, yet again, parents are parking in their designated bay. Please adhere to the sign that says no parking between 2.15 and 3.15.

Our taxi drivers are responsible for ensuring a number of our children get to and from school safely. They cannot be dropped off halfway down the street which is why it is imperative they have a safe space directly in front of the school.

Please also refrain from parking at the corner (by the Year 3 / 4 gate) as this severely limits the ability for drivers to turn their cars around and causes massive traffic congestion.



Christmas Fayre Tomorrow!

Don't forget to come along to our Christmas Fayre tomorrow from 12-2.00pm. Our choir will be opening the event with some festive singing for you to enjoy and there'll be lots to see and do for all the family.

Please remember to bring your choir performer to the main entrance at 11:50am to have a quick rehearsal.

Our certificate/postcard competition is still underway:

Competition 1 - Thurlby Stars A4 Certificate

The children need to include the following:

- Name
- Reason (there needs to be enough space for the teacher to write their comment)
- Date
- Class
- staff member's signature

Competition 2 - 'Positive Post' Postcard

When designing the certificate and/or postcard, please:

- Use bright/bold colours that will stand out when printed
- Ensure that all words are spelt correctly
- Ensure that sentences are punctuated correctly
- Write in your neatest handwriting

There will be at least one winner for EYFS/KS1 and another for KS2 for both competitions. The closing date for entries will be Friday 15th January 2024.

Please hand your entry/entries into the office or attach them in an email to: enquiries@th.keystonemat.org



Mrs K Finch
Headteacher

Upcoming Calendar dates

Saturday 16th December -

Tuesday 19th December -

Wednesday 20th December -

Tuesday 2nd January -

Wednesday 3rd January -

Thursday 11th January -

Friday 15th January -

Christmas Fayre 12-2pm

Hot meals order deadline for first week back

Christmas Jumpers can be worn (with uniform) today!

End of Term 2 - Happy Christmas!

Training Day

Start of Term 3

Forest School starts for Year 4

Closing date for Thurlby Stars Certificate and Positive Postcard Competition