



All Things Thurlby

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Dear Parents

Welcome from our new Acting Head of School

I am delighted to have been appointed as Acting Head of School at Thurlby Primary Academy, working alongside Mrs Finch until she commences her maternity leave. Our aim is to ensure continuity for the children and the school community until Mrs Finch returns, whilst continuing to focus on achieving the very best for all. As a school, we will continue to put the best interests of every child at the heart of all our decisions, and that we will work tirelessly to ensure that every child is nurtured and challenged to achieve their true potential, allowing them to pursue their future ambitions.

With the first week having flown by, I would like to thank the children, parents and staff for a very warm welcome to your school community. Mrs Finch was right when she informed me that Thurlby has the most well-mannered and polite children. It has been a privilege to meet the children in school, seeing children engaged in their home learning on Teams and meeting parents at the gate. I look forward to meeting you all in person when school welcomes all the children back.

Should you have any questions, concerns or things to celebrate, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs Joyce

Opening for all children - 8th March

We will be sending a letter to you all next week informing you of how the re-opening will look from 8th March. In the main, this will be the same as our re-opening for all children in September but please read it carefully for key information and also any changes.



World Book Day

In 2021, World Book Day, just like everything else, will be different. We've tried to adapt things to make sure that World Book Day still sends a powerful and positive message about books and reading, even in lockdown.

Your child will receive their book token when everyone returns to school on March

8th. Their book token can be swapped for a FREE World Book Day book or to get £1 off any full price book or audiobook instead.

The website is also offering you sneak peeks inside all the brilliant new £1 books, to help you decide which one to pick! Take a look [here](#).

To share our love of reading with children, and to allow pupils to see adults they may not have seen for some time, staff have recorded some videos of themselves reading books suited to children in a different key



stage to the one they teach in. They will be uploaded to our private YouTube channel and the links will be sent via ParentMail next week.

Sometime over next week, class teachers will demonstrate, show or upload activities to Purple Mash related to World Book Day that your child can complete. Below are some additional activities and resources from World Book Day's organisation you may also want to try at home:

Live events

"Look forward to a star-studded cast of authors, illustrators and hosts - all here to help you celebrate the most exciting booky day of the year!" These will also be available on YouTube after the live event.

<https://www.youtube.com/c/WorldBookDayUK>

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR LIVE EVENTS



Free audiobooks

You can listen to a range of full audiobooks. <https://www.worldbookday.com/world-of-stories/>

Author Masterclasses

An author or illustrator from each of this year's free books have created their own masterclass to watch and take part in. <https://www.worldbookday.com/online-masterclasses/>

Year 2

As an introduction to our new topic on dragons, Year 2 were amazed to find evidence of 'actual dragons' in our outside area. The children at home have been busy searching too and have sent in photos of what they have found. There are already several dragon experts in the class and we are all looking forward to learning more.



Hot School Meals

Just a reminder to parents, following our Parentmail on Tuesday 23rd February, that hot school meals will recommence on Monday 8th March. Don't forget we also have the added option of a pasta pot this term. A Spring term menu and allergens list can be found on our website by clicking on the following link:-

<https://www.thunlby.lincs.sch.uk/page/5/hot-school-meals>

The Taylor Shaw website is now live for you to place your orders. Please note the deadline for ordering hot meals, week commencing 8th March, will be midnight on **Tuesday 2nd March.**

Thurlby Kids Club

We are delighted to confirm that Kids Club will be re-opening from Monday 8th March. If you require extended provision for your child then please do get in touch. Contact details can be found on our website under the Extended Provision tab. Alternatively, please click on the link below:-

<https://www.thurlby.lincs.sch.uk/page/28/extended-provision>

Special Educational Needs (SEND) Provision Update

Delivering a strong graduated approach to SEND provision has been a key priority for us for some time now. This helps to ensure that our children receive the right support at the right time.

From this term, we are moving towards using the Virtual SEND (VSEND) Tool to replace our Individual Education Plans (IEPs). This tool is highly recommended by Lincolnshire County Council and ensures that the Code of Practice (COP) requirement for assess, plan, do and review is clearly evident. The new VSEND IEP will develop a single, rounded picture of the needs of our children and the support they need to succeed based on a tiered system of provision required. It will focus on quality first teaching, targeted intervention and, where needed, specialist support. In line with the COP, the VSEN IEP will be a live working document and will be reviewed three times a year.

School Uniform - Chroma Sport

We have received advice from our uniform supplier, Chroma Sport, that unfortunately they are not able to re-open in full, as per the Government guidelines, and their showroom remains closed until the 12th April.

They are, however, able to operate online and have continued to do this through the various lockdowns. They will be opening next week for click & collect only so that parents can get their school uniform order for free from the store. Dates and times for this are listed below. This will be reviewed on an ongoing basis to ensure parents and pupils are supported as necessary.

Click & Collect Only

Wednesday 3rd March - 10am - 2pm

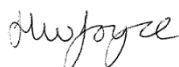
Thursday 4th March - 10am - 2pm

Friday 5th March - 10am - 2pm

Please Note: Deliveries are going out as usual.



Mrs K Finch
Head of School



Mrs H Joyce
Acting Head of School

Upcoming Calendar Dates

Tuesday 2nd March-

Deadline to order hot school meals for w/b Monday 8th March

Thursday 4th March-

World Book Day

Monday 8th March -

All children to return to school

Wednesday 10th March -

Year 5 deadline to return Bikeability forms

Thursday 1st April -

Last Day of term 4

Monday 19th April -

Start of Term 5