

The Shuttle

Friday 14th July 2023

DIARY DATES

20/07/23
BREAK UP FOR
THE SUMMER
HOLS!

05/09/23
Back to school



ANOTHER SCHOOL YEAR OVER!

As always it's been a busy, happy and successful year! Thank you for all your support and appreciation - having such a supportive and warm parent body makes our lives so much easier.

I would also like to extend a huge thank you to the hard-working, fun-loving, warm-hearted and very lovely Thurlstone staff! I have never known a group of people who work so well together and care so much about the children, each other and you, our families. Without their love and dedication the school would be a very different place.

Our amazing Governing Body also deserve a mention for being such hard working, behind the scenes volunteers. Their work and support is so much appreciated and valued.

We are also so lucky to have your amazing children to spend our days with. They really are fantastic and much loved by us all. That is why, although the summer holidays are always welcomed by school staff, saying goodbye to our AMAZING Y6 children is not!

We are so proud of the amazing young people who are all more than ready for their next steps at the grammar school.

We have watched them grow from the little cuties they were back in Reception class, into the confident, creative, friendly, inquisitive, quirky, hardworking and caring young people we see today.

The children are still buzzing from their fantastic SATs results, and although we are proud of their academic successes, we are far more proud of their personal growth and achievements.

We have really seen them blossom into the loveliest people who are ready to take on their next challenges. So we wish our wonderful Y6 leavers all the very best for the future! We will miss every one of you and know that you will wow the staff at PGS next year!

We are also saying a sad farewell to Mr Skidmore and Miss Peace! Two amazing staff members who have done so much for your children over the years.

Please join me in thanking them and wishing them both all the very best for the future!

Whoop!

Miss Brown will be with us 4 days a week from September, instead of her current 3 days! In addition to her Deputy Head duties, she will be teaching Y2 on Monday and Thursday afternoons!

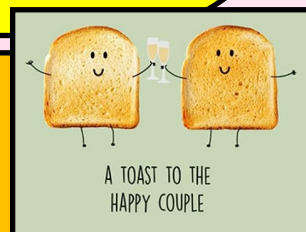
Lucky Y2!

Exciting news!

Today we are saying **GOODBYE** to Miss

Houghton but in September we'll be saying hello to **MRS RODGERS!** Miss Houghton is getting married!

Congratulations to the happy couple!



A MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNING BODY

What a busy year it's been!

We're all feeling the impact of financial challenges and the public sector – schools in particular are no different. Rising to this challenge, Thurlstone Primary continues to offer exceptional teaching and personal development to our young people in extremely creative and imaginative ways. A great example is the fantastic Upcycle Park, that all year groups have contributed to. Behind the scenes developments to the school curriculum are taking place; for example, the sharing of best practice with other primary schools across the region is allowing children at Thurlstone to take advantage of resources from a range of new and different sources. The recent Ofsted visit noted these positive initiatives and their report is due to be shared after the summer holidays. The behaviour of pupils was also something Ofsted also highlighted, with our new behaviour policy and its restorative practice elements proving highly effective in challenging pupils to be the best they possibly can.

From a governor perspective, we now have a full team following the recent recruitment process. We're extremely fortunate to have a strong and proactive governing body which supports and challenges the senior leaders within Thurlstone Primary, and also works externally with other primary schools in the region, the Barnsley Governance Association and the Local Authority. All the governors have 'Link roles' so individual governors can work with school leaders on things such as safeguarding, finance, the curriculum and everything in between. This gives us a great opportunity to see what's going on and support the school's ongoing development.

As the summer holidays arrive we say goodbye to our fabulous year 6 children. They're all looking very grown up and ready for their exciting next chapter at secondary school; we wish them all well for the future.

Finally, I'm sure you'll join us in wishing all the Thurlstone staff a restful summer break and we hope all our Thurlstone families and pupils also have a wonderful, relaxing holiday. We're really looking forward to working with the school community once more for the 2023/24 academic year.

On behalf of the governing body - Nicky and Ben



As you may know, money is not in abundance here at Thurlstone Primary School (or any local school) and making ends meet is becoming increasingly difficult. So finding out that MALLINSON & CO want to support the school has been so welcome! Today Ben and I met to discuss ways in which the company can help us, and we now have plans in place which will allow us to further develop our library and P4Sport sporting events. They will also be helping us with a video tour of the school and other initiatives in the new academic year. We're so excited! Please join us in thanking Ben and his team for their support! You're fab!