



## Sports Hall Athletics

Well done to all the children that took part in the Sports Hall Athletics competition on Thursday. The team made up of pupils from Year 5 and Year 6 took part in a range of track and field events. There were some fantastic team and individual achievements over the afternoon –well done to everyone that took part.

## Christmas Post-box

Next week the Christmas post-box will return. Children will be able to put their Christmas card in each morning before school. Please make sure names and classes are clearly written on the envelope.

## Christmas Fayre

Thank you to everyone that has brought in a donation for the Christmas Fayre. The Fayre takes place this evening at school running from 5.30-7.30pm. Many thanks to the PTA for all of their hard work in organising this event.

## Dark Morning and Dark Nights

As always at this time it is often dark on the way to school and sometimes on the way home from school. Please can I reiterate the importance of pupils being very safety conscious on their way to and from school. Ideally children should have something reflective on their clothing to help them stand out. This is especially important for pupils that walk to and from school by themselves. Thank you for your support with this.

## After School Club

Please note there will be NO After School club on Friday 20th December.

Can we remind parents/carers and pupils, to ensure that there are no NUTs in their packed lunches—this includes chocolate bars. We are a NUT free school due to children with severe allergies.

## Dates for Your Diary

- 9th Yr3&4 Christmas Concert
- 10th EYFS Christmas Carols
- 12th Panto Day !!! Early Start  
Gym Club performance
- 13th Christmas Jumper Day  
RBL Band Xmas Songs
- 16th Nursery Visit to Library  
KS1 Christmas Show
- 17th Yr3&4 Xmas Party  
PTA Carols in Playground
- 18th Nursery Visit to Garden Centre  
Yr5&6 Xmas party
- 19th EYFS Xmas Party  
KS1 Xmas Party  
EYFS pop up library
- 20th St Mary's Church

**Close for Christmas Holidays**

**2.30 pm**

## Attendance

Class	% attendance this week (all pupils)
RB	69
1L	85
1G	97
2C	92
3/4A	88
3/4H	95
3/4BC	89
5W	94
6T	87
<b>Total</b>	<b>88</b>

## EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

0 days off school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned

### 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!"*

## Enrichment Weeks for 2020.

We are pleased to say we have a number of enrichment weeks coming up next year, there are some very exciting days planned for the pupils from Food Road Show to African Drumming.

January 2020: RE Enrichment Week	
13 <sup>th</sup>	Inter Faith Visit for Year 5&6 at Bradford
14 <sup>th</sup>	Visit for Year 3&4 Buddhist
15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 & 2 Visit to St Mary's Church
16 <sup>th</sup>	Ignite Baptist Church whole school assembly/workshop
17 <sup>th</sup>	Indian Dance and Story Telling for whole school with workshops
March 2020: Music and Arts Enrichment Week	
23 <sup>rd</sup>	PTA Cinema Night TBC
24 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School Skipping
25 <sup>th</sup>	Youth Dance & Theatre (am) KS1 and (pm) Yr 5&6
26 <sup>th</sup>	Youth Dance & Theatre (am) KS1 and (pm) Yr 5&6
27 <sup>th</sup>	Music For Life – whole school workshop
June 2020 : Healthy Living & Healthy Eating Enrichment week	
15 <sup>th</sup>	Food Road Show – for whole school (am)
16 <sup>th</sup>	TBC
17 <sup>th</sup>	Fit 4 Kids whole school healthy eating and exercise workshop
18 <sup>th</sup>	Jon Steel Ex International Rugby Player – Rugby Tots with Reception & Nursery
19 <sup>th</sup>	African Drumming Workshop – whole school

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Friends of Thirsk Community Primary School  
PTA

## Fact from fiction

When you support us, you're not just baking a cake, writing a cheque or giving up your time to volunteer. You're buying your child playground equipment to climb on at break time, sending them on outings to places they've never been, making new friends, building a community and helping to make your child's school even more brilliant.

**WHAT IS A PTA?**  
A PTA (aka Friends group, Parents Association or something else) is an open and friendly group of parents and depending on the type of group teachers, extended family and members of the local community, working towards a common goal: supporting the education of the children at your school and strengthening the school community.

**Everyone's invited**  
Now that your child has started at school, you're automatically a member of the parent association. How involved you choose to become is up to you. If you're passionate about making a difference and want to be involved in running the association, you might want to consider joining the committee. If you have ideas to share or want to know more about the group, head along to the next meeting.

**IT WON'T TAKE OVER YOUR LIFE**  
Unless you want it to! There are always volunteers for your PTA, whenever you work full-time, part-time, or don't work at all. Parents, any time you can offer will be welcomed. PTA can be involved in a huge range of activities, all with varying time commitments. All members of the PTA are encouraged to have their own role to play in the PTA.

**IT'S GREAT FOR THE KIDS (even if they don't realise it!)**  
Studies have shown that children who take part in PTA activities are more confident, more resilient, and more successful in school. They also learn new skills, and who knows, you may even discover some hidden talents!

**It's good for you**  
You PTA is a fantastic way to meet other parents and school staff. Being part of a community is a very real benefit, and more practically, these friendships create a support network. There are so many opportunities for you to learn new skills, and who knows, you may even discover some hidden talents!

**We all have something to offer**  
It doesn't matter how many children you have, how old you are, or what your background is: the skills that PTAs need are so diverse, everyone has something to offer. Of course, if you have book-keeping experience you could be a future treasurer, and anyone showing a creative flair might be asked to design a poster or tote. But the most important skills you can bring to your PTA are enthusiasm and a willingness to get stuck in.

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competitionssports.aspx?  
iframe=false&postcode=y071sl](http://www.peresults.co.uk/competitionssports.aspx?iframe=false&postcode=y071sl)

[https://www.yourschoolgames.com/schools/thirsk-  
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#### Christmas Lunch

We are to have a Christmas Lunch on Friday 20th December 2019. Lunch will be:-

Roast Turkey

Sausage & Stuffing

Carrots & Peas

Roast Potatoes & Mashed Potatoes

Gravy

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Christmas Tree Ice Cream

Or

Festive Biscuit

We would love for the **WHOLE SCHOOL** to be joined in our Christmas Lunch

The lunch will cost £2.40 to years 3 and above.

The Kitchen Ladies

**NB: Children who normally have a school lunch will also need to complete this order Please**

#### PLEASE RETURN TO SCHOOL BY FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER

Name.....Class.....

Please tick for pudding

Christmas Tree Ice Cream

Festive Biscuit

Please tick if you would like to order a Vegetarian Option

<input type="checkbox"/>
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## CRAFT- TIL- NOON



#### **WHEN**

**December 7th, 2019  
10am - 12 noon**

#### **WHERE**

**Thirsk Community Primary  
School Hall**

**FEATURING • Craft morning, Christmas crafts,  
Drink & Biscuits available, Raffle.  
Thirsk Yarnbombers will there there too !!  
Learn how to crochet**

**ALL IN AID OF THE MIND CHARLTY**



**PLEASE  
COME  
ALONG AND  
JOIN US.  
RAISE SOME  
MONEY FOR  
MIND.  
EVERYONE  
WELCOME**



## Thirsk Community Primary School Nursery Open Day



**Saturday 7th December  
10 am – 12pm**

**Meet the staff**

**Explore the class**

**Sign up for a nursery place**

**"Success- everyone, everyday"**



# SHE's BACK !!!

Brandy Butter Sparkle Pudding has been enjoying herself in the ICT room



3-4Bc & 3-4 A have also been hit