



# Thoresby News

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**This year we are trying to improve...**

- \* Writing and Maths (especially investigations and opportunities to write across the curriculum)
- \* Making our curriculum more exciting and engaging through themes
- \* Challenging our most able children
- \* Helping the children understand what they need to do next to improve their learning further
- \* Helping the children resolve conflicts in a positive way

**Please remember...**

- \* School starts at 8.55am and finishes at 3:15pm
- \* All children need to come to school in a red or blue uniform
- \* Jewellery is not allowed
- \* School dinners cost £1.30 each day. If you are in receipt of benefits you may qualify for free school meals. Please see the office staff for a form.

**Just a quick reminder...**

Children need to have PE kit at school for two sessions a week. These lessons maybe in the hall or on the all-weather pitch. The children are welcome to wear track suit bottoms and their school jumper for outdoor lessons.

Dear Parents/ Carers

A Happy New Year to you all! We have a very busy term planned and lots of information to share with you.

## Thoresby's Year of Maths

Our whole school will be having a huge push on maths this year. Mrs Dodsworth and Mrs Corner have launched a new scheme called 'Big Maths'. This involves a more simplified way of teaching maths and we feel it will really benefit our children. They will send out a more detailed leaflet in the next couple of weeks and will include parent information sessions. This will also impact on the maths homework we are sending out.

## Uniform

We are having increasing numbers of children who are arriving at school without the correct uniform colours. Wearing our uniform is important as it helps the children feel a sense of belonging and pride in our school. All children should wear either a red or navy blue jumper every day. These can be purchased from the office with our school logo or alternatively from supermarkets. We ask for your support with this.

The school office sells uniforms after school each day. Unfortunately we are no longer able to sell them before school.

## Welcome

We extend a very warm welcome to new parents and children who have joined us this term. We also welcome Miss De Longa, the new Y3 teacher and Miss Stitt who will be working in the Foundation Stage.

## Parents Evening

You may recall we decided to re-think the format of Parents Evenings in the autumn term to try to reduce waiting times for parents and allow you enough time for a meaningful discussion with teachers. We have therefore decided to hold Parents Evening twice a year in the Autumn and Spring term and continue with the written annual report for Parents in the Summer term. The Spring term meetings will take place on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2011 from 3.45 - 5.45pm**. The focus will be pupil progress and each parent will be allocated a ten minute slot.

## Coffee mornings

Just a reminder that Fenchurch Children's Centre are holding a coffee morning here on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January at 9am** for advice about returning to work. The Friends of the School continue to meet every Friday morning 9 am onwards. Everyone is welcome.

## Lunch money

Lunches remain at £1.30 per day. This can either be paid in cash or by cheque (payable to 'Hull Catering') on **Monday mornings**. Parents can pay weekly or for longer periods.

If you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals, please pick up an application form from the office. The admin staff can help fill the forms in.

# Dates for your diary

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January - School re-opens for the new term

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January - Magic Carpet Theatre

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February - Y4 boys football tournament at Kelvin

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February - School Disco - 4.00-5.00 KS1, 5.00-6.00 KS2

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February - Grandparents' Day for FS and KS1

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February - Y2 trip to Eureka

**BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM**

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February - School re-opens for children

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March - Parents Evening

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March - Parents Evening

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March - Dukeries Active Zone committee meeting

Y5 Dance competition at Kelvin

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April - Orchestra and Choir evening concert

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April - Y3 concert (pm)

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April - Y4 concert (pm)

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April - Senior Citizens afternoon

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April - Break up for the Easter holidays

## Holiday Dates

**2010 -11**

School opens Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2011

School closes Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2011

School re-opens Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2011

School closes Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2011

School re-opens Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2011

School closes Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2011

School re-opens Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2011

Teacher training day - Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2011

School closes Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2011

