



# Thornhill Lees Infant and Nursery School

## Newsletter - September 2019

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have had a lovely summer break with your children. Welcome to all the children and families who are new to our school. We look forward to working with you. The children are settling well into their new classes. It has been a pleasure to walk around school this week and see how well the children are getting on. They are so keen and eager to learn.

### Attendance



Please take the time to read our Attendance Policy (at the end of this letter). All holidays in term time will be unauthorised. It is very important that your child attends school every day, to reach their full potential.

### School Fund



School Fund is 50p per week and is used to buy things for the children in school and also subsidise school trips. This half term is £4.00. Please hand in your school fund money to your child's class teacher / school office.

### Paying for milk

If you would like your child to have milk in school, please register at: [www.schoolmilkuk.co.uk](http://www.schoolmilkuk.co.uk) Select the pink tab named 'Pay for your child's milk' and register. You will need to know which class your child is in and select their class code. The classes and codes are as follows:

Miss Wilby - RAW

Miss Fellowes - RLF

Ms Logan - RKL

Mr Williams - 1LW

Mrs Pearson & Mrs Hague - 1PH

Mrs Rasul - 1TR

Mrs McNulty - 2ML

Mrs Hardcastle - 2HL

Mrs Aleem - 2FA



### Year 2 & Nursery Parents



The online applications for those children in Nursery who will be due to start Reception in September 2020 is now open. This is also the case for the children in Year 2 who will be leaving us in July 2020. You need to apply online through the Kirklees parent portal. Please complete these as soon as possible so your child gets a place in the school you wish them to attend. The closing date for doing so is 15th January 2020. If you need some help please see a member of the office staff.

## Medical Information



Please make sure you inform school if your child has any medical issues. If your child suffers from asthma, please bring their spacer and if possible, 2 inhalers into school. A permission slip will need to be signed by a parent before any medication, including inhalers, can be administered.

## 2 Year Old Provision - Places for January 2020



Do you have a 2 year old child who is eligible to begin Nursery in January 2020? Please collect and fill in an admission form, from the school office. We have some places available in January 2020. We would love to work with you and your child.

## New School Book Bags



New book bags are available to buy from the school office, at a cost of £3.50 per bag. Your child will use a book bag to transport their homework, reading / library books, pictures they have made, etc home. If your child already has a burgundy book bag, they do not have to replace it.

## Stay and Play - under 3's, parents and carers - Tuesday Mornings (Term Time)



Our Stay and Play sessions are on Tuesday mornings in term time, 9.00 -10.30am. We ask for a contribution of 50p per child, per session. We would love to see you and your child at our next Stay and Play session.

Stay and Play will restart on: **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2019**, in the school hall

## Text messaging from school



To receive text messages from school, you will need to **download our free school app**. If you need help, please see Mrs Parker in the school office or your child's teaching assistant.



**School Jotter**

Download School Jotter



Open the School Jotter App



Select: Thornhill Lees Infant and Nursery School



Your school app is ready to use!

**Drop into your child's class on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September (during Parent Time 8.50am), and we will help you set up the school app, with your personal login.**

Thank you for your continued support.

## Diary Dates



School closes for Autumn Half Term: Friday 25th October 2019

School re-opens: Tuesday 5th November 2019

School closes for Christmas Holidays: Friday 20th December 2019

School re-opens for Spring Term: Monday 6th January 2020

School closes for Spring Half Term: Friday 14th February 2020

School re-opens: Monday 24th February 2020

School closes for Easter Holidays: Friday 3rd April 2020

School re-opens: Monday 20th April 2020

School closes for Spring Bank Holidays: Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2020

School re-opens: Monday 1st June 2020

School closes for Summer Holidays: Friday 17th July 2020

## Bank Holiday

Friday 8th May 2020

## Inset Days

Monday 4th November 2019

Thursday 7th May 2020

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020

Monday 20th July 2020



# Thornhill Lees CE (VC) I & N School

## Attendance Policy 2019

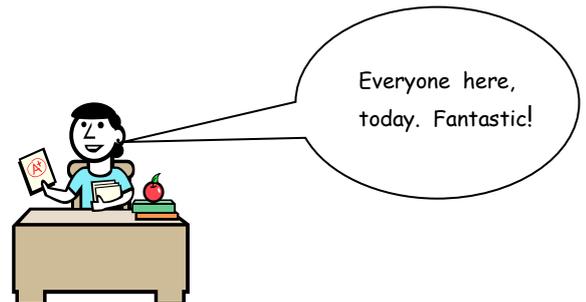
'At Thornhill Lees we celebrate our faith diversity and provide a safe environment where our children are happy to learn. We are kind, caring and respectful to others. We aim to inspire future generations of our school and community to become lifelong learners.'

### Aims.

We want all our pupils to get the most out of their education. In order to do this, it is particularly important that they attend school every day, unless unable to do so through illness, or extreme family emergencies.

We will encourage and support good attendance by:

- Presenting trophies for excellent attendance.
- Celebrating good attendance by presenting stickers, certificates and small awards or rewards, when appropriate.
- Advising parents to inform school before 9.15am on the first day of their child's absence.
- Contacting the parents of pupils on their first day of absence, if the school has not been notified of a valid reason for the absence.
- Notifying parents if their child's attendance falls below 94% each half term.
- Supporting families, who have a problem with attendance, over a short time, until they are back on track.
- Involving Attendance and Pupil Support Service to work with families who are consistently poor attenders
- Set up Parenting Contracts to improve attendance
- Using Penalty Notices when parents decline to improve their child's attendance.
- An Education Supervision Order can be applied for through legal proceedings, thereby ensuring regular attendance in school.
- Prosecution is the final resort.



### Holidays

Parents should avoid taking their children out of school during term time for family holidays. Such absences have been found to be very disruptive to children's learning, attainment and social development.

**Holidays during term time will not be authorised. Anyone taking leave will receive a penalty notice and fine.**