

Thorpe Life Excellence for all



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On Friday 18 December 2020 we will be raising money for 'Save the Children' with our very own Christmas Jumper Day.

All students and staff will need to donate £1 and wear their Christmas jumpers, tinsel, hair decorations, outfits - anything Christmassy with pride. There are an array of prizes for each school for Best Dressed and Most Christmassy!

The day will culminate with a Christmas Gift Video Show, including music and drama from the Trust schools. This will also be available for the whole community on our YouTube channel. School will finish at 1.15 pm. Buses have been arranged.



P. Bignell

Christmas is coming to TSAS

As a school we are keen to ensure a range of activities continue to help the students look forward to Christmas and embrace the Christmas spirit.

This week has seen every school get festive with kindly donated sparkly Christmas trees in every school decorated by student leaders.

In form time next week students will be decorating Christmas stars and baubles with positivity messages for classrooms across the school.

Students and staff will be taking part in the Santa Dash week beginning 13 December 2020. All forms will be collecting food donations in the Christmas boxes to support Norwich Food Bank.



Tier 2

As we move out of Lockdown 2 and into Tier 2 we need to continue to urge students to be outdoors in groups of up to six people.

This applies as they are walking to and from school and at all other times students should not be congregating in large groups around shops or parks in the local area. Staff and COVID Marshalls are patrolling around the school at the end of the day to remind students of their community responsibility. Please support the whole community by ensuring your children do not flaunt these rules at any time and demonstrate to our community what fantastic responsible young people there are in Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Form.

Mrs Bignell

Homework - Reflection Journals

The Reflection Journal is an important part of our approach to homework. We ask that students spend up to 30 minutes a day to complete their Reflection Journal. This will help students reflect and review what they have learned. This helps students to think about their learning again, which will help them remember the Key Knowledge they have been taught for longer. Building up long term memory is essential to achieving excellent outcomes. Now that we have adjusted our school day and students are getting regular breaks outside, it is important that students complete their Reflection Journal at home.

Mr Lambert

GCSE 9 - 1 Mathematics Revision Guides and Workbooks

GCSE Mathematics revision guides and workbooks, are an important part of consolidating and revising key learning and knowledge - these also link directly with the GCSE Mathematics e-Personalised Learning Checklist (e-PLC). These books will shortly be available to purchase via ParentPay for Year 10 and 11 students at a school's discount price of £2.65 each. This offer is only available for orders placed before Wednesday 16 December 2020.

Mr Meston

Bus Passes

In the current circumstances Bus Drivers are **not** allowed to permit students on the Bus without their Bus Pass. If students lose their passes, please order a replacement immediately and make sure they go to their BEST team and request a temporary pass which lasts two weeks.

Mrs Bignell



Thought of the Week

Push yourself, because no one else is going to do it for you.

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At Thorpe We ARE

Our fantastic students have worked hard to show their **respect** this year and so far about **25000 ARE+ Points** have been awarded for **respect**. Thank you to all our students for this brilliant effort!

This week, our focus was on **Respect**. We reflected on the thought of David Mitchell who wrote "Your environment affects you wherever you are." From this, we explored why it is important to show **respect** to the environments that we live in, from the immediate environments at school and home to the wider environment of our area and the world. We ask students to tidy up after themselves, use the bins (there are many!) and leave spaces as they would like to find them. If we all did this, our environment would be amazing and we would all benefit from the **respect** we have all shown.



Mr Lambert

Bebras Computing Challenge 2020

Students in Year 9, Year 10 and Year 12 took part in the UK Bebras Computational Thinking Challenge. It is a nationwide problem-solving contest with questions inspired by topics in computer science. In the first round, students have to try to solve as many problems as possible in the allotted time. For the second round students who are in the top 10% in the country are invited to another competition run by Oxford University, which takes place in the Spring. The highest scores in the school were:

- Best in Year 9 - Howie Colvey
- Best in Year 10 - Theo Lovelace
- Best in Year 12 - Daniel Clark

Students overall performed really well this year, with the totals for students being as follows:

- Gold Certificates (for being in the top 10% in the country) - 38
- Distinction Certificates - 85
- Merit Certificates - 87

Well done to all who took part.

Mr Higgins



Safeguarding

Please take the time to watch this three minute video on Child Criminal Exploitation. The campaign 'Are You Listening' has been created by Leicestershire Police and is being promoted by Norfolk County Council Education Safeguarding Team. This video has also been shared with all staff at school. It reminds us to be alert to behaviour that may mean a child is involved in CCE.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UbY7zCjCi3w&feature=youtu.be>

Mrs Veeren

Celebrate Christmas
WEDNESDAY 16TH DECEMBER
CHRISTMAS DINNER

ROAST TURKEY OR QUORN FILLET

SERVED WITH

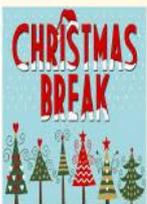
- PIGS IN BLANKETS / VEGGIE SAUSAGE
- ROASTED POTATOES
- BRUSSELS SPROUTS
- BUTTERED CARROTS
- STEAMED GREEN PEAS
- SAGE & ONION STUFFING BALLS
- GRAVY & CRANBERRY SAUCE

FESTIVE JEWELLED CHOCOLATE BROWNIE

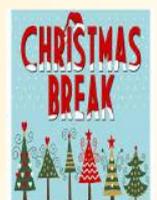
The dinner costs £2.30 which includes the main and dessert

Upcoming Events

Year 12 and 13 Parent Consultation Event - Tuesday 8 December 2020



School Finishes for the Christmas Holidays at 1.15 pm on Friday 18 December 2020



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Christmas Food Bank Collection

On Wednesday 16 December 2020 in Form Time the students will be decorating boxes to send to the foodbank. We would appreciate it if you could send with your child on that day a donation to the foodbank. Items that the foodbank will accept are:

Cereal
Soup
Pasta
Rice
Tinned tomatoes/ pasta sauce
Lentils, beans and pulses
Tinned meat
Tinned vegetables
Tea/coffee
Tinned fruit
Biscuits
UHT milk
Fruit juice



Toiletries – deodorant, toilet paper, shower gel, shaving gel, shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, tooth paste, hand wipes
Household items – laundry liquid detergent, laundry powder, washing up liquid
Feminine products – sanitary towels and tampons
Baby supplies – nappies, baby wipes and baby food
Face masks and hand sanitiser

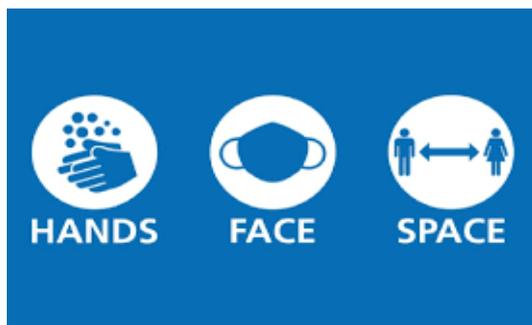
Mrs Veeren

Warm Clothing



Please can parents be reminded to make sure their child is suitably dressed for the colder weather, with a black winter coat, hat, gloves and scarves.

Mrs Veeren



Norfolk
County Council

Finding this winter even harder because of Coronavirus?

We are here to help.

Norfolk County Council's Covid Winter Support scheme can help with:

- Day to day living costs including food & energy bills
- Daily essentials such as toiletries & nappies
- Food vouchers for school holidays

Find out more online or call us now

www.norfolk.gov.uk/covidwintersupport
0344 800 8020

Or visit your local library for help with applying

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Contact
us today