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

Playground Construction

The installation of the playground equipment should hopefully be completed by today. We are very pleased with how it is looking! Despite the fact the children are eager to use the new equipment we do need to train them in how to use them safely first.

The children have been very good considering they temporarily have less space to play in and I am grateful to Roseacre for loaning us the use of some of their playground space as work has continued.

I will share photos in a future newsletter when it is all complete.

Recent Adviser Visit

Earlier this week I invited an adviser in to inspect the school and give some independent feedback. These visits do happen frequently and make us think about how we could be even better for the children.

Whilst I am pleased with the feedback received from him I particularly wanted to share that he praised the children highly. They were a credit to the school and he mentioned how children as young as four held doors open for him, said good morning and were articulate and helpful. He described behaviour as excellent and said that our children are delightful.

Thank you to parents in supporting us in all that we do with the children.

Parent School Dinners

We will again invite parents to come and have a school dinner with their child if they wish. As parents will recall, the high take up at Thurnham of school dinners means the children must be served swiftly, therefore the best days for this to take place will be the trip days when certain year groups are out. This means it is easier to serve all the extra adults and I will confirm which days for which year group very shortly when all the trip dates are confirmed.

Safeguarding / Child Protection / Online-Safety

A reminder that Mrs Pateman and myself are trained and qualified as 'Designated Safeguarding Leaders' for the school with Miss Saunders supporting in any online safety issues. Parents can talk to us about any Safeguarding / Child Protection concerns they have, although ultimately all staff have had training in this area should an issue come to their attention.

Drumming Workshop

As you know, thanks to the generosity of Mr. Simmons (our Chair Of Governors) we held a drumming workshop for each class on Thursday. It was a huge hit (sorry about the pun!) with the children and they thoroughly enjoyed it. Again thank you to Mr. Simmons for funding it. The children have written letters of thanks to him as well.



Coin Trails

You may recall that before the holiday Friends Of Thurnham held 'Coin Trail' afternoons on the playground. The children thoroughly enjoyed it and came up with some lovely ideas. A few pictures are below.



I am delighted to inform you that Friends raised total of £894.24 plus gift aid of 25% giving a grand total of £1117.86. Thank you again to everyone that donated and to Friends Of Thurnham for organising this lovely event.

Classes Next Year

As usual, we will be mixing Reception when they move into Year 1. We always seek to keep close friends together, so very soon we will be sending a letter home to ask the Reception pupils their opinion on friendships.

As usual, Year 1 going into Year 2 will remain in the same class group.

I am sure you are aware that term ends on Friday 21 July with our new term starting on Tuesday 5 September (Monday 4 September is a staff development day). However, we still have a lot to do before the Summer holidays!

I look forward to a productive and busy final term of this academic year and working with you in achieving the best for the children.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C K James
Headteacher