



# Thringstone Primary School

*Believe and Achieve Together*

## Newsletter - December 2022

Dear parents & carers,

Well, here we are at the end of a very busy Autumn term. Huge congratulations to all the children who performed in our recent productions of “A Bundle of Joy” and “Who?”. All of the children were stars, their confidence and enjoyment shone on the stage - such talent!



Our Tigers and Cheetahs did such a fabulous job in leading our recent Christingle at St. Andrews church, we all enjoyed this very special service. Here are some of the Christingle oranges made by our pupils. Many thanks to Reverend Darren for conducting the service.

Next term sees the start of our class assemblies and we also look forward to seeing Tigers and Cheetahs Spring Performance.

I would also like to congratulate all of the children who have represented the school at sporting events this term, their teamwork, positivity, resilience and enjoyment was evident. They were all a pleasure to take and were such positive representatives of our school.



Thank you to the PTA for all the events you have organised this term, it is much appreciated and the extra visitor who accompanied Santa was a huge hit with children and adults alike.

On behalf of all the staff, I would like to wish all of our Thringstone School Community a Christmas filled with fun, laughter and quality family time.

Cheryl Hammersley





Thank you so much for all of your support this term so far. We have raised over £200 for school this term and can't wait to contribute towards exciting projects in school that all children will benefit from.

This year we have already been able to purchase a new set of disco lights, which we all enjoyed at the Halloween disco. Everyone had great fun in their fabulous outfits, enjoying lots of games and showing off their amazing dance moves to Miss Jones' disco tunes.



The PTA also arranged for a special visitor (and his cheeky friend) to come to school and join in with the festivities last week. The children thoroughly enjoyed singing, sharing and laughing with Santa and his friends.

We have been overwhelmed again by the brilliant raffle prizes that you have donated and we can't wait to see who wins their class prize. Don't forget the tickets are 50p and you can buy as many as you like!

Thank you again for all of your support.

If you would like to find out more about the PTA or are able to offer some time (even just to help with a cookie sale after school) please contact us via email- [pta@tringstone.leics.sch.uk](mailto:pta@tringstone.leics.sch.uk) or come and have a chat at school pick up or drop off. (Alex - Y1 and Y4 parent, Sarah - Y1 and Y4 parent, Lisa - Y4 parent, Jo - Y3 parent, Bobby - Y6 parent or Mrs Loakes and Miss Jones.)

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**Our School Day**

8:40am	8:50am	10.30am	10:50am	12:00noon	1:00pm	3:15pm	3:20pm
Classroom doors open. Children get ready for the school day	Lessons begin. Children in school ready to start	Break time begins	Break time ends	Lunchtime begins	Lunchtime ends	Wolves and Pandas School ends	Tigers, Cheetahs, Snow Leopards, Dolphins School ends



# Vacancies for 1 x Parent Governor 1 x Community Governor

- Would you like to make a positive contribution to children's education and contribute to your local community?
- Would you like to be involved in making important decisions for our school?
- Do you have valuable/professional skills you can offer and work as part of a team?
- Are you willing to challenge and ask questions?

No prior knowledge required. Full training and support will be provided.



For more information,  
please contact the school on  
**01530 222489** or  
[sarah.baxter@thringstone.leics.sch.uk](mailto:sarah.baxter@thringstone.leics.sch.uk)

## What do Governors do?

The Governing Body has three main core functions:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- Holding executive leaders to account for the educational performance of the organisation and its pupils, and the performance management of staff;
- Overseeing the financial performance of the organisation and making sure its money is well spent.

Most decisions are taken at Full Governing Body meetings but some of the work is delegated to our subcommittee. 'Finance and Resources' is responsible for finance, premises and staff while the 'Full Governors meeting' is responsible for standards, children and parents. In addition to being committee members, governors take on roles linked to specific subjects or school functions, such as literacy, maths, finance, health and safety, safeguarding, SEND, the arts, etc. Each governor is a volunteer and so dedicates some of their free time to the school.

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**Do you have a child who is due to start school in August 2023?**

**You must apply for a school place by 15th January.**

**For more information the following link will open the Local Authority Guide to Primary Education.**

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/popular-now/apply-for-a-primary-school-place>



## Attendance

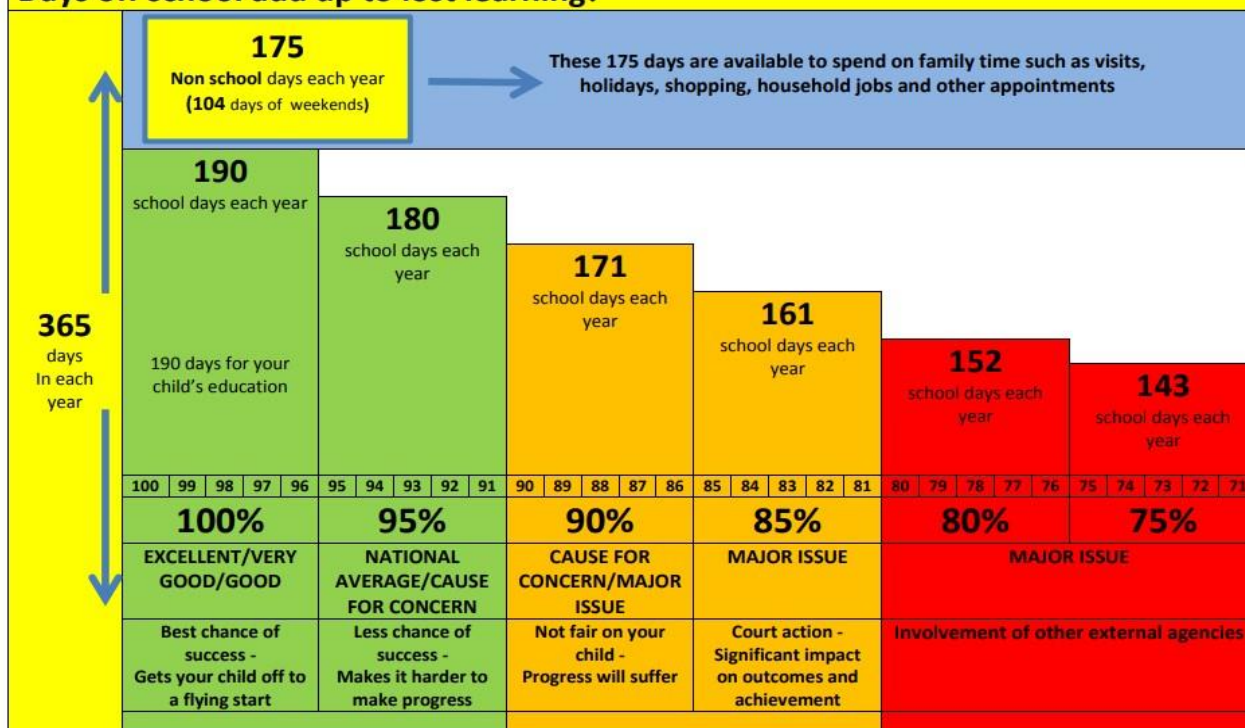
As we all know, excellent school attendance is critical to our children's long-term success.

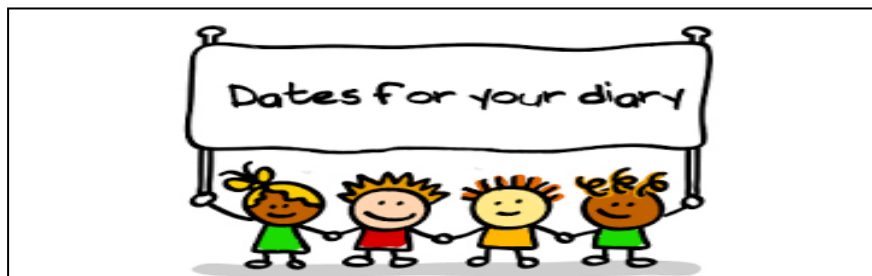
Taking a day off here and there or a holiday during term time may seem inconsequential, however, the following tables clearly demonstrates the potential impact of the combined total of these days.

Nobody would consider taking a child out of school for a whole year, half a year or even a quarter of year. However, when the days are added this is how it looks:

One year in school is equivalent to <b>950</b> 1 hour long lessons Five years in school is equivalent to <b>4750</b> 1 hour long lessons Eleven years in school is equivalent to <b>10450</b> 1 hour long lessons And all of this comes down to set of grades on a sheet of paper in an envelope					
Attendance %	Missed Days	Missed weeks	Over 5 years	Annually	Impact over 5 years
100%	0	0	0	Excellent	
99%	1.9	0.38	9.5	Very Good	
98%	3.8	0.76	19	Very Good	
97% <sup>1</sup>	5.7	1.14	28.5	Very Good	
96%	7.6	1.52	38	Good	
95% <sup>2</sup>	9.5	1.9	47.5	National average	Quarter Year missed
94%	11.4	2.28	57	Below Nat. average	
93%	13.3	2.66	66.5	Below Nat. average	Approx. Third year missed
92%	13.3	2.66	66.5	Requires improvement	
91%	17.1	3.42	85.5	Requires immediate improvement/worrying	
90% <sup>3</sup>	19	3.8	95	Cause for concern	Half year missed
89%	20.9	4.18	104.5	Serious concern	
85% <sup>4</sup>	28.5	5.7	142.5	Major issue	
80% <sup>5</sup>	38	7.6	190	Major issue	1 Year missed

### Days off school add up to lost learning!



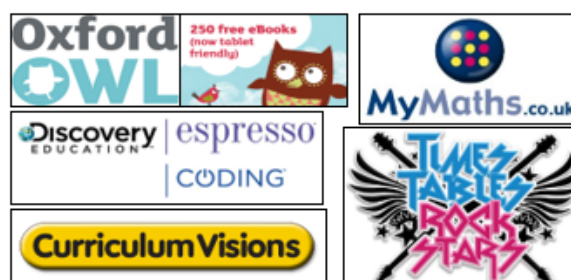


- 12th – 16th December (3.05pm) – Carol singing on the drive  
 14th December – Whole school Christmas Dinner  
 16th December – Last day of the Autumn term  
 16<sup>th</sup> December – PTA raffles drawn  
 3<sup>rd</sup> January – Start of the Spring term (1)  
 9<sup>th</sup> January – Lunchtime and After School Clubs start  
 10<sup>th</sup> January - (1.00pm-3pm) – KS2 Inclusive Boccia Competition – Ibstock  
 18<sup>th</sup> January - (5.15pm) – Aylmerton residential meeting  
 27<sup>th</sup> January - (2.30pm) – Cheetahs class assembly  
 Starting in February – Year 4/5 Rose Plate Football matches begin  
 1<sup>st</sup> February (3.30pm - 5.30pm) – Year 5/6 Basket Ball Competition – Castle Rock  
 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> February – Cheetahs, Snow Leopards & Dolphins residential to Aylmerton  
 20<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> February – half term  
 27<sup>th</sup> February – Start Spring term (2)  
 3<sup>rd</sup> March (2.30pm) – Wolves class assembly  
 7<sup>th</sup> March (9.15am – 10.45am) – Year 5 and 6 Swimming Gala – Whitwick & Coalville Leisure Centre  
 14<sup>th</sup> March (3.15pm -6.00pm) – Year 3 and 4 Quicksticks Competition– Ashby  
 22<sup>nd</sup> March (3.15pm – 6.00pm) – Year 5 and 6 Quicksticks Competition - Ashby  
 28<sup>th</sup> March ( 9.45pm – 2.30pm) – Year 5 and 6 Orienteering - Donisthorpe Woodlands  
 31<sup>st</sup> March (2.30pm) – Pandas class assembly

### Accessing Learning at Home

Children have access to a range of online learning subscribed to by the school to help them with the things that they are learning at school and to enable you to support them at home.

These are accessed by going directly to the website or via our school website (bottom of the front page). If you are unsure of the passwords please get in touch with your child's class teacher or the school office.



Thringstone Primary School is a smoke free environment & smoking (including vaping) is not permitted on school

