



## Events at school

Earlier this week schools received some additional guidance relating to running events at school during the summer term. This week we have been carefully looking at this and considering carefully what we are safely able to do. We hope to be able to hold some events at school but with adaptations made to keep everyone safe. Everything will be outside and due to this very dependent on the weather-fingers crossed for some more of the weather that we have had during the last few days!

## Sports day

Next week we will be sending out information about sports day. This year Sports day will be taking place but with some adaptations made. Each 'bubble' will be running their own 'mini' sports day with parents/ carers of that bubble invited to watch. These events will take place on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July and on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. Each bubble's event will be staggered during the day allowing for social distancing and cleaning.

## Year Six Leavers Performance

We have planned for this to take place outside. We have been fortunate to be able to organise some outdoor staging equipment. Again, final details of how this will be organised will be shared with Year Six parents in the coming days –however it is likely that tickets to this event will be more limited than in previous years.

As always we have made plans but these could be subjected to last-minute changes and that we do not have to close any bubbles at school.

Please remember that any positive cases outside of the school week can be reported via the covid email address: [covidalert@thirsk-pri.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:covidalert@thirsk-pri.n-yorks.sch.uk)

## Dates for your Diary:

### June

24th PTA Sponsored Walk

28 th & 29 th Yr 6 Leavers Concert

29th 2L & SSR

Saltburn Trip

### July

1st KS1 & Reception Sports Day

2nd KS2 Sports Day

5-9th Sport Enrichment week

7-9th Yr 6 Peat Rigg

9th Bags2school PTA

Class	% attendance this week (all pupils)
RW	98
1B	97.3
2L	98.1
3B	98.6
4TA	98.6
5C	94.4
5H	100
6G	93.3
Total	97.2

## EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS



### Every Minute Counts

#### LATENESS = LOST LEARNING

(Figures below are calculated over a school year)

5 Minutes late each day	3 days lost!
10 Minutes late each day	6.5 days lost!
15 Minutes late each day	10 days lost!
20 Minutes late each day	13 days lost!
30 Minutes late each day	19 days lost!



*"In the line for ten to nine!"*

## **Sponsored Walk 24th**

**The Hive** will depart to walk Millennium Green at 9.30 am –on the Thursday 24th June.

**KS1 & KS2** will be leaving at 1pm. KS1 will return at the first bridge past Greens Farm and KS2 will continue to South Kilvington. Again we still need helpers.

## **After School Club Shout Out**

Does anyone have any spare patches/pieces of material please, the after school club will be using them to fix their bean bags.

## **Well Done and Good Luck**

We would just like to say a massive well done and good luck, to two of our staff members. Mrs Wall has been nominated as Nursery or Primary School Teacher of the Year in the Northern Echo Education awards 2021, Ms Trenholme has also been nominated as Supporting Staff Member. Both Mrs Wall and Ms Trenholme have made it through to the finals !! We wish them both good luck for the finals in September.

Secondly, another well done and good luck is to Ms Trenholme, who has been nominated as Active School Hero. Active School Hero was created by ukactive and is delivered in partnership with Nike, it celebrates the achievements of heroes working in primary schools across England who are keeping kids moving. In 2021 they will award the Active School Hero title to one winner across England, with 8 regional runners up who have done the most to inspire primary school kids to be Active Kids. Voting is still open ! <https://activeschoolhero.com/nominate/>

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Dear Thirsk Community Primary School

**Hambleton Heroes**

In January 2021 the Council launched its Hambleton Heroes initiative providing the opportunity for members of the community to nominate local heroes who had 'gone that extra mile' to make a real difference to the lives of our residents during 2020.

We received an overwhelming response highlighting a range of wonderful acts of kindness and support within our community. Included within these I am pleased to inform you that we received a nomination for your organisation for your fantastic team who have been amazing throughout both lockdowns, supporting parents and pupils, and for reassuring everyone they were safe when the school re-opened.

On behalf of Hambleton District Council, I would like to personally thank you for your wonderful contribution and for the dedication shown by you in supporting others. Over recent times the need for the community to pull together and support each other has never been more important and it is heart-warming to hear what you and other members of the community have been doing to help this.

As a small token of the Council's gratitude please accept the enclosed specially designed Hambleton Hero pin-badge to recognise the significant contribution you have made to our community, which I hope you will wear with pride. As the nomination that was submitted was for your organisation or volunteer's efforts, we can provide additional pin-badges for your staff and/or volunteers. If you would like more badges please let us know, confirming how many you need.

The Council is keen to tell the rest of the community of these admirable acts of kindness, if you are happy for your story to be shared, please contact us to give your permission. No personal information will be shared, just your name and a short piece on what you have been nominated for. Details of the content will be shared with you for approval before anything is publicised. We are also happy to anonymise the story if that is preferred.

Please email [communities@hambleton.gov.uk](mailto:communities@hambleton.gov.uk) to request additional badges and/or to give your permission to be part of our coverage.

Once again thank you for your act of kindness and community support that helps make Hambleton such as a wonderful place to live.



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On behalf of our fabulous team of staff at TCP we are honoured and proud to be nominated as a Hambleton Hero!

To us it is not just been our job it's our passion to support our pupils and families especially during the chaos and uncertainty that came with lockdown. When the world seemed to stop and the schools closed, our dedicated staff worked harder and under more pressure than maybe ever before.

We resorted to a small bubble of staff working within school with the remainder at home juggling their own family needs and setting up remote learning, planning and keeping in regular contact with their pupils and families. We all had to adapt to a new way of working, losing the physical contact with others, the buzz and excitement of the classroom and feeling the isolation of home working. We missed the children, the staffroom chatter and face to face contact but it didn't stop us from continuing to support each other to continue to push to making a difference to the children in our care.

We realized that leading and supporting our pupils and families in a virtual world is challenging but not impossible. Extra effort was taken to remain connected with everyone in meaningful ways to sustain the relationships with pupils, families and colleagues and keep things moving forward.

With a lot of the school deserted for what seemed like forever, it was brought back to life by the team of staff still coming in to support key worker staff and vulnerable children. The sunny weather meant time outside, staff who were not classroom based found ways to spend their time revamping classrooms, sorting cupboards, painting walls and brightening up our school in the anticipation of welcoming our children back to our lovely school.

One of our staff highlights during lockdown was creating a video of the 'blinding lights' challenge. Every member of staff performed in a dance montage to show to our pupils and be able to see our smiling faces, being a bit silly and letting them know we missed them! We know this was a big hit even though some of us may have slightly embarrassed ourselves with our not so cool moves!!

We recognized that not everyone is technologically confident or even has access to this, so where possible we found ways to still engage and communicate with these families. We met the demands that were directed at us to keep things running smoothly whilst showing kindness and empathy to those finding it more difficult than others.

In a time of uncertainty we were certain of one thing, stick together, keep strong ties with our families, follow the guidelines and protocols and keep safe. This year has shown us the true value of a good team, shouldering new responsibilities and workload whilst remaining professional and upbeat. Every member of Thirsk Community Primary School's team has shown such dedication in keeping the school running with optimism we would be reunited soon. From the Headteacher, teachers, teaching Assistants, office staff, kitchen staff, caretaker and volunteers we have each played a part in offering kindness and support where needed. Some days felt long and the school bell did not ring but the usual standards of care, professionalism and respect were maintained! For us it was business as usual!



**Thank You**

A Huge thank you to Billy Goode from Goodechip Forestry and logging for the donation of wood for our EYFS outdoor woodworking area! This will be so handy and fun for the children to use to develop their creative skills!

