



# All Things Thurlby

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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** - Eliana and Mira
- Year 1** - Lucas and Hughie
- Year 2** - Hattie and Ella D
- Year 3** - Angus and Francesca
- Year 4** - Nik and Desi
- Year 5** - Ethan and Beth
- Year 6** - Alfie and Lottie

## Attendance

Our average attendance figure, for the week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> March, was 92.2%.

## Class Attendance Awards

1st	Reception	96.2%
2nd	Year 3	94.8%
3rd	Year 5	93.3%

## NSPCC Visit - 'Speak out. Stay Safe' Campaign

As part of the NSPCC's 'Speak out. Stay safe' campaign, we have held class assemblies about keeping safe and the people in our own lives that we could ask for help if it was needed. Today, we had a special visit from the NSPCC to do a follow-up workshop.

The NSPCC lady was full of praise for our Year 5 and 6 children, who were so polite and well-mannered and was really impressed with the Year 2's knowledgeable and thoughtful responses and said they were the best Year 2 class she had worked with for years!

Well done children, you should all be very proud of yourselves!



## Year 1

On Monday this week, year one had an exciting trip to St Firmin's church. This trip linked to our R.E learning this term which is all about the Easter story. We had a lovely sunny walk down to the church. When we arrived, the children got to explore and learn the names of all the different parts of the church. We also learnt more about the Easter story and how the church celebrates Easter. The children really impressed all the adults with their super listening and wonderful behaviour throughout.





### Year 1 - Forest School

This week was year one's final forest school session. We thought about the story of the three little pigs. The children went off into groups and designed a house out of sticks for one of the three little pigs. They were then given the task of creating a wolf detection device to stop the big bad wolf.

We had some wonderful creations such as wolf traps, security cameras and wolf detection alarms. Year one have had so much fun doing forest school this term!

**As Forest School sessions have now finished for Year 1, children can wear their Spring/Easter coloured clothes next Thursday for the PTFA Dress Down day.**



### School Games Day

We have had a fantastic day participating in numerous sporting activities for our annual Thurlby Academy Games Day. It is so wonderful to see children working together from different year groups - helping each other and cheering one another on.

We started with an opening ceremony, in the hall, where children had the opportunity to wave their banners of support. The children focused on the following School Games Values; teamwork, self-belief, passion, dedication, respect, and honesty. All adults chose 1 child, who was demonstrating a particular value, to receive a certificate at our closing ceremony assembly.



Many thanks to Mrs Sewell for organising this unique event and ensuring that our House Captains were on top form. Thank you, also, to the staff members and Dr Jagger, our Chair of Governors, for helping to make this day a success.











### Celebrating Thurlby success!

You may remember we recently promoted a lovely competition run by Wright Care at Home; creating an Easter card to be printed and delivered to their treasured customers.

We are delighted to have been advised that the winners were all from Thurlby Academy. A super well done to Philly, Freya and Hudson! Here they are collecting their book tokens and certificates.



On collecting their winning awards, Mrs Davis-Wright advised us that they had chatted with the children about the difference they will make to our older generations, within the community, and a little about the role of a health care worker in the community too. The children demonstrated some lovely Thurlby values in their act of kindness and their winning designs have all been printed and are on their way to making 50 of their customers smile.

Thank you Mrs Davis-Wright!

### Bag2School Collection - Wednesday 17th April

Our next Bag2School collection is Wednesday 17th April! Please have your bags dropped off at school by 9am. Bags will be sent home with your child/children nearer the time but any bag will do!



Bag2School is the UK's leading textile recycler and fundraiser working with schools and since its inception in 2001 it has now paid out over £36 million.

As well as raising vitally needed funds for the PTFA it also helps the environment by helping to divert unwanted textiles away from landfill.

By getting involved in our Bag2School collection, you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles in the bag provided - this can include adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags and soft toys, (please refer to <http://uk.bag2school.com/> for full details).

In addition to raising much needed funds it will also raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse.

## WHAT WE COLLECT

We accept the following **'good quality'** items for RE-USE\*:

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Socks
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen
- Household curtains
- Household towels
- Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

*\* We reserve the right to refuse any unsuitable items*

We **DO NOT** accept:

- Duvets and blankets
- Pillows and cushions
- Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
- Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
- School uniforms with and without logo
- Corporate clothing and workwear
- Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material





### **PTFA - Dress Down Day and Easter Bonnet Competition**

Don't forget there's no need for uniforms on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March, just come dressed in Spring and Easter colours, for a suggested donation of £1.

Why not enter our Easter bonnet or hat competition. Bring in your design to be in a chance of winning a prize.

Prizes awarded to:

1st, 2nd & 3rd - EYFS/KS1

1st, 2nd & 3rd - KS2

We can't wait to see your creations! 😊



### **Year 4 trip - 101 Dalmatians, Norwich Theatre**

Just a reminder that the first instalment of £7.55 is now overdue. Please make this payment via Parentmail, if not done so already - please go to payments, shop, place item in your basket and pay. Thank you.



### **KS2 Swimming Lessons**

Reminder re contributions due by Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April for the above please, via our Parentmail system:



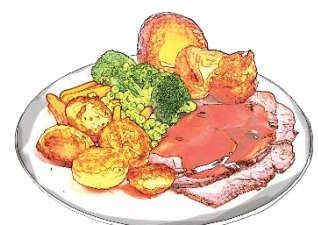
- £28.20 for Year 3, 4 and 5 children
- £16.10 for participating Year 6 pupils

### **Keystone Academy Trust - School Meals Survey**

Further to our recent ParentMail regarding the above, if you have not done so already, please could you complete the survey on our schools' meal provision, link below:

<https://forms.gle/8EMrE6pcS6sF6aKh9>

This form will close on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March. Many thanks.



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Mrs K Finch  
Headteacher

**Upcoming Calendar dates**

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March -

Deadline to order hot meals for first week back after Easter

Reception - Show and Tell (revised date)

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March -

Shakespeare performance 'Much Ado About Nothing' - Key Theatre

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March -

NO FOREST SCHOOL

PTFA Dress Down Day and Easter Bonnet Competition

Rocksteady concert @ 2.15pm

End of Term 4

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April -

Training Day

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April -

Start of Term 5

KS2 Swimming starts today for Years 3 to 5

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April -

PTFA Bag2school collection @9.00am

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April -

Reception - Show and Tell session after school

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April -

EYFS Class Assembly 10.10am

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May -

Year 5 Class Assembly 10.10am

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May

Year 6 SATs week

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May -

End of Term 5