Thornaby Church of England Primary School

Newsletter – May 2016

Attendance

Whole school attendance has improved to reach 96% last week. Thank you to all of you who have improved your child's attendance and not taken holidays during term time. Our Attendance Team continue to meet every four weeks to look at every child's attendance. Any child's whose attendance is below 96% will receive an attendance letter. Medical evidence will need to be provided for any further illness in order for the absence to be authorised. Any absence from school for any reason affects your child's attendance even if it is for an unavoidable illness such as chicken pox. If your child's attendance is not improving and you have not provided medical evidence then you may be asked to attend an attendance review with the Attendance Team in order to discuss how we can work together to improve your child's attendance.

Building Work

The building work to create three new classrooms will begin on Wednesday 25th May. The contractor is T Manners. Their compound will take up much of our staff carpark and some of UKS2 playground. Please be aware that the children will be using their outside classroom doors to gain access into and out of the building. LKS2 will line-up near the gazebo. Please DO NOT use the staff carpark under any circumstances as there will be delivery vehicles using the access. Please be extra vigilant when using the entrance on Baysdale Road and if parking on Baysdale Road please ensure that you are neither in the bus layby nor near our school entrance.

Photographs

Advanced notice: On Thursday 23rd June Phototronics, the school photographer, in school to take class group photos.

Events

Over the next half term we will be having several 'event weeks' to acknowledge big global events. The first of these will be the week after half term where we will be celebrating the Queen's 90th birthday. We will be studying specific events that have happened during her lifetime. At 2.30pm on Thursday 9th June we will be hosting afternoon tea for parents/grandparents/carers with the choir providing the entertainment. Limited tickets will be available from the school office at the cost of £1. The children will be having a party for the Queen on Friday 10th June.

Our next event will be to celebrate the start of Euro football championships with inter-team football matches Thursday 16th June.

We will be linking a week of work on The Olympics with our sports days. These are planned for 11th July for KS1; 12th July for KS2; 13th July for Nursery; 14th July for Reception. Please can you ensure that your child has their full PE kit in school every day this half term in order for practices to take place when the weather is suitable.

Phonics Screening

Phonic screening for Y1 and some of Y2 will to be carried out in the week beginning 13th June. Please ensure that your child is in school to sit the relevant statutory tests.

Suncream

Please can we ask that you apply suncream to your child before school on sunny days and ensure that they have a named sunhat in their book or PE bag which they can wear at playtimes. Thank you.

PD Days and Holidays

Children break up for Half Term on Friday 27th May. Our final two staff training days will take place on Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th June 2016. School will be closed to children on these days. The children will return on Wednesday 8th June. The Summer holidays begin on Thursday 21st July. The children will return for the Autumn Term on Monday 5th September. Please could we remind parents that holidays should be taken during these times and **NOT** during the school term.

Mrs Elaine Hughes-Narborough