



# THORNTON IN CRAVEN

## COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Dates for your diary

**Friday 23/11/2018** – PTA meeting  
3.30pm

**27/28/29 Nov 2018** – Rec/Y1  
balanceability training on bikes

**Friday 07/12/18** – Y5/6 London  
Trip

**Monday 17/12/18** – Rec/Y1  
Nativity 1.30pm and 6pm

**Friday 21/12/18** – Carol Concert  
at school – 1.30pm

### Awards

The next good news assembly will  
be on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at  
3pm.

Awards will be given to:

**Sophie Mallender** - excellent  
independent writing.

**Noah Fraser** - for good  
independent learning and  
tremendous effort with his work.

**Stanley Blenkhorn** - great  
attitude to all areas of learning  
and school life.

### Headteacher's Message

I hope a parent doesn't mind me quoting her in the newsletter but I was very pleased to read this feedback regarding the reading challenge. "I wanted to send a quick email to say that the reading challenge is a great idea! We have fully embraced it and it motivates us both to make the time to do something invaluable together and with dad. Reading together is so important and very easily overlooked with busy lives etc. "

That was absolutely the intention of this; not to make more work but a gentle reminder of how important this is for your children's education and for just spending some time together. I too have tried harder at home to make time for this. I admit that I completely understand how hard it is but I have joined you in increasing the amount of times I read to my family, particularly to my 2 year old as she can easily be overlooked while dealing with homework and chores (though I may have some way to go before I achieve Gold!).

### Just to say....

Thank you to Isla and Ned Beckett and family for laying our school wreath as part of the **Remembrance service** last Sunday.

A **PTA meeting** has been booked for Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018 at 3.30pm. Please come along to share fundraising ideas and to discuss ideas for celebrating Christmas with the pupils.

Rather than just throwing it in the bin, the Royal British Legion are urging people to **recycle the old poppies** which will help make your donation go further. Royal British Legion supporter Sainsbury's is offering poppy recycling in all of its stores after Remembrance Sunday. Any poppy memorabilia no longer wanted can be returned to school and we will take it to Sainsbury's. The Royal British Legion keep vital funds by reusing or recycling the poppies donated.

**Class 1**

On Monday we enjoyed a trip to Thornton Hill nursing home to complete an Autumn themed treasure hunt. We then spent time with the residents having a drink and a biscuit and sang them songs. This week in Numeracy we have looked at halving shapes and amounts. We have discussed that when halving things we have to split it into two equal groups. The children have practically shared objects into two equal groups to find half of an amount. In Literacy we have looked at the poem The Sound Collector. We followed the pattern of this poem to write our own version, where the sound collector stole sounds from school. We have introduced Neil Armstrong to the children this week and discussed why he is significant. The Y1 children have enjoyed writing fact files about him whilst the reception children have been playing in our new rockets - some have been pretending to be Neil Armstrong!

**Class 2**

Class 2 have concentrated on creative writing and description in their Literacy this week. They have recognised and added expanded noun phrases to descriptions of dolphins in the sea. They also described what it would be like to ride a dolphin and thought of ways to describe using their senses. In Maths, we have looked at multiplication using mental methods. In History, we thought about Vikings as raiders and invaders and then in later years, as settlers. We planned an experiment about plants and growing conditions at school.

**Class 3**

This week we have been subtracting fractions and problem solving with adding and subtracting fractions. In French we are learning about Christmas and have looked at French words for popular Christmas presents. In topic we have learnt about prehistoric Britain, and made time lines of events in the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. In literacy with Mrs Whitwell we have started to read The Iron Man, and have written character descriptions of him. With Mrs Moorhouse we have continued to write our adventure story recount in the role of one of the characters from Floodland. In science we had great fun making parachutes which we are going to test next week to see which design creates the most air resistance.

**This week in After-School club:**

We have been taping initials onto paper, then painting the background using marbles in a box. Removing the tape to reveal the initial. The children chose not to bake this week, preferring to play with the many Lego figures that arrived this week.