



3rd October 2017

Newsletter 3 - More News!

Dear Parents/Carers

This half term is proving to be a very, very busy one with lots of events happening so we are sending an extra newsletter to ensure you are kept up to date with all that is going on! Don't forget, all of our newsletters can also be seen on our school website.

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Thank you to everyone who supported our Macmillan Coffee Afternoon last Friday. We had lots of cakes and buns donated which the children enjoyed selling, buying and eating! It was lovely to see so many people supporting the event. Many thanks to Mrs Jeffery and her team who organised the afternoon and thank you to all of the staff who donated the prizes for our tombola. Special thanks also to Mrs Silva who donated a beautifully decorated Macmillan cake. An amazing **£840** was raised for Macmillan Cancer Trust. Thank you to all who contributed.

Parents Teacher Consultation Evenings

Our parent evenings will be held on

Tuesday 17th October 3.30pm – 6.00pm & Thursday 19th October 3.30pm – 6.30pm

We operate an online booking system which you can access at

www.thackleyschool.parentseveningsystem.co.uk If you do not have access to the internet, please ring the office and they will book an appointment for you on the online system. The online system will go live at 8am on Wednesday 4th October.

We are also having an Open Session to give you an opportunity to come and have a look at your child's books before the parent evenings. This open session will be held on **Thursday 12th October** from 2.30pm until 3.30pm for Reception to Year 6.

Pumpkins!

By popular request, we will again be holding a Pumpkin competition this year. The quality of the entries last year was astounding and so many children came and told us how much fun they had at home making their designs. Pumpkins will need to be brought in on the first Monday back after half term. Judging will take place during the day and prizes awarded. Pumpkins must then be taken home again at the end of the day. Could you please ensure that your pumpkin is labelled with your child's name and class.

PTA Silent Auction and Grand Raffle

Many thanks to our PTA Team who organized the Silent Auction and Grand Raffle. I'm sure you will agree that they managed to gather some amazing donations! Thank you to everyone who helped organize the event and to all who bought tickets, attended the auction and who bid on the items. We are delighted to say that the event raised an enormous **£2000** which the PTA plan to use to build a reading garden for our children.

PTA – Spooky Disco

The PTA have organised a Spooky Disco on **Wednesday 1st November**. Entrance fee is £2.00.

Reception & KS1 Disco 5pm - 6pm & KS2 Disco 6.15pm – 7.15pm

The PTA will be sending out a letter providing additional information nearer the time and asking for any volunteers who can help on the night.

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PTA Goodbyes

We are very sad to announce that Eleanor Wilde and Hannah Spencer are leaving the PTA due to changes at work. We have been very lucky to have such dedicated people on our PTA team and are incredibly grateful for the hard work they have put into the recent PTA events.

School Photographs

Our school Photographer is in school on **Tuesday 17th October** to take individual photographs of the children. These will then be available for you to purchase.

Thackley Week Exhibition

Our children are all working this week on a topic about Thackley where each year group will find out about an aspect of Thackley as part of their Geography and History work. There will then be an exhibition of their work on **Thursday 12th October at 2.30pm to 5pm** where you are welcome to come and see what they have been learning.

As part of the exhibition, we will also be displaying a number of old school photographs and other artefacts that we have recently uncovered. These include old class photographs and trip photos dating back to the 1960s. We have old plans of the school and lots more! We also have a number of slides but we are unable to view these as we do not have a suitable projector. If anyone can help us out by lending one to the school it would be appreciated. We would like to open the exhibition up to any members of the community who would like to visit, especially any ex-pupils who might like to come and see if they are featured on any of the photographs! Everyone is welcome.

Happy Holidays!

School will close on **Thursday 19th October** at 3pm. School is closed on the Friday for a Staff Training day. School re-opens on **Monday 30th October**.

Yours sincerely

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