



Thornhill Lees Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter – December 2023

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The children in all of the classes are busy learning Christmas songs, and preparing for all of the festivities over the coming weeks. There are trips, parties and Christmas concerts coming up over the next 3 weeks. Please check Class Dojo regularly for reminders!

Thank you to all of the parents who have been in to the Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 information sessions in the past two weeks, it has been lovely to see you in school. This Thursday, Miss Wilby will lead a session in the hall at 9am to support parents of children in 3 year old nursery to help their child at home. Please come along if you can.

Timekeeping

It is very important for children's learning and their routine that they are in school on time every day. In winter, please ensure you have allowed extra time in case snow and frost make journey times longer. Thank you for your support with this.

Winter Weather

During the recent cold snap, we have had quite a few phone calls from parents asking whether school is open or closed. Please note that we will always advise parents of any school closures by Class Dojo. If there has been no Dojo message, please assume that school is open.



Nursery Places

If you or any friends or family have a child who would like a place in our 2 year old or 3 year old nurseries from April or September, please pop in to collect a form from the office.

Free School Meals

Your child may be eligible for Free School meals and the holiday food vouchers and clubs that are made available in some holidays, if you are in receipt of any of the following;

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

You need to apply online with the DFE 'applying for free school meals'.

Each child who is in receipt of this funding means that school receives £1,385. This means we can buy more resources, provide additional support in classes and have outside providers come into school to support your child's learning.

As always, please come and see myself, Mrs Douglas or your child's class teacher if you have any concerns, questions or comments.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Booth, Deputy Headteacher

DATES TO REMEMBER

School Term Dates and Holidays for the Academic Year 2023-24

Christmas Holiday
School closes on
Thursday 21st December

Spring 2024
School reopens on
Monday 8th January

February Half Term
School closes on
Friday 9th February

School reopens on
Monday 19th February

Easter Holidays
School closes on
Friday 22nd March

School reopens on
Monday 8th April

Spring Bank Holidays
School closes on
Friday 24th May

School reopens on
Tuesday 4th June

School closes for the summer holiday
Friday 19th July

Inset Days
Friday 22nd December
Thursday 2nd May (Election Day)
Monday 3rd June
Monday 22nd July

Bank Holiday
Monday 6th May