



Dear Parents

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 Rufus Burt and Lois Ryde
- Year 1 Thea Gunner and Thomas McAllister
- Year 2 Imogen Harwood and Ethan Ashton
- Year 3 Dexter Dobson and Karma Otubela-Almond
- Year 4 Logan Greenwood and Jessica Wheeler
- Year 5 Aran Goodall and Cleo Bromley
- Year 6 Noah Blake and Maddie Fensom

<u>Attendance</u>

Our average attendance figure for the week, beginning 30th November 2020, was 98.7%. A great week for all and a special mention to Year 2 who achieved 100% attendance this week. Congratulations super stars!

Recommended Reads



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:



of their recommendations in the newsletter each week to help give them inspiration for new books to read. We're excited to see what you're reading!



This week and next, we're including some possible book gift ideas for friends and family. Our selection this week is for KS2 children.



For more book lists themed by age group or topic, visit booksfortopics.com

<u>Year 6</u>

Year 6 have been practising converting between fractions, decimals and percentages this week and have made some amazing revision tools for their homework!



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas...

It is with great sadness that we are unable to welcome families and the local community into our school for our annual Christmas Bazaar this year. It's normally the opportunity for parents to see the wonderful Christmas creations the children have been busily preparing. We didn't want you to miss out on seeing our school decorated for Christmas so have included some festive photos for you to enjoy....



As we were not able to have all our children decorating the tree this year, we chose our youngest bubble (Reception and Year 1) to do this very important task, on behalf of all our children. I'm sure you'll agree they did a great job! ③



Christmas Tree Appeal

A heartfelt thanks to all the families who have supported the Christmas Tree Appeal once again. Our stunning tree has so many beautifully wrapped presents underneath it, waiting to be transported to families in difficult circumstances, within our local community. We are overwhelmed by your generosity, thank you so much.

A big thank you, also, to our fantastic PTFA for donating our wonderful tree.

Our children have enjoyed creating their Christmas hoops again this year and Year 6 have made their own gingerbread men for a festive display in our foyer.



Online Safety Update for Parents

We have been advised, by Lincolnshire County Council, that there has been another round of highly inappropriate horror-based content on various social media platforms, and no doubt there will continue to be periodically. The Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (LSCP) is looking at a focus on parental control over the Christmas period.

It is important that children and young people feel confident in disclosing to adults when they see or experience something which upsets them or makes them feel uncomfortable - whether that is to talk to a trusted teacher, family member or through Childline or Kooth - and that they do not feel worried that the app will just be taken away from them.

As school staff and parents, we must all be mindful that this sort of thing exists and to always be available to talk about, reassure our children, and to always discuss when they feel uncomfortable online.

Please see the support materials below on parental controls for apps such as; YouTube, Netflix, Xbox, PlayStation and a variety of other popular services presented by Internet Matters. Also a reminder that TikTok has recently updated their parental controls so parents/carers can have more control over what their children are doing online. **Please note, TikTok has an age limit of 13**.

https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/

Rainbow Card System

Our children's health, safety, wellbeing and happiness are a priority at Thurlby Academy. Given the ever-changing world we live in today and even more prevalent with Covid-19, our children's mental health is more important than ever. With this in mind, we have introduced a new Rainbow Card System in school.





<u>Shadow</u>

Thank you so much for the super art work that you are sending in to decorate our new pastoral/SEN room. We love looking at it.

Mrs Breidenbach, Mrs Taylor and Shadow.



<u>PTFA</u>

Just a reminder that all raffle tickets need to be returned by <u>Thursday 10th December</u> whether sold or unsold. Please hand in to classteachers or post in the PTFA post box. Calendars and tea towels are still available. Please email the PTFA <u>thurlbyptfa@gmail.com</u> to purchase.

Thank you, Thurlby PTFA

Follow the Star

Just a reminder that Mrs Beavis (Music Director at Bourne Westfield) is launching our first ever Keystone Multi Academy Trust collaborative project: 'Follow that Star' and we are inviting young performers to provide some seasonal entertainment. Some of these pieces will be collated together with performances by staff and whole classes into a virtual Christmas showcase for staff and children to enjoy at the end of term. We really hope that this will be an

opportunity for families to get involved to share their talents and family music making with the whole school and the other schools within the Academy Trust.

Please can you ensure that your child/ren are wearing their school uniform in the video so that they can be identified as belonging to Thurlby. Please send your video to <u>enquiries@thurlby.lincs.sch.uk</u> by **Wednesday 9th December**. Please note, not all videos will be guaranteed to appear in the final ensemble as there will be 5 maximum from each school.



Please be aware that if your video is used in the final piece, it will be used on the following from each school: school website, YouTube Channel and Facebook page (of the other schools).

School Uniform - Festive Offer



<u>Christmas Jumper Day</u>

Just a reminder that our Christmas Jumper Day is next week on Friday 11th December.



Children and staff are invited to take part by wearing their sparkly, funny or cosy Christmas jumper and make a donation of $\pounds 2$ (or whatever you can afford) to enable the Save the Children charity to help children have food, be healthy, learn things, and change the future! This is not a non-uniform day so school trousers/skirts or PE kit (if your child has PE) should be worn.

Of course, participation and donation is entirely voluntary. Any contributions will be gratefully received. To find out more about the appeal you can visit the website at <u>christmasjumperday.org</u> Thank you.

<u>Santa Dash</u>

Our Santa Dash is also on <u>Friday 11th December</u> and is designed to support our commitment to health and physical activity. Along with many other schools across the county, each class will be completing a run wearing their Christmas jumpers; they may also wear a Santa hat if they wish.

Please note the 'dash' will take place in the MUGA so your child needs to wear trainers for this event, and they may wear them to school for the day.

JUST TO CLARIFY - Children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper for the charity and a Santa hat (optional) and trainers for the Santa Dash. The remainder of clothing should be school uniform as normal or PE clothing if your child has PE on this day. Thank you.

Hot School Meals - <u>NEW LUNCH OPTION ADDED</u> - Spring Term 2021

We are pleased to announce that Taylor Shaw have added a further option to our lunches. From January 2021, children will be able to have a pasta pot for their lunch, with added tomato sauce, garlic bread and cheese (all toppings optional).

If you have already selected your meals for the term, you can amend your choices to this additional option if you wish, although you will not be able to cancel any meals already booked.

The revised menu can be found on our website under the School Information tab - Hot School Meals. Alternatively please follow this link:- <u>https://www.thurlby.lincs.sch.uk/page/5/hot-school-meals</u>

Late arrival to school

Just to confirm if your child is ever late to school (i.e. the teacher is no longer at the gate to welcome you) please ensure they come through the main entrance to be buzzed in by Mrs Pengelly. Do NOT attempt to open gates and let your child in by themselves. It is essential the office is aware of late comers and that children are not in the corridors unsupervised, potentially mixing with another bubble. Thank you.

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Mrs K Finch Head of School

Upcoming Calendar Dates

Tuesday 8 th December -	Last day to order for Christmas lunch
Wednesday 9 th December -	Deadline to send in your festive musical entry for the 'Follow the Star' project
Thursday 10 th December-	Entries for the Christmas ornament/model competition to your class teacher today
	Raffle tickets to be returned today (sold or unsold)
Friday 11 th December -	Christmas Jumper Day/Santa Dash
Thursday 17 th December -	End of Term