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

Dear Parents,

Maths Week

Maths Week was very successful and not only enhanced Maths in school but also was very enjoyable for the children. You may like to read at the end of this newsletter a report by Mrs Chaudry on what took place with some lovely pictures. Thank you to Mrs Chaudry for organising it and everyone for making it successful.

Science Day / Safer Internet Day

Today we had Science Day in school. There were plenty of 'wow' moments where our budding scientists carried out many scientific investigations and had a lot of fun too! Thanks to Miss Chastney for organising it.

This coming Tuesday 6th February, is also Safer Internet Day in school, which you will already have had an e-mail about.

We also look forward to Writing Week beginning Monday 26th February. We really enjoy bringing the curriculum alive with special themed events!

Y2 Assessment Evening

Thank you to the parents that attended the recent Y2 Assessment evening, we hope you found it useful and we appreciate your interest. The slides can be found at the latest news clickable icon on the website.

Christian Distinctiveness Questionnaire

Thank you for completing the questionnaire which we sent home at the start of term. The results are helpful in feeding into the development of the Christian Distinctiveness of the school. If you still have your questionnaire and would like to send it in then please do so and we can add your comments to the report before our forthcoming Section 48 inspection (where a representative of the Diocese will inspect all the Church related aspects of our school).

Thank you again for your time and effort in this matter.

Attendance Data

As parents know, our attendance rate is pleasingly well above national average and I am challenged to maintain this high rate.

As we are virtually at the school mid-year point, next week you will receive attendance data covering from the start of school in September to the week ending 2nd February for your child via the book bag. This will let parents know how their child's attendance rate is currently trending. By doing this mid-year, it will allow continued good attendance for the rest of the year to have a positive impact on any children whose absence to date is currently trending higher. Alternatively, it will inform parents of their child's excellent attendance record which they will be eager to celebrate and maintain.

Sickness

Sadly we are in the period of the year when we have peak sickness amongst the pupils. A reminder that to protect other pupils and staff from having something passed on, children should stay off until forty eight hours after last being sick.

Friends Of Thurnham

Friends Of Thurnham continue to work very hard to raise money for the school.

You will already be aware the Tesco blue coins 'bags of help' initiative was won by Thurnham, due to the kindness of parents, friends of the school and the shoppers at Tesco! This will result in a donation of £4,000 which is a brilliant achievement and we are grateful to everyone who helped that success - particularly Friends Of Thurnham for making it a reality! The recent quiz night raised £693.75. Thank you to everyone who took part and again to FOT themselves for organising it.

The main areas FOT are helping raise money for include a completely new audio visual system for the Hall, due to the age of the existing equipment. We also still have more to do particularly with our playground surfaces (i.e. better quality tarmac and refreshed markings as the current tarmac is old and therefore markings are not sticking to it well and crumbling quite quickly).

Being On The School Site - A Few Reminders

- A reminder that unless in possession of disability badges or given special permission, no cars should be using the drive at school opening / closing times. This also includes before and after school clubs.
- We are also having children riding scooters in waiting areas particularly at the end of school. Scooters should only be ridden away from the drive and not on the school premises.
- It is a rule to not have dogs on the premises. This includes carrying dogs onto the site. The exception is unless dogs are in training as guide dogs.
- The learning areas of Thurnham are also 'no phone zones' which means mobile phones should not be used within the building unless special permission is given e.g. a public event.

Messy Church

A reminder that this Sunday is 'Messy Church' in the school Hall from 3:30pm. This involves a number of fun and creative activities suitable for children. All parents and children are welcome.

One Last Reminder!

The next school holiday is now not far away which is from Monday 12th February through to Friday 16th February.

Children therefore return on Monday 19th February.

Thank you for your continuing support and especially the lovely e-mails and comments of praise we receive from you that really raise everyone's spirits.

I wish everyone a lovely break.

Mr C K James
Headteacher

Maths Week Report From Mrs Chaudry

Once again, this year the children (and staff) enjoyed another fun-filled Maths week with lots of hands on Maths activities.

We started the week off with a Maths trail around the school, which included all aspects of Maths such as looking for 2-D and 3-D shapes. Year 2 measured the playground and everyone put their calculation skills to good use!



We also used our Maths to help us with healthy living and PE. In Reception and Year 1 we made repeating patterns using fruit and in Year 2 there was a lot of counting and calculation needed to record our different pulse raising activities.



On Tuesday we used our Maths brains to carry out surveys around the school and then organise and present this data in different ways (come in and see our wonderful Maths display in the entrance hall sometime!).

Wednesday was another busy day for our Mathematicians where we made some amazing Maths games. Year 2 made dominoes and Year 1 made board games.

On Thursday some people came in to talk about how they use Maths in their jobs and why it is such an important subject.

Here you can see Mrs O'Malley taking teddy's temperature.



On Thursday, we also looked at famous artists who use Maths to inspire their work. This included artists such as Jasper Johns and Kandinsky.



When they had lots of fun with class competitions, Year 1 particularly enjoyed making the tallest towers with different materials such as Lego, newspaper, Kinex and even marshmallows and spaghetti.



We also had an inter-house Maths quiz. Each house had a representative from each class and all the children answered some tough Maths questions. Then it was the turn of the staff to answer some questions. When the scores were totted up St Andrews were the winners by three points!



Finally, Friday was Maths competition day and this started with Mr James judging the Maths photo competition. The winner was Harrison, who had used Maths whilst practising his golf!

