



THORNTON IN CRAVEN

COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dates for your diary

18/01/2018 – Swimming Gala
19/01/2018 – Rec/Y1 visit to watch Bear and the Butterfly at Skipton Town Hall
19/01/2018 – PTA meeting at 3.30pm – All welcome
23/01/2018 – Y5/6 Young Voices
08/02/2018 – Bewerley Park Parent Meeting at 5.30pm
09/02/2018 – Break up for Half Term
01/03/2018 – World Book Day – decorate an egg as a book character
12-16 March 2018 – Science Week
23/03/2018 – Easter Service 2.30pm at school
26-29 March 2018 – Year 5/6 Bewerley Park
29/03/2018 – Class 2 (Y2/3/4) to see Awful Auntie at the Alhambra
29/03/2018 – Break up for Easter
17/04/2018 – Back to school
14-18 May 2018 – Y6 SATs week

Next week's awards

The next good news assembly will be on Friday 19th January.

Awards will be given to:

Ivy Kendall - for superb effort and enthusiasm in reading and writing.

Nixie Griffiths - excellent attitude to work with maximum effort.

Kieran Darvill - for super focus and contribution in literacy.

Headteacher's Message

Welcome back to everyone. It is fantastic to see everyone back looking healthy and refreshed. A number of dates have been added to the diary list on the left hand side as we have a busy term ahead.

Bewerley Park Parents Meeting – 8th February at 5.30pm.

There will be a meeting for parents and Y5/6 pupils on Thursday 8th Feb at 5.30pm at Thornton in Craven CP School. We will outline activities, plans and provide kit lists etc... plus answer any questions you may have.

Science week

12-16th March is science week and we are planning a full timetable of science activities and visitors. Do you work in a science related field and could you help to run an activity during the week? We will be approaching some parents that we already know about but if you have any science related skills or you know anyone who would be willing to volunteer their time then please could you let us know. We will end the week with a science exhibition in the hall demonstrating science in all its different forms while also showing the children's work. The children will be asked to produce a science project at home to bring in for it. Further details to follow.

Headlice – there are Headlice in school. Please could everyone use a headlice comb to check their children's hair – even boys please and treat if necessary. Weekly combing with conditioner is the best treatment. One off purchased treatments do not work if only used once.

Ofsted will visit us at some point in the next year so please could you take the time to go on to parentview at <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk> to fill in their questionnaire about the school. We are in a strong position as a school at the moment with hardworking, well-behaved pupils but our parentview reponses are low – your help would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.



There is potentially wintry weather next week. Please keep an eye on parentmail text, facebook, the website for news if needed.

Class 1

It has been great to be back at school this week and hear what the children have been doing over the holidays - they enjoyed writing about this in their news! In Literacy, we are starting to look at traditional tales. We have identified the features of these and have started to sequence the story of Goldilocks and The Three Bears focusing on excellent sentence formation. In numeracy, we are focusing on adding numbers together by looking at the tens and units to help us. The children completed some problem solving questions today using the skill - they were quite tricky but they all persisted. We have started a new 'rainbow' challenge in class this week where colour coded challenges are set up for children to complete by the end of the week to see if they can make a rainbow. This is working well and the children appear to be enjoying it. It is great to see them all so busy learning whilst they are playing. Our new topic is 'China' - we have already had some great discussions about the country and have enjoyed locating it using atlases.

Class 2

We are studying and making photoframes in DT. Please can each child in Y2 and Y3 bring in one photoframe next Friday. They will come home the same day. So far we have used different construction toys to see how to make different structures stand up. In topic, we have used google maps to find our school. We looked at what Thornton-in-Craven included and what it didn't include. In literacy, we have been looking at instructional texts and tried to use certain verbs for instructional writing. In numeracy, we have worked on place value. We have worked very hard on our times-tables - well done and keep going!

Class 3

We have welcomed Year 4 into our class every afternoon. This half term our topic is evolution and in science, we made careful observations and drew some ammonite and trilobite fossils. In literacy we have read *The Watertower* by Gary Crew, this is part of our suspense and mystery unit and we have been thinking about what language we can use to create atmosphere and suspense. In maths, we have been reading and interpreting data from timetables and graphs and we have all plotted our own line graph from data. A reminder that we would really appreciate a donation of any old pencil cases if you have any.