

Thorpe Primary Newsletter January 2022

Thorpe Nursery

There are still spaces available in our Nursery for September 2022! If your child turns 3 before 31st August 2022, then they can join us in our Nursery.



All children aged 3-4 years of age are entitled

to 15 hours free childcare. You can choose which sessions fit in best with you as long as we have space. If you choose, your child can



stay to lunch and be picked up at 12:30 pm. Alternatively you can bring them in at 11:30 am and they can stay for

lunch and have the afternoon session afterwards (price is currently £3.00 for a lunchtime session for the child care).

We also offer up to 30 hours free childcare funding. Applications for



the additional hours must be made to HMRC online at www.gov.uk. If you are successful,



you will be issued with a code which you must provide to your chosen childcare provider.

Thorpe Nursery follows the Early Years Curriculum which is taught by a qualified teacher.



We introduce maths using Numicon and we teach early sound and writing skills. There is a strong emphasis on play with lots of access



to the outdoor area. The children get used to the main school, such as using the field, the

Environmental area, and the hall, as well as the Reception class towards the summer. If a child has any special needs, they are able to be identified and supported at an early age.

Once children have entered Nursery, all children are tracked to ensure they achieve the best possible progress.

Please call in at the school office for an application form or download one from the school website.



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Attendance

In line with Government policy on school attendance, we will not authorise any holiday absences unless there are exceptional or unavoidable circumstances. If you want your child to have time

**EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS**



off school for any reason, please collect a form from school.

A full copy of the attendance policy and our Leave of Absence form is on our website; please contact school if you would like a paper copy or have any questions.

Cold Weather clothing

Please ensure that your child is coming to school with a warm coat, hat and gloves. The children won't be able to play outside if they do not have a coat.



Wellies

If your child would like to play on the field at breaktime, lunchtime or during privilege time they will need to bring a change of shoes such as wellies, boots or winter outdoor shoes. This is to save any mud from the field messing up the carpets in school.



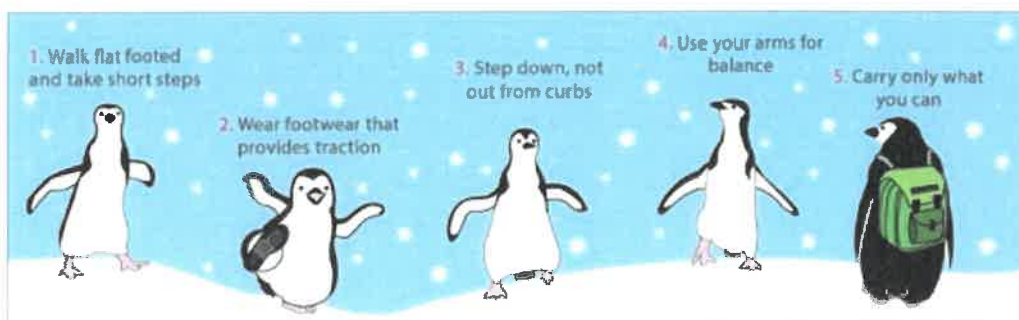
ParentPay

Remember to take advantage of our easy online payment system for booking lunches, paying for dinner money, breakfast and after school care club, school trips and nursery sessions! Speak to the office to find out more! If you have already registered but have forgotten your password just click on the *forgotten password* link.



Icy footpaths

Please be careful when walking on the footpaths and playgrounds around school in the icy weather. Follow our signs and "Walk like a Penguin!"



Helping to keep children healthy

There are many common childhood conditions that children can come across and we thought we would give you some information about a couple of them:

Head Lice

Please check your child's hair regularly for head lice and treat head lice as soon as you spot them. Look out for the eggs which sit on the hair approximately 2-3cm from the scalp. You should check everyone in the house and treat them on the same day if they have head lice.



- There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice. Use lotion or spray to treat head lice
- You can use medicated lotions and sprays that kill head lice in all types of hair. You can buy these from pharmacies, supermarkets or online.

Head lice should die within a day. Lotions and sprays come with a comb to remove dead lice and eggs.



Some treatments need to be repeated after a week to kill any newly hatched lice. Check the pack to see whether they're OK for you or your child to use and how long they should be left in the hair.

You can buy a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb) online or from pharmacies to remove head lice and nits.

There will be instructions on the pack to follow, but typically you:

- use the comb on wet or dry hair – although it usually works best on wet hair with conditioner
- comb the whole head of hair, from the roots to the ends
- repeat every few days for 2 weeks

There's nothing you can do to prevent head lice. You can reduce the risk of lice spreading by avoiding head-to-head contact. If your child has long hair make sure they have it tied back.

Threadworms

Threadworms are a common type of worm infection in the UK, particularly in children under the age of 10.

The worms are white and look like small pieces of thread. You may notice them around your child's bottom or in their poo. They don't always cause symptoms,

- There's no need to keep your child off school if they have threadworms. Use medication which can be bought over the counter from your local pharmacy.
- Everyone who lives with you may need to be treated.

Ensure your children know the importance of washing their hands properly to help prevent spreading germs:

- Wet your hands with clean, running water (warm or cold). Make sure the water isn't too hot for little hands.
- Use soap and lather up for about 20 seconds. Antibacterial soap isn't a must — any soap will do.
- Make sure you get in between your fingers, on the backs of hands, and under the nails where germs like to hang out. And don't forget the wrists!
- Rinse and dry well with a clean towel.



When Should We Wash Our Hands?

To stop the spread of germs in your family, make regular hand washing a rule for everyone. It's especially important:

- before eating and cooking
- after using the bathroom
- after cleaning around the house
- after touching animals, including family pets
- before and after visiting or taking care of any sick friends or relatives
- after blowing one's nose, coughing, or sneezing
- after being outside (playing, gardening, walking the dog, etc.)

Seesaw

Don't forget to log into Seesaw to share your child's experiences and learning. Seesaw is a fantastic tool that connects home and school and allows us to easily share photos and videos of your child. Seesaw will also work as a communication tool between yourselves and your class teacher allowing you to comment on photos of your child, send general questions directly to the teacher and receive important information about what is happening in school. If you are having problems logging in, please email help@tps.pkat.co.uk



Thorpe Primary School After School Club

Run by staff
from our
school

The After School Club runs
during the school term:

3pm—5.30pm Monday—Thursday

2pm—4.30pm Friday

£7.50 per session



Lots of fun activities:- playdough,
construction, reading, homework
support, board games, gardening,
cooking, food tasting, celebrating key
festivals

Snack and drink provided



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For more details please speak
to the school office.



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After School Care Club

Thorpe Primary School has an After School Care Club that provides quality out-of-school childcare for our parents.

- Only children attending Thorpe Primary School, in years Reception to Year 6 are eligible to attend.
- All places are subject to availability and there are limited spaces per session.
- Parents will need to read and sign an agreement to register their child for a place.

After School Care Club runs from:

- ❖ **3pm – 5.30pm Monday to Thursday (term time only)**
- ❖ **2pm to 4.30pm Friday (term time only)**



- Places should be booked and paid for in advance via ParentPay
- A service of emergency ad hoc spaces can be provided if the school office is contacted by 12pm on that day **(and there is availability on that occasion)**

There are lots of fun activities on offer at the club: art, cooking, sport and games, board games and puzzles, music and drama, reading and storytelling, imaginative play and help with homework. The age of the children is considered so that the activities are appropriate and children in Years 5 and 6 can access their school iPads.



Children are provided with a snack and drink prepared on the premises by staff. Fresh drinking water is available to children at all times.

Cost of the After School Care Club is £7.50 per session. Children must be collected by 5.30pm Monday – Thursday and by 4.30pm on Friday at the latest. A charge will be levied for late collections as follows:

- £3 for the first 5 minutes
- £1 per minute for minute 6 onwards



For more details please see the school website or give the school office a call on 01733 264340.

Start & Finish Times and P.E. Days

Please find below a reminder of the school start and finish times and the days that the children are having P.E. This will continue in January 2022. Your child/ren should be in school for their start times as it can delay the register and the start of the day for all the children in the class if they are late.

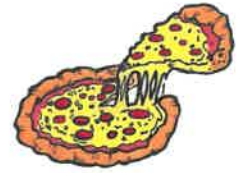


Children should come to school in their P.E. kit on their P.E. days.

	Start/Finish	Fri	P.E. Days	Lunchtimes
R Donaldson	8.40am/3.10pm	2pm – 2.10pm	Tues/Fri	11.30am – 12.30pm
R Hughes			Mon/Wed	
1 Milne	8.40am/3.10pm	2.10pm	Wed/Thurs	12.10pm – 12.55pm
1 Potter			Tues/Wed	
1 Kipling			Tues/Wed	
2 Rosen	8.40am/3.10pm	2.10pm	Mon/Fri	12.10pm – 12.55pm
2 Blake			Mon/Thurs	
3 Dahl	8.30am/3.00pm	2.00pm	Tues/Thurs	12.10pm – 12.55pm
3 Walliams			Tues/Thurs	
3 Strong			Mon/Thurs	
4 Ibbotson	8.30am/3.00pm	2.00pm	Mon/Thurs	12.10pm – 12.55pm
4 Carroll			Mon/Wed	
4 Rowling			Mon/Thurs	
5 Blackman	8.30am/3.00pm	2.00pm	Mon/Fri	12.55pm – 1.35pm
5 Morpurgo			Wed/Fri	
5 Lewis			Mon/Wed	
6 Zephaniah	8.30am/3.00pm	2.00pm	Tues/Thurs	12.55pm – 1.35pm
6 Stephenson			Thurs/Fri	
6 Tolkien			Tues/Fri	

Census Day

Please encourage your Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 child to stay for a school dinner on Thursday, 20th January as part of the Government's initiative of a free school meal for every infant child. This is an important day for us as we receive funding on the take up of the free school meals initiative based on numbers this day. We will have our popular Pizza and Ice Cream on our menu for lunch.



The governors have invested heavily in our school kitchen so that we can provide nutritious meals with a good choice. We have a proactive Catering Manager who provides home cooked meals for our children supported by a dedicated team.

To ensure that we can continue to offer a range of good quality meals we need to access maximum funding by aiming for 100% take up. If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and would like to try a school dinner but also send bring packed lunch with them, please copy and paste the link below into your browser, complete the form and we will be able to accommodate your wishes.

<https://forms.office.com/r/kYZUsjUc4p>

Important Dates

Thurs 20 th Jan	Census Day
Tues 1 st Feb	Last day for 3W swimming
Tues 1 st Feb	Chinese New Year Lunch
Tues 8 th Feb	4R & 4I visit to Peterborough Museum
Wed 9 th Feb	4C visit to Peterborough Museum
Fri 11 th Feb	End of term
Mon 21 st Feb	Term begins
Fri 1 st April	End of term

A reminder that all dates can also be found on our website, www.thorpeprimary.co.uk.

Have you seen our Facebook page: [Thorpe Primary School and Nursery](#) and our Twitter page: [@ThorpePrimarySc](#)

