

# THURSTONLAND FIRST SCHOOL



## SPRING 2 NEWSLETTER (FEBRUARY/MARCH/APRIL 2019)



### Calendar dates

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| Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February  | <b>School re-opens to Pupils</b>  |
| Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb  | PTA Beetle & Bingo evening 6 – 7pm at school £1 per person entry with raffle on the night (see page 2)                        |
| Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb<br>3.30pm – 4.30pm  | Art Club with Jane Middleton for participating pupils.<br>6 sessions ( <b>no session on 14<sup>th</sup> March</b> )           |
| Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March<br>3.30pm – 4.45pm   | Cookery Club with Mrs Kershaw for participating pupils.<br>5 sessions in total with the last one Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> April |
| Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March<br>4.00pm – 5.15pm  | Reception/Year 1 Football Tournament for participating pupils.  |
| Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March<br>3.00pm – 3.20pm   | World Book Day – Parent Volunteer Reading Session<br>(see page 3)   |
| Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March<br>9.00am – 1.00pm   | Year 2/3 trip to the Yorkshire Sculpture Park<br><b>Information to follow</b>   |
| Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March<br>4.00pm – 5.15pm   | Year 2 Football Tournament for participating pupils.  |
| Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March   | Comic Relief Day<br>PTA Starlight Collection (see page 2)   |
| Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March<br>4.00pm – 5.15pm   | Year 3 Football Tournament for participating pupils.  |
| Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March<br>4.00pm – 5.15pm   | KS2 Girls Federation Football Tournament for participating pupils.  |
| Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April<br>4.00pm – 5.15pm  | KS2 Boys Football Tournament for participating pupils.  |
| Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April<br>9.30am – 11.00am   | Year 5 visit to Almondbury Methodist Church for The Easter Journey.<br><b>Information to follow</b>                           |
| Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April   | Years 1 – 5 Parents Evening<br><b>Information to follow</b>   |
| Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April –<br>Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> April  | Year 4/5 Residential to Robinwood (see page 5)  |
| Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> April  | Reception Parents Evening<br><b>Information to follow</b>   |
| Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April   | PTA Easter Egg Competition (see page 2)<br>PTA Easter Tuck Shop   |
| <b>Last day of this half-term is Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April</b><br><b>We reopen on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April</b> |   |

# Spring PTA FUNdraising!

## Beetle and Bingo



Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2019 6pm-7pm

games start at 6pm prompt with no late admission possible once games have started!  
£1 per person entry plus a raffle on the night

## Starlight Clothing collection

Next collection will take place on 15<sup>th</sup> March – please use own bags and fill with unwanted clothes, household linen, shoes, handbags and belts  
leave in playground if dry (barn if wet)

## Egg Competition



Decorate a blown or hardboiled egg at home however you like!  
Your decorated egg needs to be brought to the school barn on the morning of  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April along with £1 entry  
One winner will be picked from each year group

## Easter Tuck Shop



Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April. Come and see everyone's egg competition entries in the barn at  
3.30pm. Various Easter treats will be available from 50p

## Movie Night



“Mary Poppins Returns”  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019  
3.30pm-5.45pm

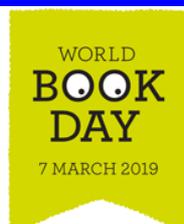
Places are limited - £6 per child / £5 per child for sibling groups  
Includes drink, hotdog and a treat (advise us of any special dietary needs)  
Return your money in sealed envelope marked “Movie Night” and your child's name

**Nut allergies – IMPORTANT REMINDER**  
**Please do not bring any kind of nuts into school**

Please remember that we do not allow nuts, or products which may contain nuts, to be brought into school either as a birthday treat or part of a packed lunch – this includes peanut butter and Nutella.

We have children in school who have severe nut allergies and any contact with nuts may cause them to go into anaphylactic shock.

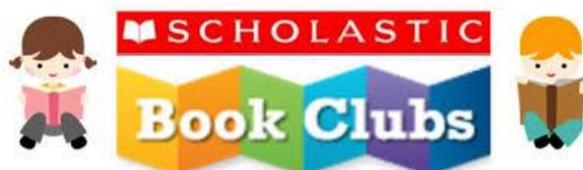
## **World Book Day 2019**



**World Book Day takes place this year on  
7<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

### **Would you like to help?**

**We are looking for parent volunteers to read with small groups of children at 3pm on World Book Day. Please contact the office if you are interested.**



**Our new Scholastic Book Club is up and running!**

Go to <http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/thurstonland> to browse the latest books and order online. For **every £1 you spend** on this month's Book Club, **our school will earn 25p** in Scholastic Rewards.

Please place your **order online by March 7th, 2019**

**World Book Day vouchers will be sent home via book bags shortly. These can be used as part payment against online orders or in most book shops or in exchange for £1 WBD books.**

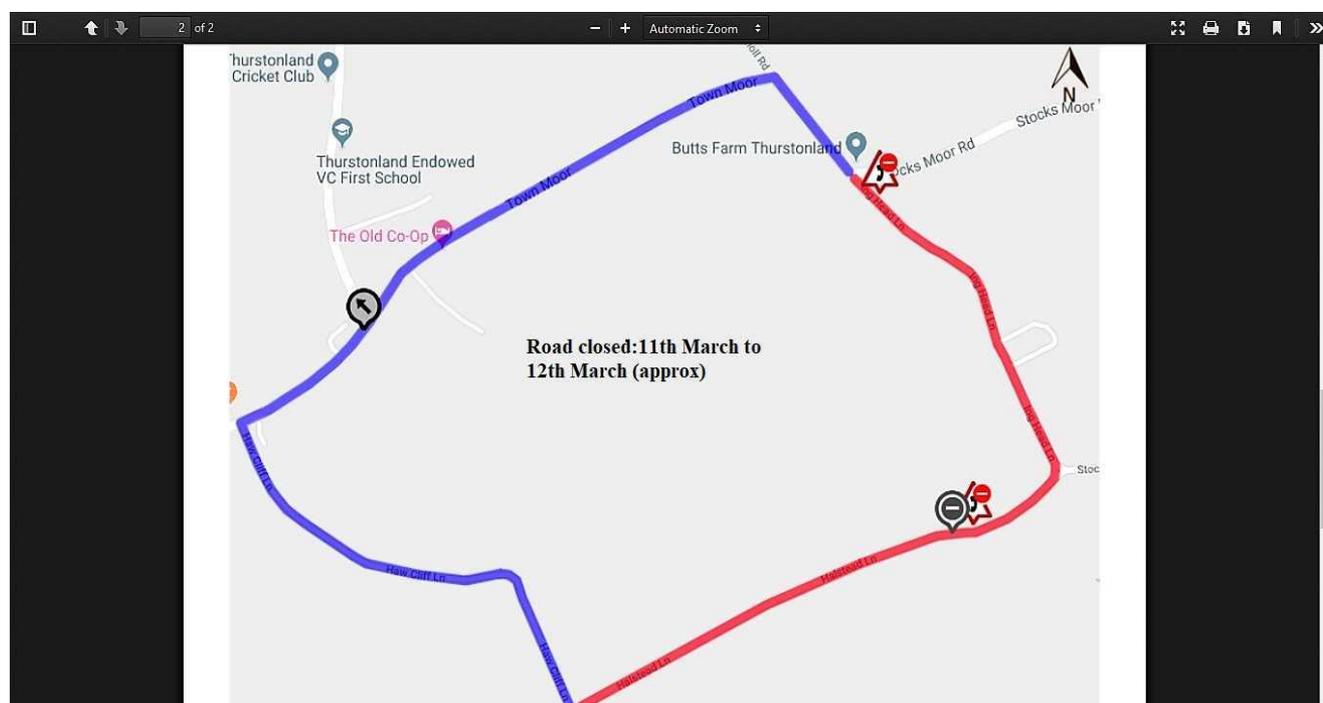
## Arriving Late for School

A polite reminder that if your child is late arriving to school they must be accompanied to the school office so that they can be signed in.

**Occasionally the School Office is unmanned and children could be waiting some time in the foyer to get in to school.**

## Road Closure

We have been informed of a local road closure which will occur on the **11<sup>th</sup> March**. Please see the map below for details: -



**Red line is the closed road and purple is the diversion.**

## PE Changes

This term there are some changes to our usual PE days for some of our pupils.

**Years 2/3** will have their PE lessons on a Thursday and Friday.

**Years 4/5** will be going to Kirkburton Middle School on the following dates for their PE session: Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February, 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> March.

Transport has been arranged via the school with a local coach company.

Swimming will continue on a Friday morning for Years 4/5.



The Year 4/5 residential trip to Robinwood will take place this term between Monday 8<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April. Check out the link to view the fantastic facilities and adventurous activities which will await them at [Dobroyd Castle!](#)



Please ensure that all payments via [ParentPay](#) for this trip are up to date by the end of this week as the final invoice is now due to be paid by school, and also that any outstanding medical information forms are returned as soon as possible.

## **THE BARN EXTENSION**



**As you may be aware we hope to commence work shortly on our barn extension which was given planning approval last year.**

**We will keep you up to date as the project progresses.**

**The first exciting news we wish to bring you is that we will be holding a **Buy a Brick** campaign, so that parents and friends of the school have the opportunity to make a contribution to the cost of the build and have a lasting legacy of their children's time here. **Further details will be sent out shortly via email.****

# Health Week 2019

What a fab time we all had during Health Week which took place the final week of last half-term!

The children (and staff!) enjoyed yoga sessions, mindfulness, massage, karate sessions, Zumba, healthy eating, relaxation, and a healthy walk to top off the week!

Thank you so much to all the pupils, visitors, volunteers and staff who made the week possible and also the PTA volunteers and supporters (you!) who provided the funding for the activities, food etc.



[Take a look at the school website for more photos!](#)