





Dear Parents

Considering the apprehension that I know many people had about the children returning to school, we have had a fantastic term! The children have shown that they are resilient and have followed our Covid rules to the best of their abilities. It has been different to the norm but all staff have worked extremely hard to make the lessons as fun and engaging as possible. Thank you for your ongoing support during this time. We wish you all a safe and happy half term.

Congratulations

Tim Certificate Winners

We would like to congratulate our Tim certificate winners for achieving their very best in a particular area of learning or for exemplary behaviour this week. Our Tim winners are:

- Reception Clara Griffiths and Max Pignatiello
- Year 1 Rory Bellringer and Lily-Rose Marshall
- Year 2 Oakley Weston and Sophia Parkin
- **Year 3** Joe Willimer and Felicity Styles
- Year 4 Niamh Millier and Ronnie Fuller
- Year 5 Toby Bell and Rosie Evans
- Year 6 Daisy Willimer and Edgar Krzysztof

<u>Attendance</u>

Our average attendance figure for the week, beginning 19th October 2020, was 96.9%. A fantastic week for both Reception and Year 1 with 100% attendance for both classes. Super stars!



Recommended Reads



We were so inspired by the reading photos of you sent in of our pupils during the summer term, we would like to continue this academic year!



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: <u>kelly.bright@thurlby.lincs.sch.uk</u>. We would love to include some of their recommendations in the newsletter each week to help give them inspiration for new books to read.



Our first contribution, this year, is from Mrs Finch!

Mrs Finch enjoys reading non-fiction as well as fiction texts. This is one of her favourite's - 'Animalium' - 'This museum is open all hours. It houses an astonishing collection of more than 160 animals for visitors of all ages. Learn how animals have evolved, see inside the dissection laboratory and discover the great variety of habitats on Earth...'

Due to the restrictions of COVID-19, we can no longer have volunteers in school to hear your children read. We would really appreciate anything you can do to read to, and with, your child and to encourage them to read independently at home - just five minutes a day can make a significant difference to their learning.



Black History Month: 1st - 31st October 2020

'Books for Topics' have put together a list of children's books that celebrate black lives and that explore black history both in the UK and around the globe. These books can be used for Black History Month, when many schools and families dedicate time to research Britain's black history and to find out more about particular black people who have made a difference. We believe these books are just as important all year round, too.





Chimp Fu

Video learning strategies & games teach the rules of syllable division.

Free app! (22nd - 31st October only)

This week, Nessy are giving away their 'Chimp Fu' app for free - it supports children in KS1 and KS2 with identifying and developing strategies to read multi-syllabic words.

'Master the art of syllable division with Chimp Fu and karate chop your way to the top! Video learning strategies explain the rules of syllable division. Chunk longer words into syllables, making them easier to read and spell. Chop up giant hotdogs and vegetables, then play the Gorilla Challenge!'

<u>Year 2</u>

Year 2 have had lots of fun in the outside area this term. They imagined they were woodland animals and have been hiding, watching and waiting to help them collect ideas and vocabulary for their finding tales in English.



Forest School

Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed their last Forest School session this week. The activities involved making delicious bread on the camp fire, creating an obstacle course and making their own bow and arrow. The children had tremendous fun whilst continuing to develop a range of skills.







FOREST SCHOOL NEXT TERM - YEAR 5

Starting on Thursday 5th November, YEAR 5 WILL HAVE FOREST SCHOOL all morning every Thursday.

The children will be outside, whatever the weather, so they need to be dressed appropriately. Please ensure that children wear the following items to school. Please note children should still wear their school shoes/trainers to arrive in school. They will change into their wellington boots once on the premises. Once Forest School is finished children will take off their wellington boots and wear their school shoes/trainers for the rest of the day:

- Waterproof coat
- T-shirt
- Jumper
- Jogging bottoms/old jeans/ waterproof trousers
- Thick socks
- Wellington boots (in a separate named carrier bag)
- Hat/gloves/scarf for the colder weather

Road Safety

Tomorrow night, we will be setting the clocks back an hour and summer time officially ends. Road traffic collisions increase by 20% in the fortnight after the time change.

The resources below will help remind children, especially teenagers, about road safety and safe cycling:

Teaching Road Safety: A Guide for Parents - <u>Road Safety - A Guide for Parents</u> Safety First - Cycling at Night - <u>Cycling at Night</u> Teaching road safety: guide for educators - <u>Teaching Road Safety - Educator's Guide</u> Road safety teaching resources for children - <u>Road Safety - Teaching Resources</u> Be Bright, Be Seen Poster - <u>Be Bright, Be Seen</u> Keeping children safe during lockdown and beyond - Parents' pack - <u>Keeping Children Safe in Lockdown and</u> Beyond

Facts on Child Casualties (June 2015) - Facts on Child Casualties

<u>Year 4</u>

Linked to our topic on The Romans, we are currently designing our own Roman shields. Next term, we are going to follow our design and instructional writing to make the shields on a large scale. If you have any large, flat pieces of card or card that can be joined together, please send it into school with your child's name written on it by **Tuesday 3rd November**. This means we can store it for 72 hours before it is used at the end of the first week of term. Thank you, Miss Sones.

Secondary Transfer

A reminder from Admissions to Year 6 parents:-

Please ensure you apply for a secondary school place, if you want your child to start Year 7 in September 2021. Pupils with an EHCP do not need to apply through this process.

You can apply online at <u>www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions</u>, or make a phone application by contacting the Education Team on 01522 782030.

Many people will be waiting for the 11+ results before applying, which is fine, as long as you apply by the main closing date of 31 October. There is no advantage in applying early.

<u>Year 5</u>

Year 5 have been working very hard on their Science this term. They've enjoyed experimenting to find the best insulator for a lunch box, by trying to keep ice cubes cool using different materials. They've also been enthralled at lunchtimes- enjoying The Demon Headmaster series!



<u>Hot Meals</u>

All of the weekly menus for next term are now available to order on the meals website. This includes our Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 16th December. The children will be able to have roast turkey, pigs in blankets, stuffing balls, crispy roast potatoes, carrots, peas and turkey gravy or the vegetarian option will be Quorn roast with Quorn chipolatas. Due to the high take up of this lunch these will be the only options available on this day. The deadline for ordering the Christmas Lunch will be <u>Tuesday 8th December</u>. It is always very popular so please make sure you order in time.

Royal British Region Poppy Appeal – Week Beginning 2nd November

We will, once again, be supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal this year and children will be able to purchase a poppy or any of the additional items below. If you would like to support this incredibly worthwhile charity then please send in a donation amount you feel is appropriate.

Many thanks for your support.



Art Competition

Thank you to those children who have taken part in the Young Artists competition. We have had some fantastic entries submitted. Please note the deadline for this competition has been extended to 5th Dec. If anyone else would like to take park please ensure artwork is handed to Miss Cookson by Friday 4th Dec.



<u>Harvest Festival Update</u> We have received the following message from Marcelle Cowley, from The Bourne Foodbank:-

To all at Thurlby Primary School

I am writing to thank you for donating your Harvest items to The Bourne Foodbank. We were thrilled to receive such a generous amount. As you can imagine, we have been extremely busy during this pandemic and feel that our help and support will be needed by a growing number of families well into next year. Our volunteers can only carry out the work they do because of the generosity of our local churches, schools, organisations, businesses and individuals. Our clients are always extremely grateful for all we provide them with. We make sure they know that our local community is wonderful at helping us keep our shelves "topped up.'

Thank you - again - for your continuing support.

Warmest regards, Marcelle Cowley

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Mrs K Finch Head of School

Upcoming Calendar Dates

Monday 2nd November -Friday 13th November -Monday 16th to Friday 20th November-Tuesday 24th November - Start of Term 2/Poppy Appeal starts today Children in Need (Details to follow) Anti-Bullying week (Details to follow) Flu vaccinations

