

Newsletter 6

Dear Parents/Carers



Library Opening with Adrian Edmondson

We had a fabulous Grand Opening of our new school library on Thursday. We were delighted to welcome a very special celebrity guest to cut the ribbon – none other than Adrian Edmondson! As an author who was born and lived just up the road from our school, he was an obvious choice and we were thrilled when he accepted our invitation. He has written a great children's story called Tilly and The Time Machine, which some children in Key Stage 2 have been reading. Adrian spoke at length to the children from our reading group and answered lots of their questions. He then presented us with a selection of his favourite books that he had brought for our library and told the children why he had chosen them. Parents and carers were then invited to come and see him, have their picture taken and get his autograph. It was a wonderful afternoon and one which we will always remember!

Save A Heart

After a hugely successful Save A Heart Day earlier in the year, we have now been able to place a second defibrillator in the Thackley area. Our first defibrillator is positioned on the school perimeter wall at Thackley corner. We were delighted to be able to donate our second defibrillator to Thackley Cricket Club. We chose this location after taking advice on a suitable location from the ambulance service. We are very grateful to our children, families and the local community for the support they gave us which made all of this possible.

Christmas Productions

Many thanks to our wonderful children for their excellent Christmas productions. Early Years put on 'A Rhyming Nativity' and Upper Key Stage Two performed wonderful, festive Carol Concert at Thackley Methodist Church. Thank you to the church for being hosts for our concerts and giving us such a warm welcome. We are delighted to tell you that the collection at the church raised £208 which will be shared between the church and a children's charity. All performances were very well attended by parents and carers and we hope you enjoyed them. Many thanks also to our teachers and support staff for all their hard work! We look forward to seeing KS1 and LKS2 performances this week.

Hot Chocolate Shed

We have had a fantastic response to our Hot Chocolate Shed and hope it is helping to combat the onset of the cold, dark evenings! We will be opening EVERY DAY this week! Come and see us in the outdoor shed near the Year 3 entrance – we hope to see you there!

Robinwood

Our year 6 pupils had a fabulous time at Robinwood making 'Happy Memories' that they will keep forever! We hope you enjoyed the daily updates on the Magical Times Blog and on Twitter @ThackleyPrimary. A huge thank you to Mrs Cutting, Mrs Nield, Miss Parkes, Mrs Burdett, Miss Stanworth and Mrs Jeffrey for giving up their time to take the children and for making it such a success.

Sainsbury's Active Vouchers

Thank you to all who saved up their Sainsbury's Active Vouchers for us. We have been able to buy £623 worth of playtime equipment with them which the children are enjoying using at playtimes and lunchtimes.

Christmas Fair

Thank you to all who attended our Christmas Fair last Friday. It was a huge success and was extremely well attended. We are delighted to announce that the event raised approximately £1300 for our school! Every year group chose their own stalls to run and there was a competition to see which year group could raise the most money. Year Three were the winners with their Jam Jar stall and their Pluck a Feather From The Turkey game! They will be receiving a small prize this week.

Secret Santa Appeal

Thank you to all who supported our Secret Santa Appeal. This is a scheme run by the Junior Chamber International (JCI) which helps to support disadvantaged children and families at Christmas time. The gifts have been collected by JCI to be wrapped and delivered to the children in need this Christmas.

Secret Christmas Shop

Thank you to our PTA team for organising the Secret Christmas Shop in school where children could buy a gift.

School Dinners

We have received notification that the price of school dinners will be increasing from January 1st 2018 to **£1.70** per meal. Children in Reception, Year One and Year Two will continue to be eligible for free meals under the Universal Free School Meals scheme. If you feel you may be entitled to Free School Meals, we encourage you to apply, irrespective of whether your child has a school meal or a packed lunch and whichever year group they may be in. If you are in receipt of certain benefits you will be entitled to Free School Meals which also means you will receive other benefits in school such as help with the cost of uniforms, some school trips, before and after school clubs and more. It is a very simple form to complete online with a result in seconds so it really is worth investigating. Our Office Staff can help you with the form. Please see our website for more details.

Class Attendance

The Class Attendance winners for the week ending 24th November ★ 2E, 2RO & 6P with 99.3% ★

The Class Attendance winners for the week ending 1st December ★ 2E with 99.7% ★

The Class Attendance winners for the week ending 8th December ★ 2E & 3B with 100% ★

Winter Snow Advice



With winter fast approaching, the prospect of snow raises the question 'will school be closed?'

The decision to close or open during challenging weather conditions is never taken lightly and it depends on the severity of the snowfall and the immediate forecast. Every effort to stay open is made and we will close school only on health and safety grounds if we do not have enough staff able to get into work. It remains at parents' discretion if they deem it safe to bring their children and we are sympathetic to parents if they bring them to school after registration. If we do decide to close school we will inform parents as soon as possible through the school website, our text service, the Bradford schools online website and local radio.



Special Mention in Celebration Assemblies

Each class teacher nominates a child to receive a Celebration Certificate in recognition of something they have done that week such as an outstanding piece of work or an excellent attitude to their work. These children are presented with their certificate in a whole school assembly on a Friday and then get their picture taken for Twitter.

Class	24 th November	1 st December	8 th December
RG	★ Daniel Lemon	★ Anna Normington	★ Arthur Beckett
RW	★ Violet Norton	★ Oscar	★ Darcy Teasdale
1O	★ Ella-Mae Jack	★ Jude Coleman	★ George Hanley
1B	★ Aleksandra Vagale	★ Lily Merryfield	★ Chloe Rhodes
2E	★ Ryden Bissett	★ Theo Maude	★ Tess Gray
2RO	★ Erin Cheesebrough	★ Hana Ghazi	★ Daniel Marks
3W	★ Jenson Craven	★ Morgan Rigby	★ Ava Bruce
3B	★ Taylor Wright	★ Jessica Gibson	★ Holly Felicello
4C	★ Samuel Horley	★ Lexie Keighley	★ William Simpson
4L	★ Ruby O'Malley	★ Ashleigh Evans	★ Oliver Kaczmarek
5M	★ Elliott Walker	★ Rihannah Marwaha	★ Connor Cahill
5N	★ Ethan Hall	★ Blake Bairstow	★ Sevhannah Bentley
6P	★ Billy Wilkins	★ Natasha Simpson	★ Ethan Benn
6C	★ Millie Brewster	★ Zach Wormald	★ Molly Hartley

Class Assemblies for Spring Term

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	Date of Class Assembly
4C	9.1.18
4L	16.1.18
2RO	23.1.18
2E	1.2.18 (NOTE change to the THURSDAY)

Diary Dates

More information about these events will be sent in further letters.

Year 3 & 4 Christmas Performance	Monday 11 th December 1.30pm & 6.00pm
Year 1 & 2 Nativity	Tuesday 12 th December 9.00am & 2.00pm AND Wednesday 13 th December 9.00am
Christmas Movie Night (PG Film)	Wednesday 13 th December 6.00pm
Christmas Movie Night (U Film)	Thursday 14 th December 6.00pm
School Closes for Christmas	Friday 15 th December
School Reopens	Thursday 4 th January 2018

...and finally for 2017

Thank you to all our staff and many volunteers for all their hard work, dedication, and commitment to Thackley. We would also like to mention how we all appreciate the support parents and carers have given us in all areas of school life. We would especially like to thank all the children for their hard work, excellent attitudes to learning and their friendly and caring nature throughout the year.

We hope you all enjoy a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Term ends on Friday 15th December at 3pm and doors opens at 8.30am on Thursday 4th January 2017

Yours sincerely

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