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

Playground Tarmac

As previously mentioned, we had a new tarmac surface for the main playground laid during the May week holiday. We now have to leave a period for it to mature before we can paint the markings onto it which will be funded by the Tesco blue coin fundraiser.

Vandalism On The Site During The Holidays

We were very saddened to discover after the holiday that some individuals had been onto the school site and decided to graffiti parts of the outside of the building and in particular some of the Reception outside resources. It meant we had to work hard to get it all cleaned off.

One theory is that the trouble making individuals came on the site whilst the main gate was open for the company busy laying the tarmac.

I have of course reported this to the Police, our community warden and PCSO. As ever, I welcome parents being vigilant on our behalf when school is closed, especially as it is light evenings and the Summer holiday approaches.

Parent School Dinners

We will again shortly 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 details are finalised.

Mrs Luen - Teaching Assistant In Orange Class

Mrs Luen has informed me of her intention to stand down as Orange class teaching assistant (and one of the Early Risers leaders too) at the end of term. I will miss her enormous talents not only as a teaching assistant but also in creating beautiful displays around school and her skills in gardening too! A message from Mrs Luen is below:

“After many happy years working at Thurnham I have decided the time is right to move on. It has been such a pleasure and a privilege to work with so many wonderful children and dedicated staff over the years and I will take many happy memories with me.”

I would like to say thank you to Mrs Luen for her strong contribution to the school and wish her well with the future.

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 a total of £573.68 with eventually a further gift aid sum of 25% to add. Thank you again to everyone that donated and to Friends Of Thurnham for organising this lovely event.

Safeguarding / Child Protection / Online-Safety

A reminder that Mrs Pateman, Miss Chastney and myself are trained and qualified as 'Designated Safeguarding Leads' for the school. 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.

Cars Before / After School

Remember that cars should not be brought onto the site before or after school for drop off or pick up from clubs. The children should feel safe at all times to walk along the drive. We do have a disabled parking permit for anyone who needs one.

Classes Next Year

Already our thoughts are turning to the next academic year. As usual, we will be mixing Reception when they move into Year 1. We always seek to keep close friends together, so we already have sent 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. Class teachers are:

Reception - Rainbow - Miss Chastney

Reception - Gold - Miss Sethi

Reception - Silver - Mrs Jenkinson (Mon-Thurs) and Mrs Pateman (Fridays)

Y1 - Orange - Mrs Chaudry

Y1 - Yellow - Mrs Evans (Mon-Thurs) and Mrs Fowler (Fridays)

Y1 - Red - Mrs Bodkin

Y2 - Green - Miss Saunders

Y2 - Blue - Miss Pack

Y2 - Purple - Mrs Watkin

Your child's new class and teacher will be indicated on their reports. Teaching Assistants will be confirmed once I have appointed Mrs Luen's replacement. I would just like to remind you that parental requests for particular teachers for new classes is not something we can accommodate. Obviously it would be impossible to please 270 differing requests and it is also damaging to staff morale to hear requests made. Parents are in the fortunate position of having a school of excellent teachers.

End Of Term Dates

I am sure you are aware that term ends on Tuesday 24th July with our new term starting on Tuesday 4th September (Monday 3rd September is a staff development day). However, we still have a lot of work 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