

## Photos

We will be having a photograph mop up day—this will enable us to take photos of children that were off that day and to ensure all family photographs have been taken. This date is on January 21st, sadly we were unable to get it any sooner.

## Late Arrivals

Please note if you arrive late and the gates are being locked, you will need to enter school via the school office. Next week we are going to have a focus on punctuality and will be running a late gate. Please support your child's learning by making sure that they are at school on time.

## Head Lice

We have had a few cases of Head Lice within the school, please ensure you check your child/ren. Many Thanks

## After School Club

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

**Donations**—if anyone is having a clear out just before Christmas the After School club would be grateful for any toys, dolls or cars etc. Thank You in advance

## Dates for Your Diary

### December

- 2nd Open Book Assembly
- Pre Loved PTA Xmas Jumper Sale
- 5th Sportshall Athletics Competition
- KS1 Pop up Library
- 6th PTA Christmas Fayre
- 7th Nursery Open Day
- Craft-til-noon
- 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

## Attendance

Class	% attendance this week (all pupils)
RB	93
1L	87
1G	95
2C	97
3/4A	94
3/4H	96
3/4BC	97
5W	96
6T	94
Total	94

## 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.

<b>January 2020: RE Enrichment Week</b>	
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
<b>March 2020: Music and Arts Enrichment Week</b>	
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
<b>June 2020 : Healthy Living &amp; Healthy Eating Enrichment week</b>	
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 England 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! These are also chances of meeting other volunteers for your PTA, where you can share your time, and share a slice of your passion. Any time you can offer will be welcomed. PTA can be involved in a huge range of activities and with varying levels of commitment. All members can have their own role to play in making your child's school even more brilliant.

**IT'S GREAT FOR THE KIDS (even if they don't realise it!)**  
Studies have shown that children who are involved in school and have good role models, when they are at school, are more likely to achieve. So, being active in your school not only improves your child's school, it improves your child's life.

**It's good for you**  
The PTA is a fantastic way to know other parents and school staff. Being part of a community is a very real benefit. And more practically, these meetings create a support network. There are often staff for 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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Member Association



[http://www.peresults.co.uk/  
competitionssports.aspx?  
iframe=false&postcode=y07isl](http://www.peresults.co.uk/competitionssports.aspx?iframe=false&postcode=y07isl)

[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

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#### **PTA Christmas Fayre**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

Including Santa's Grotto

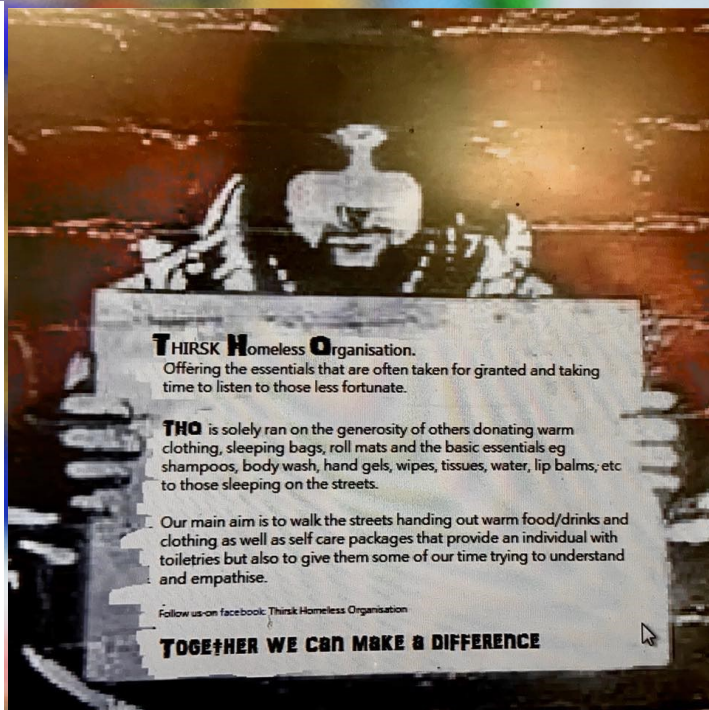
As it is the Christmas fayre next Friday, it will be a non-uniform day.

We are asking that KS2 pupils bring in a bottle donation for the bottle tombola.

EYFS and KS1 pupils please bring in a chocolate donation for the chocolate tombola

Thank you in advance

The PTA Team



#### **Thirsk Homeless Association**

Any donation are to be taken to

Kristina's

3a Kirkgate, Thirsk

Watch out troubles about !!!





# Notice Board

Friends of Thirsk Community Primary  
School PTA

## JOIN US!

To get involved and find out more about what we do or how you could help, please get in touch. If you see us around school, come up and say hello!

Please see Lisa Webster, Kelly Wood or Kate Mountford for more information.

### WHY NOT COME ALONG TO OUR NEXT MEETING?

TBC ... If you are interested, please let us know and we will let you know



## Friends of Thirsk Community Primary School PTA Annual Christmas Fayre

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 5.30pm

Santa's Grotto, Refreshments, Raffle, Tombolas, Various stands/games  
External stands offering their wares and much more ....



## 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 be there too !!  
**Learn how to crochet**

**ALL IN AID OF THE MIND CHARITY**



**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”