



Newsletter 1

10th September 2019

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 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 Kenny (Year 5 teacher) to our staff team this year. Miss Stanworth and Mrs Lang have returned after their maternity leave.

Mrs Shiel is our new Learning Mentor. Mrs Shiel has worked at Thackley for a number of years so already knows our children and families. If you or your child need any support, Mrs Shiel is available to talk to.

Contact Details

You will receive 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.

Safe Parking

Can we remind parents not to park on the zig-zag lines around school. It is very dangerous at busy times and is a traffic offence. We also have a number of parents who are parking on Leeds Road on the bend. This is a dangerous corner and there have been a number of accidents there over the years. We have displayed banners around school to remind people and do get regular visits from the police to enforce parking regulations. May we also point out that for health and safety reasons, the staff carpark is for staff only and should not be used by parents in cars or to walk through.



IMPORTANT

CHANGE TO DATES 2019/2020

The calendar of school term and holiday dates 2019/2020 has been amended due to a recent government decision to change the previously agreed Bank Holiday dates. To coincide with Victory in Europe (VE) celebrations next year the government have agreed to move the bank holiday from Monday 4th May 2020 to Friday 8th May 2020.

School will now open on Monday 4th and be CLOSED on Friday 8th May

School Uniform

The children have made a great start to the year and look 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 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

Can we please remind parents that all children must wear black school shoes, no trainers and nothing with logos. As we stated in our July newsletter, we will no longer allow 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 (eg Apple 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 or large headbands. Could we please encourage parents to ensure girls' skirts are of an appropriate length.

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.

Rainbow Club

Our new after school club is now up and running meaning you could drop your child off with us at 7.30am and we can care for them until 5.30pm! Breakfast Club is from 7.30-8.30am for £4 which includes breakfast. Our new after school club is called **Rainbow Club** and opens from 3.00-5.30pm Monday to Friday for £8 per session. Children will be offered a range of fun activities and will have a snack and a drink. Children can attend any number of sessions on any days but must be booked in advance. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or would like to sign your child up.



Toast

Just a reminder that our kitchen staff sell toast and cartons of juice every morning playtime for children in years three to six. (Our KS1 children already have fruit available at playtime). The toast is 20p per slice and 20p for a carton of fruit juice.

Fuel For School Market Stall



Our weekly Market stall has begun! We receive a delivery of food from Fuel For School every week. This food is surplus food from local retailers which may be past its sell by date but is NOT past its use by date so is still in perfectly good condition. By sending it to us, we can avoid it going to landfill and reduce the massive environmental impact that wasting food has on the environment. It also means we can make a wide range of food available to our families at a greatly reduced cost! We invite you all to come to our Market Stall after school every **Thursday** and buy our food on a 'Pay As You Feel' basis - there are no set prices, just pay what you feel the food is worth!



Please don't forget to bring a carrier bag!

Child Absence from School

Please let school know before 8.30am if your child is unable to attend school. You can ring the School Office on 01274 414437 to speak to the Office staff or leave a message. To ensure child safety, our Learning Mentor, Mrs Shiel will contact parents by phone or text if we have not received notification after registration closes.

After School Clubs

We are proud of the wide range of clubs we have on offer at Thackley. We aim to change these at least every term to enable your child to access a wide variety of activities.

Diary Dates

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

Year 6 Parents' Meeting re SATs, SRE & London Residential	Tuesday 24th September 5.30pm PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE & TIME
Macmillan Coffee Afternoon	Friday 27th September
Year 5 Robinwood Parent Info Meeting	Wednesday 2nd October 6pm
Thackley Week Exhibition	Thursday 10th October
Parents' Evenings	Tuesday 15th & Thursday 17th October
Harvest Festival	Thursday 17th October
School Photographer in school to take Individual Photographs	Thursday 24th October
BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM	Thursday 24th October
TRAINING DAY - School Closed	Friday 25th October
Back to School	Monday 4th November
Year 6 London Residential	Wednesday 6th - Friday 8th November
Reception Phonics Workshop for Parents	Wednesday 6th November
Children in Need Day	Friday 15th November
Year 5 Robinwood Residential	Monday 18th - Wednesday 20th November
Non-uniform day in exchange for tombola donation for Christmas Fair	Monday 2nd December
Christmas Fair	Friday 6th December 3.15-4.15pm

Yours sincerely



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Head of School



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