

Thornley Primary School

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Newsletter

April 2018

Term Dates for 2018 - 19

Holiday	Date of School Closure	Date School Re-opens for Teaching Purposes
Spring Bank Holiday 2018 (1 Day)	Friday 4 th May 2018	Tuesday 8 th May 2018
Summer Half Term 2018 (1 week)	Friday 25 th May 2018	Monday 4 th June 2018
Summer Holiday 2018	Friday 20 th July 2018	Wednesday 5 th September 2018
October Half Term 2018	Friday 19 th October 2018	Monday 29 th October 2018
Christmas Holiday 2018	Thursday 20 th December 2018	Monday 7 th January 2019
February Half Term	Friday 15 th February 2019	Monday 25 th February 2019
Easter Holiday 2019	Friday 5 th April 2019	Monday 29 th April 2019
May Day Bank Holiday	Friday 3 rd May 2019	Tuesday 7 th May 2019
May Half Term	Friday 24 th May 2019	Monday 3 rd June 2019
Summer Holiday 2019	Friday 19 th July 2019	To be decided

Other Dates

Monday 23rd April (pm)
Tuesday 15th May
Monday 21st May
Friday 25th May
Tuesday 5th June
Wednesday 6th June
Wednesday 4th July

Y5 to St George's Day event at Village Centre
Adam Bushnell (author) in all day
M&M Productions – The Wizard of Oz (am)
Race for Life (pm)
SPLATS Circus skills day (Y3 and Y4)
Y6 trip to London (Swan Lake)
Peterlee Partnership Childrens' Festival

National Testing Dates

1st May – KS1 tests all through the month

14th – 17th May KS2 tests Monday – Thursday

11th June – Phonics Screening week

After-School Clubs – New additions

From Monday 16th April, the following clubs will operate until May half-term

Monday :

Tea Time Club (KS1 and 2)
KS2 Gymnastics (Y3/4/5/6) – 5 sessions

Tuesday :

KS1 Sport
'Stop Motion' Club (Y3/4/5) – 5 sessions
Y6 Booster sessions

Wednesday:

Film Club (KS1 and 2)
KS2 Football

Thursday:

Technology (KS1 and 2)
Gymnastics (Y1/2/3)
Netball (Y4/5/6)

Reply Slip attached for new club

Please note the new gymnastics club on Thursday after school. This will run until the end of Summer Term.

The 'Stop-Motion' club will be run by our Durham University Trainee Miss Merrion-Jones and will be limited to 10 pupils.

All clubs cost £1 per session. All finish at 4.20 with the exception of Film Club which ends at 4.45.

Eco Team News

The school's Eco Team will be going for the Green Flag Award this term. As part of their recycling activities, they are collecting used pens which can be exchanged for cash. Please send in any old pens (biros or felt tips) to add to our pen-recycling bin.

Free School Meal Entitlement

The DFE has changed the criteria for this. I have copied the section of a document received for your information.

FREE SCHOOL MEAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Universal Credit **with an earnings threshold that does not exceed £7,400** as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods
- Income Support
- Income - based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, provided you **are not** entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income, as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs, that does not exceed £16,190
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Where a parent is entitled to Working Tax Credit run-on (the payment someone receives for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit).
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.

Universal Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

All infant pupils (Reception to Year 2) are entitled to a free meal regardless of the above FSM eligibility. I am attaching a letter for you to read which contains a form to complete. It is really important that we know which of our pupils are actually entitled to a free meal even if you as parents choose the packed-lunch option.

This is because all pupils who are eligible for free meals attract additional funding known as 'Pupil Premium' and this is currently £1,300 per child. The school needs all the funding it can get as costs rise and budgets are cut. We can only receive the funding if pupils are known to be eligible.

Please take the time to complete the form attached so we do not miss out. For example, if just 5 pupils who are eligible are not known to us that would mean a 'loss' of £6,500.

Race for Life Friday 25th May

Last year we raised over £1500 for this worthwhile cause. We hope to match or even beat that total this year.

Pupils will soon be bringing Sponsor Forms home. Please make sure that they only approach people they know when looking for sponsors.

Our school's 'Just Giving' page is now open. Please make a donation and leave a message if you are able.

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/thornley-primary-school-1>

The link to this is also on the Thornley Primary School Facebook page.



After-School Gymnastics Club Y1, Y2, Y3 (Thursday; from 26th April 2018)

Name of Child

I give permission for my child to attend the Gymnastics after-school club.

My child will be collected/ My child will walk home
(please delete as appropriate)

Signed.....



After-School Stop-Motion Club (Y3/4/5) (Tuesday; from 1st May 2018)

Name of Child

I give permission for my child to attend the Stop-Motion after-school club.

My child will be collected / My child will walk home
(please delete as appropriate)

Signed:

- Attendance at this club will be on a 'first-come-first-served' basis