



**Thringstone  
Primary School**

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## **Newsletter - July 2023**

Dear parents, carers and legal guardians,

Where has the year gone? I can't believe I am writing my final newsletter of the year. I would personally like to thank all the staff, parents, carers and legal guardians, governors, and the PTA for your support this year – there are no words to express how much it has been appreciated.

This half term has seen the school taking part in a range of sporting events: Year 3 /4 Quad kids, Year 5/6 Quad Kids, Saffron Lane Athletics, Year 4/5 Rose Plate Semi-Final and our two sports days. Huge thanks to our Dolphin class for organising the Sports day, it is not an easy task and you did such a super job.

We are all really proud of Snow Leopards class, for recently completing their Mini Police project, which all ended in a fabulous day at Police headquarters at Enderby, which was enjoyed by children and staff alike. The children have gained so much from carrying out this project and I know lots of the class now want to join the Police cadets at the age of 13 and then join the Police Force.

At the end of this term, we will be saying goodbye to Miss Hannah Fern and Mrs Cheryl Cooper. We thank them both for their hard work and commitment to Thringstone and wish them the very best for the future.

We are delighted to announce that we have appointed a new LSA - Mrs Rosie Smith - who will be working in Wolves class, and our new Headteacher Mr David Chapple. They will join the team in August and we are looking forward to welcoming them both to the school.

I would like to wish our Dolphin class all the very best for the future as you move onto your secondary schools. You have been fabulous role models for the school and we can't wait to hear great things about your achievements.

On behalf of all of the staff, I would like to wish you all a fabulous summer break, and we look forward to hearing all about your adventures in August.

My final thanks go out to all the fabulous children at Thringstone Primary School – you are all amazing and you all being you has made this year memorable and very special.

Enjoy the summer!

Cheryl Hammersley.

## Year 4 and 5 Football Semi-final report

by Harry K:

“The Semi-Final match was quite tough and challenging, at half-time we all thought come on we need to do it. In the second half, we scored 3 amazing goals and the team thought we had a chance. Leo (and Jamie) made some good saves and the ball got up the pitch more. Sadly, they scored some challenging goals, that there was no way of saving. The team played well and next year we are going to go into the season with a strong team.”



**Mini Police report by Mazie and Leo S:** “In January 2023, our class was one of the first schools in the whole of Leicestershire to take part in Mini Police, this made us very proud to be chosen. During the Mini Police project, we have learnt about what it meant to be a Mini Police Officer, took our oaths, online safety, peer pressure and issues affecting the local community. We gave back to the Thringstone Community by visiting the local care home and taking flowers, Easter cards and we read our Easter poems. We then carried out a litter pick around the village. The project ended with us visiting Police Headquarters – it was a wonderful day and we got to meet the Police dogs and handler, watch a drone in action, sat on a Police Motorbike and saw TST in action. We all received our awards and we were excited to hear that we both were the Police Officers of the year. If we could do it again, we definitely would.”



**Saffron Lane Area Athletics - Reported by Sophie and Harry:**

“Children from Years 3, 4, 5, and 6 represented the school at Saffron Lane Athletics. It was a boiling hot day, which made racing even harder. Everyone gave 100% and were cheering on their team mates. The relay races were great, and our baton changes were so good. It was an extremely fun afternoon of sport.”



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**Breakfast Club**

Due to increased staffing costs and an increase in food prices and utility bills, we have had to make the unfortunate decision to increase our Breakfast Club fees.

The cost for a child arriving between 7.30am and 8.00am will be £5 per session, if your child arrives from 8.00am the cost will be £3 per session. The increase will take place from 29th August.

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**Swimming lessons next academic year**

Due to cost increases for coaches, staffing and pool hire and the fact that we are unable to increase the amount that school subsidises swimming, we are having to increase weekly swimming lessons to £3 per week. To help with the cost of living crisis, we have made the decision that children in KS2 will not be going swimming every week across the year.

See below for when classes will swim:

**Autumn term and Spring first ½ term:** Dolphins and half of Cheetahs class.

**Spring term second half and Summer term:** Snow Leopards and half of Cheetahs class.

Thank you for your understanding.

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**Our School Day**

8.40am	8.50am	10.30am	10.50am	12.00 noon	1.00pm	3.15pm	3.30pm
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	KS1 and EYFS school ends	KS2 School ends

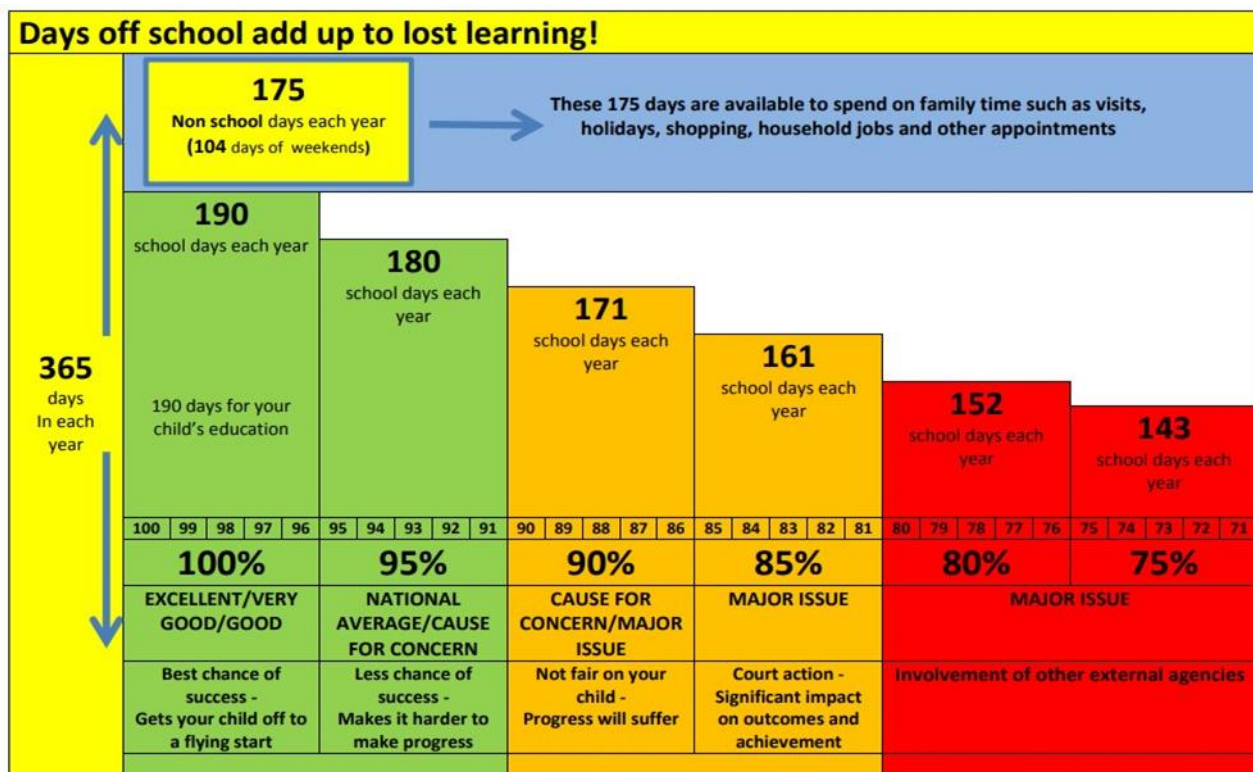


## Attendance

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



## Message from the Chair of Governors

Time certainly does fly, and I cannot believe another academic year has passed. I am going to start off with a huge thank you to all of our volunteers in school. Governors, PTA and parent helpers play a huge part in our school community.

This term the Governors have been in school for committee meetings, link governor visits and other visits for example Forest School and PE.

Visiting school is an important way for governors to learn about what happens in school on a day-to-day basis. Governors have the opportunity to chat with pupils and staff and find out their views. Link governor visits involve governors finding out about a specific subject e.g., Maths, English, Art, Computing to name a few. Governors will meet with subject leads to find out about what is being taught in that subject area and how it will be taught, it is not about assessing teaching, that is for the professionals in the school. Link visit reports are prepared and shared with the Governing Body so that all governors learn from those visits. The majority of the Governing Body are not teachers, and we are always impressed by the way teachers are able to engage with their class and direct all that enthusiasm and energy on the topic of the moment. The Governors would like to wish our Year 6 children all the very best in their new schools. We are extremely proud of all your achievements.

We hope that all everyone has a wonderful summer holiday.

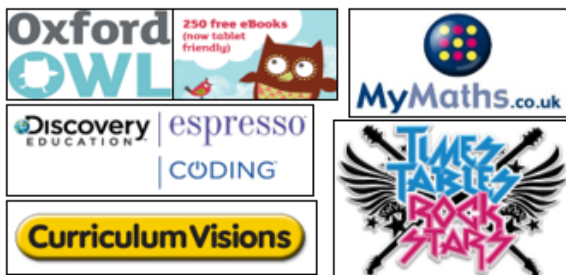
Sarah Baxter.

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### 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 and smoking (including vaping) is not permitted in school.



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## School Terms and Holidays 2023 - 2024

### Autumn Term

August Bank Holiday	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> August 2023
School Opens	Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> August 2023
Mid-Term Break	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2023
School Closes	Friday evening 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2023

### Spring Term

School Opens	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024
Mid-Term Break	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2024
School Closes	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2024

### Summer Term

School Opens	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2024
Mid-Term Break	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> 2024
End of Term	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July 2024

### Teacher Training Days

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2023  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2023  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Plus 2 additional days to be agreed when staff are required to be in school when pupils are not

