



All Things Thurlby

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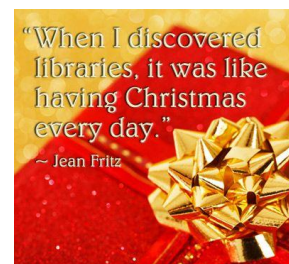
Dear Parents

Attendance

Our average attendance figure for the week, beginning 14th December 2020, was 98.2%. Another great percentage, well done children! A special mention must go to our Year 1 and Year 3 classes who both achieved 100% this week. Super stars!



Does your child have any books (fiction or non-fiction) that they really love to read or listen to someone read to them? If they do, please could you take a photo of them, anywhere they like, reading their book and email them to Miss Bright: kelly.bright@thurlby.lincs.sch.uk. We would love to include some of their recommendations in the newsletter each week to help give everyone inspiration for new books to read.



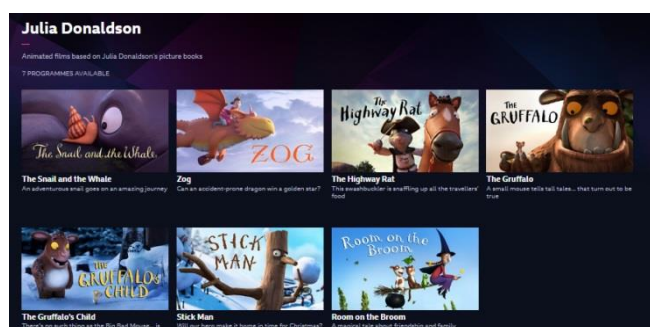
We love hearing the children talk about the bedtime stories they have at home - listening to stories, even all the way to Year 6 and beyond, can have a real impact on your child's attainment and engagement in reading. Below is a list of websites that you and your child could use to listen to **free** audio stories:

- BBC Teach - radio audio stories
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/audio-stories/zh3t2sg>
- Harper Collins listen for free:
<https://www.harpercollinschildrensbooks.co.uk/listen-for-free/>
- Storyberries
<https://www.storyberries.com/>
- Storiesaudible.com – range of texts including MFL
<https://stories.audible.com/start-listen>
- Storynory.com
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- Books for Topics – story time online and reading for pleasure
<https://www.booksfortopics.com/storytime-online>
- Audible.co.uk – 30 days free
http://audibleco.uk/?r=&gc=pid-bodis-gcontrol112&query=Audible%20Audiobooks&afdToken=3B1gvy2MfNWNhxVG0fXXvivk1YU5IIYDrAM3cmhPbEwwlPH3TLQkSKbc5C57LzIzVgXvhSkAA6iJ_Zxyoq1yP2WCwXJyJOSQ7k8qhfFETWD
- Book Trust
<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/>

Julia Donaldson animations

BBC iPlayer has seven of the Julia Donaldson stories shown each Christmas available for free

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/group/p06vkmht>



'Elf'is comes to visit



Our cheeky elf 'Elfis' gave Mrs Finch a lift on his shoulders around the classrooms this afternoon with a 'Happy Christmas' message and also delivering gifts to all our children from the PTFA. We had a lot of laughter and even some jokes from our Year 2 children to add to the festive spirit - 'what kind of photos does Santa take?'... 'Elfies' 😊

Thank you Elfis for helping Mrs Finch and thank you to the PTFA for their generosity.

All year groups enjoyed making Christmas cards and loved their mini parties this year with their individual snacks and either arts and crafts, quizzes and/or a film. Here is an example of the cards from year 4:



Year 4 had a happy day making these beautiful cards, before watching a Christmas film for their 'sit-down' Christmas Party.

Merry Christmas, everyone!

PE Timetable - Term 3

Just a reminder of the new arrangements for PE in term 3.

	Premier PE	Class teacher PE
Monday		EYFS, Y4 and Y5
Tuesday	Y1 and Y6	
Wednesday	Y2 and Y5	Y1
Thursday		Y2, Y3 and Y6
Friday	EYFS, Y3 and Y4	

- On PE days, the children should come to school in their PE Kit so that they do not have to get changed at school and therefore there will be no chance of children wearing someone else's clothes/taking them home/leaving PE kits in lockers.
- Wherever possible, classes will be doing outdoor PE – please ensure that your child has the appropriate clothing for this – especially as the weather gets colder.

Christmas Jumper Day

We raised an amazing **£281.99** for the Save the Children charity. Thank you so much to everyone who took part.



PTFA

The Thurlby PTFA would like to say a big thank you to everyone that has supported us. We have managed to raise £2,581.11 in the last 3 months! This is an amazing figure considering the challenging times we are currently in. The committee would like to wish you all a Happy Christmas and we will be back in the new year with some new fundraising ideas.



Christmas Competition

Thank you to all the children that took part in this competition. It was a delight to see how much time and effort the children had taken to create their model/ornament. We had 28 entries in total, which made it very hard for our judges (Mrs O'Loughlin and Mrs Pengelly) to pick the winners, as they were all so good! After much deliberation our final decisions were as follows:-

EYFS/KS1

- 1st - Jack Clark
- 2nd - Grace Gullidge
- 3rd - Ryan Stevenson

KS2

- 1st - Emma Kemp
- 2nd - Zara Fletcher
- 3rd - Evie Thomas

Congratulations to you all!

A special mention must also go to Emily Sewell, Year 6, who thought of the competition idea and liaised with the PTFA and school staff to organise it all. Thank you so much Emily and thank you also to our PTFA for the generous donation of our festive prizes.

Christmas Message to our Families

Please see our Christmas Message to all of our families presented in a different way this year. Due to not being able to sing in large groups, which we are missing terribly, we needed to come up with an alternative solution to do something as a whole school that would unite us during this time. During whole school assemblies Miss Cookson taught the children how to use British Sign Language to share a Christmas song. We also shared the importance of BSL for people who are deaf or hearing impaired. Every class then practised each day and all of the children were really enthused and excited.

Click on the link to view the video: <https://youtu.be/mwAsmTORtAI> We hope that you enjoy it!

**PLEASE DO NOT POST THIS VIDEO ON ANY FACEBOOK PAGES - PERSONAL OR PRIVATE.
THANK YOU.**

Thurlby Promotional Video

As we are unable to promote our school through open days/evenings this year, we have produced a 'Welcome to Thurlby Academy' video for any new prospective parents. The link to this video can be found on our website under the School Info tab - 'Admission Procedures' and at the bottom of our home page. A direct link is also available here:-

<https://youtu.be/Ob21IFht25A>

Please note that the video is unlisted and will not automatically appear on the Youtube channel. To watch the video it is necessary to have access to the above link.

We are very proud of the outcome. Our 'spokeschildren' did a fabulous job and I hope you agree that this shows our school to be the wonderful, caring environment that it is!

Goodbye and Good luck to Miss Cookson

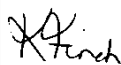
Miss Cookson has worked at Thurlby for over 10 years and has taught many EYFS children during this time. She has longed to become a Teacher of the Deaf for many years and the opportunity recently arose to apply for this post within Lincolnshire County Council. Miss Cookson was offered the job that provides an exciting new chapter in her working life.

She has built wonderful relationships with many families, old and new, and will be greatly missed by our children, parents and staff. We wish her all the best in her future career.

EYFS will have a new teacher, Mrs Phillips, starting with us in January. She has already spent a day with our reception children and brings with her a wealth of experience as an EYFS teacher and is excited and enthusiastic about joining our team.

Merry Christmas to all

This academic year so far has been unlike any other, despite this, everyone in school has worked so hard to make sure that our children are happy, safe and loving learning. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of my staff for their dedication and resilience! We all hope that you manage to enjoy your Christmas holidays. Stay safe and jolly!



Mrs K Finch
Head of School

Upcoming Calendar Dates

Monday 4th January -
Tuesday 5th January -

Training Day
Start of Term 3