



# Newsletter 2

2nd October 2020

## Communication

Communication is even more important than ever at the moment. We are missing being able to speak face to face with parents at pick up and drop off times. We will continue to use the phone and our email system to stay in touch with you and we ask that you do the same. A full list of email addresses can be found at the end of this newsletter. It is vital that we have a current email address for you that you can check regularly as almost all of our communication is through email. This may include information in the future about a pod closure or home learning.



## Parents' Evening

It is almost time for our Parents' Evening Meetings. We are unable to have these in school due to the current restrictions so this year the meeting will be a telephone call appointment instead of a face to face meeting. We would like to invite you to book an appointment in the same way as usual, via the eSchools app.

If you do not have the free app, please download it and then contact the School Office who will provide you with your login details.

Please note that due to limited phone lines in school, the appointments for each class are spread over two weeks and at varying times for each class teacher.



The Parents' evening appointment system goes live on the app on Friday 2nd October. Parents evening appointments are at various times during the last two weeks of this half term from Monday 12th October to Thursday 22nd October.

## Virtual Balloon Race

We are unable to offer many of the events that we usually enjoy at Thackley so we are working hard to find safe alternatives so our children can still have fun experiences. We are going to hold our first ever Virtual Balloon Race later this month! It sounds like it will be lots of fun with some amazing prizes available to win, whilst raising funds for school at the same time.

A letter with all of the details will be emailed to you next week.

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## Wrap up warm!

More and more advice is being released that says good ventilation is crucial to keep indoor environments as safe as possible. In order to ensure good air circulation in classrooms we will be keeping windows open, even in the colder months. Please make sure that your child has an extra layer to wear if they are feeling chilly!



## School Photographer

**Our photographer will be in school on Wednesday 14th October.**

After careful consideration we are delighted that we can still have individual school photographs taken this year. We do need to make a few changes though to ensure that the process follows our rigorous risk assessments.

We will not be able to offer family photographs or pictures with siblings in school as this compromises our Pod system. All photographs will be of individual children only.

After some concerns in previous years about the rising costs of photographs, we have decided to change our photographer. We have worked hard to find a solution which reduces the costs for you but still provides you with a high quality picture of your child. The options of packs to buy is simpler, there are no cardboard frames or keyrings for example, but we are sure you will be delighted with the excellent photographs.

## Home Learning

If a child, class or year group has to stay at home due to COVID, our staff have worked hard to be ready to provide Home Learning instantly. You will be emailed with details of work for the week which mirrors the learning that is taking place in class. This is more detailed than the Home Learning topics that we provided during Lockdown and is designed to ensure your child keeps up with the planned learning that should be taking place at school. It is essential that we have an up to date email address for you. Please contact the School Office if you need to update your details.

## A HUGE thank you!

We have had a fantastic response to our new Amazon Wish Lists and have now received over £360 worth of books for our classroom reading corners. Thank you so much for your kind and generous donations. Having lovely, new, shiny books really does help engage our children in reading. If you donate, please email us at [admin@thackleyschool.com](mailto:admin@thackleyschool.com) to let us know. Of course donations are totally optional! The following links are also on our Facebook page.

Early Years Wish List - <https://amzn.eu/4okP9JU>

Year One Wish List - <https://amzn.eu/dmtQfcu>

Year Two Wish List - <https://amzn.eu/aOfMEJm>

Year Three Wish List - <https://amzn.eu/8bu1Qbx>

Year Four Wish List - <https://amzn.eu/6UZ4vwA>

Year Five Wish List - <https://amzn.eu/4zF74B0>

Year Six Wish List - <https://amzn.eu/eh1p8L6>



## Rainbow Club

### Before School Care

7.30-Start of school for £4 a day, including breakfast for children who arrive before 8am

### After School Care

3.00-6.00pm for £8 a day including a snack and a drink

Please speak to Mrs Faye Hogarth, our new Rainbow Club Manager, or email the school office for more information.



Please note, when collecting your child, you must ring the school mobile number and we will bring your child to the gate at the Zebra crossing. Please do not ring the school office.

**Mobile: 07543184081**

## Parking

We are very concerned about the parking around school in a morning. There have been a number of near misses with children and we have had complaints from residents about driveways being blocked. Please take a few extra minutes to park sensibly and consider leaving your car a few minutes away and walking the last part of your journey. We have asked the Police and Council to support us but we need you to help us before someone gets injured.



## Symptoms and testing for COVID-19

In these worrying times, we ask that parents are vigilant in looking out for signs of illness. Public Health England recommend that people should seek a test if:

- 1) they develop one or more of the main coronavirus symptoms: a high temperature; a new, continuous cough; or the loss or change of their sense of taste or smell;
- 2) they are recommended to get tested by a healthcare provider (e.g. GP or nurse). If a child develops one or more of the main coronavirus symptoms described above, only they should be tested. There is no need for their households to have a test, unless they are also symptomatic.

We ask that you keep your child at home if they display any of these symptoms, however minor they may seem.



## What happens at school

If a child is in school and begins to display any symptoms of COVID, they will immediately be taken to our Quarantine Area. A member of staff will stay with them but will wear full PPE. You will be contacted by phone and we ask that you make arrangements to collect your child immediately.

Your child should then self isolate at home for 10 days. You will be required to arrange a COVID test for your child. Household contacts should self isolate for 14 days unless the test is found to be negative. If negative, please share this result with us and your child can return to school.

If your child's test is positive, you must inform school immediately. We will then notify Public Health England Health Protection Team and the Local Authority who will advise us on our next steps as a school. This may include us closing a class or year group pod.

If you or a member of your household are displaying symptoms, please arrange for a test immediately. <https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/antigen/name>

## Contacting School

We do realise that it is not as easy to communicate with class teachers at the start and end of the day at the moment. Do feel that you can give us a ring, or send an email, if you have any concerns or questions.

You can email [admin@thackleyschool.com](mailto:admin@thackleyschool.com) or use the year group email system that we set up during lockdown. Staff will respond to messages in good time, but not late in the evenings or at weekends.

Nursery & Reception - [earlyyears@thackleyschool.com](mailto:earlyyears@thackleyschool.com)

1B & 1L - [yearone@thackleyschool.com](mailto:yearone@thackleyschool.com)

2E & 2RO - [yeartwo@thackleyschool.com](mailto:yeartwo@thackleyschool.com)

3C & 3I - [yearthree@thackleyschool.com](mailto:yearthree@thackleyschool.com)

4B & 4W - [yearfour@thackleyschool.com](mailto:yearfour@thackleyschool.com)

5MI & 5FJ - [yearfive@thackleyschool.com](mailto:yearfive@thackleyschool.com)

6P & 6K - [yearsix@thackleyschool.com](mailto:yearsix@thackleyschool.com)



## Facebook

Don't forget that we have our own Facebook page.

We share lots of photos, information and reminders on there so it is worth 'following' us if you are a Facebook user.

## Annual Data Collection Sheets

You should have received your data collection sheet. This MUST be completed and returned to us as soon as possible so we can check our records are up to date. Please ensure we have a current mobile number and email address for you.



## Harvest Food Bank Collection

We are not able to have our usual Harvest Celebration in school this year but we ARE still collecting for our local food bank, Bradford North Food Bank, which supports many local families and is even more important during these difficult times. Further details will be shared in an email next week.



Thank you for your support during these challenging times.

Please stay safe and take care.

Yours sincerely

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