



# THORNTON IN CRAVEN

## COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Dates for your diary

**Fridays** - Theatre club 3.35-4.35pm

**Tues 28/6/22** - Transition afternoon

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**Thurs 30/6/22** - Transition morning

**Fri 01/7/22** - Non-uniform day - bring chocolate

**04/7/22** - Class 4 Enterprise week

**Sat 09/7/22** - Summer Fayre 10-12pm

**Weds 13/7/22** - Year 5/6 Shakespeare Performance at South Craven School 6pm

**Tues 19/7/22** - Sports day 1pm

**Weds 20/7/22** - School Disco

**Thurs 21/7/22** - Leavers Service 1.30pm

**Thurs 21/7/22** - Break up for Summer

**Fri 22/7/22** - Training Day



**Birthdays this week**

**Roman is 8**

**Happy Birthday!**

### Headteacher's Message

It was lovely to welcome the newest Thornton-in-Craven families to school this week in our EYFS new parent meetings. As headteacher, I outlined various aspects of wider school life and Miss Brown was also there to introduce herself as their new headteacher.

As you start to buy uniform for September, children will continue wearing PE kit for two days a week and please remember footwear must be black. We allocated new children to their houses so they can start collecting house points straight away. A very good suggestion was made for me to remind all parents of which house was which:

**Ribble – Blue**  
**Wharfe – Green**  
**Calder – Yellow**  
**Aire - Red**

Thank you for the brilliant response to the PTA's request for volunteers at the Summer Fayre and for the generous bottle donations for the tombola. We really appreciate everyone's support.

**ANOTHER REQUEST** – we are planning to have a second-hand uniform stall. If you have any good quality uniform that is no longer needed please could you send it in to school on the week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> July? This is part of our work on climate change but also to make sure second hand uniform is available.

### Headteacher's Award

**Harris R** – great progress in phonics ready for starting reception.

**Olivia M** - learning so many new skills in P.E. this year.

**Layla-Mai R** – working hard in all areas.

\*There will be no more headteacher awards this year. If your child has not had one do please let us know!

**Class 1**

Our book this week was *The Storm Whale*. Some children were very interested to see the whale being rescued and taken back out to sea in a boat, so they set about making their own boats with modelling materials. We have been continuing to learn about the sea this week by thinking about floating and sinking. The children made predictions about different objects, discussing reasons why they came to their conclusions and then then we carried out the experiment to see what would happen. Some children then wanted to test their boats which motivated a lot of further boat making. Also, this week in phonics, Nursery have been learning about blending and segmenting and I have been so impressed with their robot arms! In maths, we have been looking and copying various shape patterns. In Art, we explored a new malleable material- clay. We loved the feel of it and discovering what we could do with it.

**Class 2**

We have had a glorious time practicing our sporting skills in the sunshine this week. We enjoyed getting the tennis net out to play games over and it helped us to think about where we need to be to get the ball. We have been thinking about how to write in character linked to our text the "Dragon Machine" and then we made predictions about the story ending. In maths we have revisited our addition and subtraction knowledge, using this to show our working out in a range of ways. In history we ordered the events that happened at Clitheroe castle to make a timeline. In geography we looked at the different houses we saw on the walk to the church, and we drew our own google street map. We enjoyed learning about cultural differences and how some things we think are ok might be considered rude in a different country. In science we looked at the different habitats around school and counted the flora and fauna we found.

**Class 3**

Another half term, another trip in Class 3. We had a fantastic time at Craven Museum in Skipton Town Hall learning all about the Romans who lived in our local area. We used artefacts that had been excavated from a villa in Gargrave to find out about the people who lived there, thinking about whether they were rich or poor and what jobs they did. It was such a treat to be able to hold and examine things over 1000 years old! We then had a short time in the museum gallery which was brilliant and I think that your children will be dragging you back there as we really didn't want to leave.

In other news, alongside maths and literacy we have been creating branching data bases in computing, describing why New Zealand has so many earthquakes in geography, investigating the function of our teeth in science and continuing to hone our tennis and rugby skills in P.E.

**Class 4**

It was lovely to welcome Mrs Whitwell back on Monday and also have some lessons with Mrs Lord. In literacy, we finished writing our *Grimm Tales* as well as undertaking lots of drama activities as part of our work on Shakespeare's *Macbeth*. Everyone now has a part in our play so we are looking forward to lots of rehearsals over the next few weeks! In maths, we have been rounding any number as well as looking at metric measures. We have used and interpreted timetables - could be useful at secondary school! In RE, we have continued thinking about religious beliefs about life after death and the after-life. We are thoroughly enjoying all our PE activities; tag rugby, cricket and rounders. In geography, we have looked at how climate change affects Australia in ways such as increased bush fires.