

## **THURNHAM CE INFANT SCHOOL**

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**“At Thurnham we learn to love and love to learn.”**

### **Thurnham's Attendance Rate Praised**

Last week I received an e-mail of congratulation from Kent County Council as having analysed our Spring term attendance data, they noted that it was one of the highest when compared to all schools and was rated as outstanding.

Thank you to all the parents who support us in this area.

A further reminder that children should not return to school for forty eight hours after sickness or diarrhoea as this protects the other children and of course staff from falling ill too.

### **Mrs Finch**

I am sad to announce that Mrs Finch (Green class teacher) will be leaving us to take up the role of Deputy Headteacher at St. Johns, Grove Green. Whilst I am pleased for Mrs Finch, we will miss her greatly. I have asked Mrs Finch to add a comment below:

*"As I prepare to start an exciting new chapter in my career, I have reflected with great fondness on my last five years at Thurnham. I have had some enormous highs, coupled with professional and personal challenges along the route. I have been humbled by the kindness, compassion and support that myself and family have received from the Thurnham Community. I have been fortunate to teach some wonderful pupils and have been supported by hardworking and caring parents, governors and colleagues. I hope that I have been able to light up imaginations, have fun and encourage children's individual talents to shine out. I will miss you all but look forward to keeping in touch as I return on the other side of the fence in September....as my daughter's wonderful Thurnham journey begins!"*

We work collaboratively with St. Johns on a number of projects so we of course will still see her. I thank Mrs Finch for all her hard work for the school and wish her all the best for the future.

### **Exciting Playground News**

I am pleased to inform you that barring an unforeseen circumstance, during the May week holiday we will have installed some new fixed standing play equipment such as a 'Thurnham Castle' and other exciting things for the children to play on.

Thanks to prudent financial planning in a challenging climate for school funding and with Friends Of Thurnham's help, we can meet the costs of these items. Our Bursar, Mrs Savage, has worked very hard with staff, FOT, the School Council and Governors to make this a reality. Year 2 parents have made generous contributions to FOT over the years too and as Year 2 will be leaving us soon, we want to install it before they leave rather than in the Summer holidays.

### **Friends Of Thurnham Update**

Friends recently held a Pottery Party in the Hall on Wednesday of last week that was well attended and was very much enjoyed by attendees. Thanks to FOT for organising such a lovely event.

The next event held by FOT will be the coin trail challenge for each year group and you will hopefully have already received a flyer about this. The idea is for each year group to create a trail of coins (that the children bring in to donate to FOT) and create weird and wonderful designs or pictures on the school playground with the coins that are brought in. We obviously expect a lot of 2ps and 1ps to come in but all coins are welcome.

Each year will have take part at the times below (weather permitting, otherwise we will have to use the Hall).

Reception : Afternoon of Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Year 1 : Afternoon of Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

Year 2 : Afternoon of Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May

We will hopefully share pictures of the various designs and every child will get a small treat for taking part.

### **Sainsburys Active Kids Vouchers**

A reminder that we are collecting these vouchers if you have any at home. Thank you everyone who has already donated vouchers.

### **May Week Holiday**

I am sure you are aware that soon we have a week long holiday from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May through to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June with a staff development day preceding it on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May. Term obviously finishes therefore on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May. School will be open as usual on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June.

I wish you all an enjoyable week long break (once it arrives) and thank you for your continuing support.

Yours sincerely,

**Mr C K James**  
Headteacher