# Thornaby Church of England Primary School

## Newsletter – November 2016

## Children in Need

Next Friday 18th November is Children In Need Day. The School Council have decided that they would like everyone to come to school wearing spots as it is 'Spotacular' and bring a donation of at least £1 for Children in Need.

## Facebook/Website

Just a reminder that our facebook page is a group. You can request to join this group at https://www.facebook.com/groups/Thornabyce. Please do not post comments on this group. We are very happy to receive private messages but be aware that it is only checked on a daily not hourly basis so if your query is urgent please phone the school office. Please note that all newsletters and information are also available on our website www.thornaby.sbcschools.org.uk

## Attendance

Our Attendance Team have met for the second time and letters have been sent to all parents whose child's attendance is below 96%. We have seen many pupils' attendance improve as now we have been at school for 40 days that each day is now equivalent to 2.5%. Whole school attendance currently stands at 96.67%. Thank you.

## Christmas performances

Dates for your diary:

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| Wednesday 7th Dec | 2pm LKS2 Performance of Christmas around the world |
| Thursday 8th Dec | 2.15pm KS1 Performance of Christmas Counts |
| | 6pm LKS2 Performance of Christmas around the world |
| Friday 9th Dec | 10am Morning Nursery and Reception performance of It's a baby |
| | 2.15pm KS1 Performance of Christmas Counts |
| Monday 12th Dec | 2.15pm Afternoon Nursery and Reception performance of It's a baby |
| Thursday 15th Dec | 10am UKS2 Carol Service at St Mark's church |

All performances will be ticketed

## Playground

Over the last few weeks we have had a couple of disputes between parents/carers that have been carried on into the school playground. We ask you to be mindful that we are a school and request that you moderate your language and behaviour whilst on our premises.

## Family Homework

Thank you for all of you who have completed a wide range of homework activities with your child since we introduced family homework in September. The latest one is due in on Friday 18th for display for parents on Monday 21st from 3.00pm in your child's classroom. There will be one more before Christmas.

## Bus Layby

Arriva bus company have contacted us very concerned that they are unable to pull into the bus layby outside school due to parent/carer's cars. They have asked us to warn you that if this continues they will contact the police who will enforce the traffic restrictions. Can I also remind you that the staff carpark is for staff only NOT for parents, especially Nursery parents who are dropping their child off at lunchtime.

## Open Afternoon

Thank you to those of you who supported our Open Afternoon on Thursday. It was lovely to see so many parents and grandparents working beside the children creating poppies for Remembrance Day or learning about the constellations.

## Holidays

Children break up for the Christmas holiday on Friday 16th December and return to school on Tuesday 3rd January. Please could we remind parents that holidays should be taken during these times and **NOT** during the school term. Only holidays with exceptional circumstances will be authorised. No holidays will be authorised during September or May.

Mrs Elaine Hughes-Narborough
Head teacher