



Newsletter 5

15th January 2020

Christmas Events

Many thanks to all who attended our Christmas nativities and carol concerts. We were very proud of all our children who were involved. Thackley Methodist Church, who hosted our Y5/6 Carol Concert, have asked us to pass on their thanks for the collection which raised £222.62 for the church.

Packed Lunches

We are striving to achieve the Healthy School Award for Thackley so children may **not** bring chocolate bars or sweets of any kind in their packed lunches. It is recognised that a little bit of a treat, in moderation, is acceptable so a chocolate biscuit is ok (club, breakaway, penguins etc) but no chocolate bars such as Mars bars or Milky ways and no sweets of any kind are allowed. It is very important that your child does not bring nuts or products containing nuts as we have children in school with serious allergies.



Diabetes Award



We are very pleased to inform you that Thackley has been nominated for the Diabetes UK Good Diabetes Care in School Award. The award celebrates and showcases schools that deliver good care and support to children with Type 1 diabetes. As part of the nomination, Diabetes UK is inviting parents and carers of pupils with Type 1 diabetes to complete a brief online parent survey at

www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/school-nomination

Please use the link to the survey if you would like to show your support or to oppose this nomination. The survey should take no more than two minutes to complete and can be done anonymously if you want to.

Please be advised that you have until the 19th January to respond to this survey. Responses will be used by Diabetes UK to assess our school's nomination for the award. You can find out more about Good Diabetes Care in School Award at www.diabetes.org.uk/school-award

Before School

May we politely remind you that children should not be left unattended in the playground before school starts as there is no supervision. Breakfast club is available before school if you require early childcare. Children are welcome to come into their classrooms from 8.30am to complete homework or read quietly.

Changes to Communication with Parents

We always work hard to ensure our communication with you is as effective as possible. We know that there is a huge amount of information about events, fundraising and school trips etc that we need to share with you.

We already use newsletters, texts, emails and our school app to send information directly to you. We also use Twitter, Facebook, our school blog and our website to share reminders and celebrate events in school.

Texts will be sent if it is a more important message. Please note that texts will only be sent to the parent/carer who is listed as the Priority One Contact on the data collection forms that you fill in for us annually. We ask then that the Primary One Contact shares that information with the rest of the family if necessary. Please speak to the office if you need to change the details of who you would like to be Priority One.

Please note that the more general reminders that we used to text about will now be sent via the **app**, email and social media to help us save money. 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, unlike texts, so will reduce the school's costs.

As always, if there is an urgent need to contact parents we will of course telephone you directly. We will try Primary One contact first and if we cannot contact them, we will try the remaining contacts on the data collection form.



Please download our free app by searching for **eSchools** in your app store and look for the blue owl eSchools logo. You will then need to log in. Please speak to the office staff if you no longer have your log in details and they will be able to help you.

If your child goes on one of our residential visits, we have previously sent texts to let you know they have arrived safely, or shared details about estimated return times etc. In future, we will share this information via Twitter and Facebook only and will not be sending text messages. This way, the information can be shared with all who are interested, not just the person receiving the texts.

It is vital that you inform us of any changes to your contact details. Thank you for your support in this.



www.thackleyschool.com



Thackley Primary School



@ThackleyPrimary

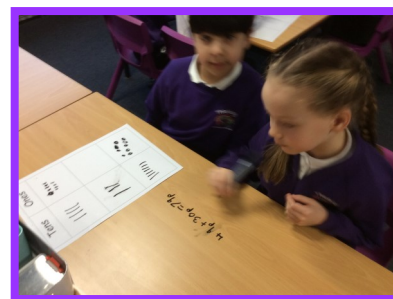
#TeamThackley at The Bradford Sports Awards

We are delighted to announce that our very own Mrs Bainbridge has been shortlisted as a finalist for the **Bradford Sports Awards 2020** in the Teacher category. This is in recognition of her wonderful work as our PE & Sports Leader. Mrs Bainbridge works tirelessly to promote active lifestyles for our children. She enters our school in many competitions and commits much of her own time to supporting these. We are very proud of the number of trophies in our cabinet! We are sure you will join us in wishing Mrs Bainbridge the best of luck at the awards ceremony in March - she is already a winner in our eyes!



Maths Week

This week the whole school took part in a Maths Week based around Money. Each class tackled a problem solving activity. For example, In Year 2, the children were each given £1 and they had to use this to 'buy' the equipment they needed for their lesson. They worked collaboratively to budget and decide which resources they could share and which they would need to have one each. In Year 6, the children were set a task of planning and budgeting a school trip. They were given various different options and needed to investigate them to see which gave the best value for money. This was supported on Wednesday by a fantastic whole school workshop called "The Benefactor". Mr Benny Factor (a very rich philanthropist) needed help deciding which worthwhile causes he should donate his money to. Happily, each year group was able to step in to help him cost the initiatives and in the end he decided to spend his money on all of the different causes. It was fantastic to see the children engaging so well in their learning and having fun with Maths!



Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have a Parent Governor Vacancy on our school Governing Body. Governors are responsible for overseeing standards, strategy, policy, budgeting and staffing. They enable our school to run as effectively as possible, working alongside senior leaders and supporting teachers to provide excellent education to our children. A more detailed letter will follow shortly on this current vacancy.

Diary Dates

We always aim to give parents lots of notice about school events wherever possible. Here are some diary dates for the Spring Term. We also share dates on the school calendar on the school website. These may change if necessary and if so you will be notified in future newsletters.

Food Week in School	Monday 13th January
Y2 Narnia experience	Thursday 16th January
Safer Internet Day	Tuesday 11th February
Save a Heart Day (wear red/pink)	Friday 14th February
School Closes for Half term	Friday 14th February
School reopens	Monday 24th February

Class Assemblies

Each class will perform an assembly throughout the year which you are invited to attend. Class assemblies start at 9am and usually last around 10–20mins. Here are the dates for the next assemblies.

Tuesday 21st January 2020 - Class 4W Mr Waddington

Tuesday 28th January 2020 - Class 6P Miss Parkes

Tuesday 4th February 2020 - Class 6C Mrs Cutting

Yours Sincerely,



A. Patterson
Head of School



T. Patterson
Executive Headteacher