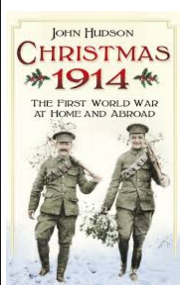


Thorn Primary Newsletter

Autumn 2nd Half Term 2024

Christmas Performance



Thank you to all the parents and families who attended the Christmas Performances and supported the school and the children. Your children never fail to amaze me as we

challenge them. A huge thank you must go to all the staff who have worked incredibly hard to ensure that all the children are prepared and ready. All the extra celebrations and events take place in addition to teaching and learning and without the dedication of all the staff we have in school these events wouldn't be possible.



Pantomime



All the children and staff really enjoyed watching the production of Jack and the Beanstalk at the Empire Theatre in Blackburn. It was really nice to

see the children so involved and enjoying themselves.

Diary Dates

Art Ambassador Trip - 24th Jan
Parents Evening - Tuesday 11th Feb
Valentines Disco - Thurs 13th Feb
February Half Term - Fri 14th Feb

SPORTS

The Year 3/4 Football Team thoroughly enjoyed competing against other primary



schools at the Valley Leadership Academy. They came 3rd in their group and won the School Games

Values Award for **DETERMINATION**. Well done to you all and a special thank you to Y5 pupil Zach Kierans, who did an amazing job of coaching the girls and supporting them throughout the tournament. 19 children from Y5 and Y6 competed in a very exciting Final of the Rossendale Athletics



Competition. They finished in 3rd place overall and were proud winners of the School Games Values Award for **PASSION**.

Children from Y5 and Y6 have developed their dance skills, in after school Street Dance sessions, with Natalie from **Fusion Dance**.

Attendance



The Autumn Term figure for 2024 is 96.1% which is an increase compared to this time last year and is slightly above the government target. Can I please remind

parents to notify the school if your child is un-well. It is important that all non-emergency appointments are made during the holidays and please ensure your children arrive on time @ 8.45am. A number of children are persistently late. A few minutes makes a big difference. This term we have 62 children who have 100% attendance for the whole term. Equating to 23% of the school.

FRIENDS OF THORN

Thank you to the Friends of Thorn who have



worked exceptionally hard to raise £2416. Since September events held included, a Disco, the Christmas raffles, the Christmas Fair and the book fair. All the monies raised are used to enhance resources for all the children. Thank you for your support.

Christmas Dinner



The children and staff all enjoyed their Christmas dinner. It was fantastic. Many thanks to the kitchen and welfare staff for all their hard work throughout the whole year.

SCHOOL CLOSES

Friday

20th December

at 1.30 p.m.

We re-open on Monday 6th January 2025 at 8.45a.m. We look forward to seeing the children in the new year.

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS
and a
HAPPY NEW YEAR**