



Newsletter 4

11th December 2020

Renshaw Street

We are having a number of issues around school and particularly with Renshaw Street.

We really need your help to get this sorted before there is an accident!

- Please, please, please drive and park carefully around school. Renshaw street is simply not big enough for cars to be parked on there and others to be turning around there. Please consider walking to school or parking in the other streets around school to keep Renshaw Street as free as possible. Parking on the zig zags, even if only for a minute, is illegal and dangerous.
- I know that Social Distancing is difficult around school and space is limited. We ask that only one adult brings a child to school. Please stand against the school wall as much as possible to allow room for others to get past without walking on the road.
- Please keep your child with you while queuing and do not allow them onto the road.
- Please only arrive at the correct time for your gate. Some parents are joining the queue too early and then people behind you are missing their entry time.
- If you are unable to Social Distance then I highly recommend wearing a mask to protect yourself and others even though you are outside.
- Thank you to everyone for keeping their dogs away from school—it is much appreciated.
- You may notice staff from Wiggles at drop off and pick up times. Please be aware that these members of staff have to collect a number of our children from many different gates at various times so they will not be joining the queues and have my permission to collect children from the front of a queue to enable them to collect the children safely.



Wrap up warm!



We are still being advised that we must keep windows open to ensure good air circulation in classrooms. We have got the heating on but it is getting colder.

Please make sure that your child has an

extra layer to wear under their uniform if they are feeling cold! A plain white t-shirt or vest, a white football 'skin' or even a white thermal top would all be suitable. We still want our children to look smart in their uniforms so we do ask that the extra layer goes under their clothes and is plain white. We are trying to source school hoodies and fleeces that parents will be able to buy to add an extra layer to the school uniform. More details to follow. Thank you for your support with this.

Lollipop Man

We are delighted to welcome our new Lollipop Man, Mr Wheelhouse, to Thackley.



Covid over Christmas

The government has asked that schools continue to support Track and Trace after Friday 18th December when school closes. **Please read the following instructions and keep it to hand in case you need it over the holidays.**



- If your child develops **symptoms** within 48 hours of being in school, (so up to approximately 3pm on Sunday 20th December) then school **must be contacted**. This applies even if your child doesn't have a test until days after that. The key thing is if symptoms begin within 48 hours and your child then receives a positive test, we need to know. If they have symptoms but then receive a negative test, school does not need to be contacted.
- If your child develops symptoms after 48 hours of being in school, then school does not need to be contacted.



If your child develops symptoms and you need to let us know, please email **admin@thackleyschool.com** This email address will be checked daily.

Please do not use the year group emails.

In your email, please share the following information with us:

- ⇒ Name of child
- ⇒ Class
- ⇒ Date your child last attended school
- ⇒ What symptoms have they got?
- ⇒ The date that symptoms started
- ⇒ The date of their positive test
- ⇒ A contact telephone number so we can get hold of you



If we receive confirmation of a positive case which affects your child's bubble, then we will contact you in the usual way via email.

Winter Weather

Although there is no sign of snow yet, we never know when the weather might take a turn for the worse. The decision to close or open during challenging weather conditions is never taken lightly. The decision depends on the severity of the snowfall and the immediate forecast.



Although our children live locally and are usually within walking distance to school, many of our staff live much further away so their journey may be more difficult. We will always make every effort to stay open and we will close school only on health and safety grounds or if we do not have enough staff able to get into work to ensure our ratios are met.

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.

When the immediate forecast looks positive, we will sometimes still open but with a later start which allows more time for staff and children to make the journey.

If we do decide it is necessary to close the school, we will inform parents as soon as possible via text, through our Facebook page, the school website and the Bradford Schools Online website.

Christmas at Thackley

It has been an incredibly hard year for us all with lots of changes in place to keep us safe. Many of our Thackley traditions have had to be cancelled **but under no circumstances will Christmas be cancelled at Thackley!** Our fantastic staff are committed to making Christmas at Thackley as magical as it always is.



W/B Monday 14th December – Look out for the premiere performances of our Christmas Productions! The biggest change this year is to our Christmas Performances. Covid restrictions have meant we cannot invite you in to join us in our school hall or the local churches. However, it would just not be Christmas without our magical nativities and carol concerts. This has been our biggest challenge as a school but our wonderful staff are currently working hard to produce a recorded version of the show in each year group. These will be shared with you on our School Website so the whole family can enjoy them at home.

Tuesday 15th December – Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

Children may come to school on this date wearing their Christmas jumpers, Christmas dresses or Christmas headwear. It is non-uniform as long as it's Christmassy and remember that it needs to be warm.

W/B Monday 14th December – Christmas Party Week

Children's Christmas Parties will still go ahead within their own bubbles. More information will follow from individual year groups.

Christmas Cards – The children will make their own Christmas card in school as usual and these will be sent home. We suggest you quarantine them for 72 hours before displaying in your homes. We are not doing the cards that we usually get professionally printed for you to buy packs of.

Many schools are not allowing children to distribute Christmas cards to their friends this year but we have decided that if we do it slightly differently then it can still be possible. Christmas cards should all have been brought into school by today. We will quarantine them for 72 hours and hand them out before we break up on Friday 18th December. If your child has not brought cards in by now then we cannot guarantee that we can hand them out.

Staff Christmas Gifts – Whilst staff in no way expect gifts, I have been asked by a number of parents if this is allowed this year. We know this is a tradition many of you enjoy and staff greatly appreciate your token of thanks and best wishes for the season. If you choose to give a gift this year, this will need to be managed carefully so the gifts can be quarantined. Please do not take offence that the member of staff will not be able to open anything immediately – all gifts will need quarantining for 72 hours before they can appreciate it.

Please remember that any sudden bubble closures due to cases of Covid could affect any of the above events.

Rainbow Club Bookings

A huge thank you to everyone who is now using ParentPay to book and pay for their sessions. Please note that Rainbow Club numbers have increased so much that we are now sometimes nearing our limits for attendance so if you have not booked a place 24 hours before on ParentPay, we will have to contact you to come and collect your child. Thank you to all who have returned their updated contact form.



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 rainbowclub@thackleyschool.com for more information.

Please note, when collecting your child from Rainbow Club, 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.

Rainbow Mobile: 07543184081

Virtual Balloon Race

Thanks to everyone who joined our Virtual Balloon Race! We didn't have a national winner but congratulations to our Thackley winner in Year 1 who won a £50 Amazon voucher. We raised approximately £800 for our School Fund which goes towards treats for the children such as food for the Christmas parties, presents from Santa for the classes and much more.



Charity work

Thanks to everyone who supported this term's charity work. We raised £415.30 for Children in Need and £586.79 for Macmillan Cancer.



Fuel for School

You may be aware that we receive a food delivery every Thursday from the charity Fuel for School. We use this to make food parcels for our families who may be struggling in these difficult times. If you would like to receive a food parcel, please contact admin@thackleyschool.com. The parcels contain a selection of fresh fruit and vegetables, tinned and dried goods but will be different every week. We can either send a parcel home with your child or you can collect it from school.

During the holidays, we redirect our delivery to Rockwell Community Centre. If you are in need of support over Christmas, you can contact them for help 01274 615300.



School Closes

Don't forget that school closes for Christmas on **Friday 18th December**.

We reopen on Monday 4th January.

And finally... We would like to wish all of our children, staff, governors, parents and friends in the community a wonderful, happy, peaceful, safe, Covid-free Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year! See you all in January!

Yours sincerely

Mrs A Patterson
Headteacher



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THACKLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL – 2021/2022

2021	SEPTEMBER							OCTOBER							NOVEMBER							DECEMBER						
Monday			6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27							
Tuesday			7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28							
Wednesday		1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24			1	8	15	22	29						
Thursday		2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25			2	9	16	23	30						
Friday		3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26			3	10	17	24	31						

2022	JANUARY							FEBRUARY							MARCH							APRIL						
Monday	3	10	17	24	31			7	14	21	28				7	14	21	28				4	11	18	25			
Tuesday	4	11	18	25			1	8	15	22					1	8	15	22	29			5	12	19	26			
Wednesday	5	12	19	26			2	9	16	23					2	9	16	23	30			6	13	20	27			
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2022	MAY							JUNE							JULY							AUGUST						
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