



Kilnhurst St Thomas' C of E Primary Academy
Newsletter - Friday 3rd November 2023



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Welcome Back to Autumn Term 2

It's been lovely seeing everyone back in school this week. We have lots of exciting things planned this term, especially with Christmas just around the corner. Please see our 'Dates for your Diary' section at the end of this newsletter so you can keep up to date with what is happening in school.

Mrs Sherwood
Head of School



Learner of the week

The following children have been chosen by their Class Teacher as 'Learner of the Week'. Each child will be presented with a certificate at Monday's Celebration Assembly. Parents/Guardians are welcome to attend the assembly which starts at 9.05am in the Main Hall.

FS1 – Ariel G-B
FS2 – Freddie A
Year 1 – Amelia A
Year 2 – Izabell P

Year 3 – Samuel G
Year 4 – Emmie E
Year 5 – Brooke L
Year 6 – Harrison Y

Congratulations to you all.

DOJO Behaviour Awards

The following pupils will be awarded an Outstanding Behaviour (DOJO) Certificate at Monday's Celebration Assembly. Parents/Guardians are welcome to attend the assembly which starts at 9.05am in the Main Hall.

Gold
FS1 Cohen P
FS2 Evelyn C
Year 1 Jessie B
Year 2 Mollie S
Year 3 Aliyah L
Year 4 Sophie W'n
Year 5 Amelia-Lily M
Year 6 Thomas M

Silver
Holden C
Harriett K
Olivia C
Louie R
Amber Ca
Lucas J
Edie-Mia N
Harvey E

Bronze
Owen L
Archie G
Lillie C
Finley H
Nancy C
Timmy C
Layton H
Niamh A

Congratulations to you all.



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Weekly Class Attendance

FS1 – 91.6%	FS2 – 94.8%	Year 1 – 96.6%	Year 2 – 96.7%
Year 3 – 98.3%	Year 4 – 91%	Year 5 – 95.5%	Year 6 – 97.7%

Congratulations **Class 3**, you are this week's attendance winners, well done.



**ATTENDANCE
MATTERS!
Everyday. On-time.**



Reading Awards

Congratulations to the following children who have achieved their Bronze Reading Awards. Each child will be presented with their Badge at Monday's Celebration Assembly. Well done to you all.

Lilliker-Rose (C1)

Tanish A (C2)

Sam C (C5)

Fran (C6)

Esmay G (C2)

Kiera C (C5)

Joey Y (C2)



Lunch Time 'Golden Rules' Awards

The following children have been chosen to receive a Lunchtime Golden Rules Award. Mrs Sherwood will present each of them with a certificate at Monday's Celebration Assembly. Well done to you all. Parents/Guardians are welcome to attend the assembly which starts at 9.05am in the Main Hall.

FS2 – Freya Y

Class 1 – Daisy H

Year 2 – Poppy M

Class 3 – Brook K

Class 4 – Poppy H

Class 5 – Layton H

Year 6 – Jacob F

Our Lunchtime Golden Rules

You have been gentle

You have been kind

You have looked after the playground

You have been honest

You have listened to instructions

You have kept the playground safety rules.



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After School Clubs – Autumn Term 2

Below is a list of our free after school clubs which will start next week. To book a place for your child, please log in to your Arbor app. Please note that if you are unable to book a place this will be because the club is full - they book up very quickly and have limited spaces. Thank you.

After School Clubs – Autumn Term 2

After School Club	Children Eligible	Day	Time
Film Club with Mrs Sanderson in Class 1	All children FS2 to Year 6	Monday's	3.00pm to 4.00pm
Choir with Miss Cresswell and Mrs Hadfield in Class 6	KS2 children (years 3 to 6)	Tuesday's	3.00pm to 4.00pm
Recorder Club with Miss Barton – Class 4	Year 2 to Year 6	Tuesday's	3.00pm to 4.00pm
Apparatus Club with Mr Lyons in the Hall	Year 1 to Year 6	Wednesday's	3.00pm to 4.00pm
Football with Mr Lyons and Mr Turner	Year 3 to Year 6	Thursday's	3.00pm to 4.00pm

Please note there will be no After School Clubs taking place on Wednesday 13th December and Thursday 14th December 2023 due to Christmas Performances taking place.

There will also be no After School Clubs held during the last week of term – W.C. 18th December 2023.

Parking Outside of School

A polite reminder to parents/guardians to please be considerate when parking outside of school. Please do not block the driveways of local residents, park on the yellow zig zags; and also, please do not use the staff car park unless you have been given permission to do so. Thank you for keeping everyone safe.





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Christmas 2023

Please see below a timetable of Christmas Events taking place this term:

Christmas Fayre – Friday 1st December 2023 (PM)

Christmas Dinner (whole school) – Wednesday 6th December 2023 (free to all children)

Christmas Jumper Day – Wednesday 6th December 2023 - £1 donation for Save the Children

Christmas Performances:

Key Stage 1 (Classes 1 and 2) – Wednesday 13th December 2023 – 2.00pm and 5.00pm

Key Stage 2 (Classes 3, 4, 5 & 6) – Thursday 14th December 2023 – 2.00pm and 5.00pm

FS1 and FS2 – Friday 15th December 2023 – 9.30am

Christmas Parties:

FS1/FS2 – Monday 18th December – times tbc

Classes 3 and 4 – Tuesday 19th December – PM

Classes 5 and 6 – Wednesday 20th December – PM

Classes 1 and 2 – Thursday 21st December – PM

Christmas Singalong with Mrs Sherwood – Friday 22nd December 2023 at 2.00pm





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Dr Bike Session – 15th November 2023

Please see below a letter from Laurie Butler, the Active Travel Officer at Rotherham MBC. Laurie will be coming into school on the 15th November 2023 to do a health check on the children's bikes. If your child would like to take part, please pick up a form at the School office, complete and return. Please note, Laurie will be unable to do a bike check without the completed form. Thank you.



Dear Parent/Guardian,

On the **15th November** we are having a 'Dr Bike Session'

Any pupils that cycle to school will get a free health check for their bike. There are a limited number of places so make sure you book your space.

So what does that involve?

- Every bike will be checked over to ensure that it is safe to ride
- Bikes will have tyre pumped up and chains lubed
- Nuts and bolts will be checked for tightness
- Brakes will be tightened and checked

But...

- We are not a bike shop! In some cases we might replace some parts. But with the time and resources we have, some things are not possible to fix

So even if you can't ride to school; push your bike in and hopefully you will be able to ride it home

We look forward to seeing you there.

Laurie Butler Active Travel Officer Rotherham
In partnership with **Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council**

Children in Need – Friday 17th November 2023

Children in Need will take place this year on Friday 17th November 2023. As a school we always try and support this amazing charity. Children may come to school in non-uniform for a £1 donation. We previously asked children to wear spots but we don't want to put pressure on parents/guardians so we have decided to do just a non-uniform for all. Thank you.





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FS2 and Year 6 Height and Weight Measurement

Every year, the National Child Measurement Programme (nursing team) come into school and do height and weight measurement checks for all pupils in FS2 and year 6. The measurements are used to calculate weight status, e.g. overweight, healthy weight or underweight. They collect this information as part of an ongoing national programme to collect trends.

Children are measured fully clothed, except for their coats and shoes, in a private space away from other pupils. The wellbeing of children and families is very important to us and measurements are conducted in a compassionate way, in private and away from other children.

Individual results are not shared with your child or their school. Once the measurements have been taken, you will receive a text notification. If you would **not** like your child to take part then you will need to contact the **Public Health Nursing Team on 01709 423333 by 14th October 2023**. NB: Children will not be made to take part on the day if they do not want to.

Parents/Guardians will be notified once the date is confirmed as to when the nursing team will be in school.

Back Gates to School (Celandine Rise Entrance)

Can we please ask that parents/guardians do not use the back gates other than during morning drop off and afternoon pick up (8.40am to 9.00am / 2.55pm to 3.10pm).

Please use the main entrance during all other times. Thank you.



Reporting Absences

If your child is going to be absent from school, can we please remind parents/guardians to contact the school office before 9.00am. If you leave a voicemail, please let us know the reason why your child will be absent. Can we please ask that you don't report absences via DOJO messages. As per our Attendance Policy, if we do not hear from parents/guardians by 10.30am, Mrs Sherwood and Mrs Neal will be forced to do a home visit. Thank you for your co-operation. School Telephone Number is 01709 570297.

Reading Volunteers

If any parents/guardians would like to volunteer to do reading with the children in school, please see Miss Cousins or Mrs Myers at the school office. Thank you.





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Lost Property

Our lost property box is yet again over-flowing with items. Can we please ask that parents/guardians put their child's name on the labels inside coats / cardigans, jumpers etc. so we are able to return them to the children. If you wish to look through the lost property box, you can do so before morning registration and afternoon pick up. The box is located on the corridor outside Class 4 (inside school). Please come through reception to access. Thank you.



**Lost
property**

Dates for your Diary - Autumn Term 2

- 10th November 2023 - 9.00am - Coffee morning with Mrs Hall, our new SENDCO / Year 2 teacher
- 13th November 2023 – Wear odd socks day - Anti-bullying week
- 15th November 2023 – Dr Bike in School
- 16th November 2023 – 9.00am – Coffee Morning – Sleep Workshop with the EWO
- 17th November 2023 – Children in Need
- 24th November 2023 – Internet Safety Training – times tbc
- 1st December 2023 – Christmas Fayre
- 6th December 2023 – Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
- 13th December 2023 – KS1 Performance - 2.00pm and 5.00pm
- 14th December 2023 – KS2 Performance – 2.00pm and 5.00pm
- 15th December 2023 – FS1/FS2 Nativity – 9.30am
- 18th December 2023 – FS1/FS2 Christmas Party
- 19th December 2023 – Classes 3 and 4 Christmas Party
- 20th December 2023 – Classes 5 and 6 Christmas Party
- 21st December 2023 – Classes 1 and 2 Christmas Party
- 22nd December 2023 – School finishes at 3.00pm for Christmas Holidays



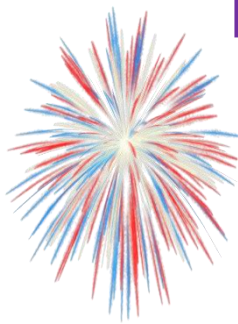
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New Menu – Week 3 - W.C. 6th November 2023

WEEK THREE	PLANET GREEN MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pip's Planet Friendly Option	Special Menu - See below	Plant-based Mince & Lentil Cottage Pie	Quorn Sausage, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Homemade Cheese & Tomato Pizza & Garlic Bread	Cheese & Onion Pastry Roll & Chips
Option Two		Smoky Barbeque Chicken & Sweetcorn Meatballs & Rice	Roast of the Day, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Beef Mince Chilli & Rice	Cod Fish Fingers & Chips
Vegetables		Mixed Vegetables, Peas	Seasonal Greens, Carrots	Green Beans, Cauliflower	Baked Beans, Peas
Hot Pasta		Pasta with Cheese Sauce		Pasta with Italian Tomato & Basil Sauce	
Sandwiches	Freshly Made Sandwich with Cheddar, Tuna Mayonnaise or Ham				
Jacket Potatoes	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise or Cheese or Beans				
Dessert		Oaty Flapjack Finger with Fruit	Homemade Chocolate Sponge & Custard	Citrusy Lemon Drizzle Cake	Shortbread & Mandarin Pieces



Bonfire Night Spectacular
Monday 6th November
Bonfire Bangers

Pork Hot Dog
Or
Vegetarian Hot Dog

Campfire Potato Wedges
&
Bang Bang Baked beans

Dessert
Chocolate Sponge
Served With
Hot Chocolate Sauce





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Your town

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Rotherham United Community Trust are launching the
'Tidy Up Our Town' project for this
year's EFL week of action, and we need your help!

6th - 10th November

We are calling on schools, communities, businesses, sports clubs, social groups and individuals to tidy up their area by doing litter picks.



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St Thomas' C of E Primary Academy Kilnhurst

School Calendar for the Academic Year 2023/24

September (20 Days)							October (20 Days)							November (19 Days)						
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December (16 Days)							January (18 days)							February (15 days)						
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March (17 Days)							April (16 Days)							May (18 Days)						
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June (20 Days)							July (16 Days)							August						
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 Denotes Bank Holidays

 Denotes School Holidays

194 days – including 5 days to be taken as professional development days for teaching staff

 Denotes Inset days (x 5)

 Polling Station