



# Welcome to the new school year!

## Welcome Back!

Hello and welcome to the new school year, particularly to those of you who are new to Thackley. We hope you have all had a wonderful Summer break and that you are looking forward to starting another new and exciting year. To help communication, school newsletters will be sent out every two weeks to inform parents of school news and keep you up to date on forthcoming events. To help us reduce costs and save paper, we will not be sending newsletters out on paper unless you specifically request a paper copy. They will be sent out by email and will be available on our website. We will also send them via our new school app – see below for details. Class newsletters will also be sent out at the start of every half term to let you know what is planned in your child's classroom.

## Staff News

We welcome Mr Gamesby (Year 5 teacher) and Mrs Ingram (Year 3 teacher) to our staff team this year. Unfortunately Miss Illingworth is ill so will not be returning to Thackley for a while. We are sure you join us in sending her our very best wishes and hope she makes a speedy recovery. We are pleased to inform you that Mr Waddington will take her Year 4 class alongside Mrs Moore.

## PTA Reading Garden

We are absolutely delighted with our new PTA Reading Garden that has been installed over the Summer. What had been an unattractive waste of space is now a beautiful, quiet area with decking and astro turf that the children will be able to use at playtimes and lunchtimes as well as during lessons. Books and seating are provided to encourage children to read comfortably in a lovely setting. Huge thanks to our PTA for all of their hard work raising money to pay for this fantastic new addition to our outdoor area. In a time of shrinking school budgets, this would not have been possible without all of the parental support we have received for discos, fairs, mothers' day shop etc that enabled our PTA to raise the much needed funds. Many thanks also to Craig Hepton of Garden Saint Landscape Gardening for all of his hard work over the Summer creating the garden. Our children are going to love the area - thank you!

## Contact Details

You should have received your blank data collection form this week. Please complete it and return to school as soon as possible, even if your contact details have remained the same. It is important that we have up to date contact numbers if children are ill or if there is an emergency.

## Download Our App



We have an app! The **eSchools App** provides us with various ways to communicate with parents including email and text messages. Through the app you can also see your child's attendance, see letters we send home, book appointments for parents evening and see the school calendar. We encourage you to download the app as messages sent to parents via this are free so will reduce the school's costs. We are no longer subscribing to our old texting service so this is now our main form of electronic communication.

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### Important Dates

#### Friday 21st September

- Jeans for Genes Day

#### Wednesday 10th October

- Y6 SATs & Y6 Robinwood Information

Evening for Y6 Parents only

#### Tuesday 16th October &

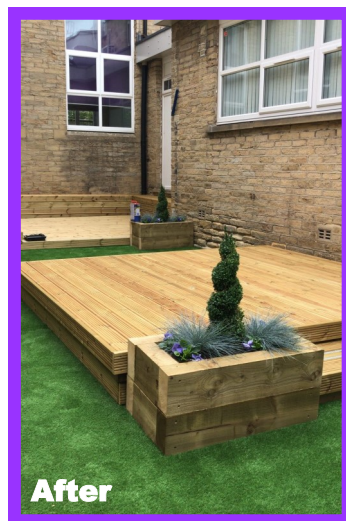
#### Thursday 18th October

- Parents' Evenings

## PTA Reading Garden



Before



After

## School Uniform

The children have made a great start to the year and looked very smart in their new school uniforms. What a child wears to school reflects his/her attitude to learning; it portrays the school's ethos and shared values. Thank you to the vast majority of parents who support us by adhering to our school uniform policy, this includes PE kit.

Early Years and KS1	Key Stage 2	PE Kit
Black skirt, pinafore, trousers or shalwar kameez	Black skirt, pinafore, trousers or shalwar kameez	Black shorts
White polo shirt	White shirt	White t-shirt
Purple round neck sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo	School tie	Black tracksuit (from Year 1)
Black or white socks or black tights	Purple V neck sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo	Black pumps or trainers
	Black or white socks or black tights	

All children from Y1 to Y6 now have both an indoor AND outdoor PE session, with the exception of Y4 who have an indoor lesson and a swimming lesson.

Please ensure that everything is clearly labelled with your child's name (including coats and lunch boxes).

Can we please remind parents that all children must wear black school shoes, no trainers and nothing with logos. As we stated in July, from September we will not be allowing sports trainers at all in school apart from in PE. Your child may wear boots or trainers to get to school or at playtime but must then change into black school shoes. Children will be asked to change into plain black school pumps if they do not have any black school shoes. Thank you for your support in this.

## Make up and Jewellery

Jewellery, make up and nail varnish should not be worn in school by children. For safety reasons, children with pierced ears may only wear studs, which must be removed during PE. If children are unable to remove or replace their studs themselves, they should not be worn to school on PE day. **They will not be allowed to participate in PE if wearing earrings.** Children are allowed to wear a small watch and consideration is given to religious and cultural beliefs. We do not allow Smart watches to be worn. Long hair should be tied back but hair accessories should be kept to a minimum and we ask that children do not wear Jo-Jo style bows. Could we please encourage parents to ensure girls' skirts are of an appropriate length. Thank you for your support in this.

## Class Assemblies

All classes will be performing class assemblies over the course of the year. Parents are very welcome to attend when it is their child's class assembly. These assemblies are held on **Tuesdays at 9.00am.**

### Class Assemblies

18.9.18	6C
25.9.18	6P
2.10.18	1B
9.10.18	1O
16.10.18	3B
6.11.18	3I
13.11.18	5G
20.11.18	5N
27.11.18	2RO

Yours sincerely



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