



Thorpe Church of England Primary School

Faith, Love and Excellence

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Dear Parents, Carers, Governors and Staff

Week 1

We've had a really positive start to the week with amazing attendance. On Monday we only had 4 children off due to illness. We pray that they return to good health as soon as possible.

Kenny Mathai

We ask that you all keep the Mathai family of Ruby Class in your prayers and especially Kenny who is still in a coma following a brain aneurism. We pray for strength for Naomi and Marielle and Marielle's younger sister as they cope with the challenges ahead of them. We pray for wisdom for the people caring for Kenny. We pray for healing for Kenny.

Opal Play

As a whole school we have introduced many exciting new activities for the children at playtime. To get the most out of this opportunity, each child should have a pair of NAMED wellington boots and a NAMED waterproof coat with a hood. Please note that your children may get muddy and, as we are teaching them to manage risks, they may have the odd bump and scrape; Opal Play call this 'hurt and dirt' – we have a comprehensive risk assessment and will be teaching children how to keep themselves safe. This week we learnt all about safe climbing. We still need old waterproof coats and wellington boots of all sizes please.

One- Way System at Pick –Up Time

Thank you for your feedback. **KS1** parents should enter and leave by the gate along the footpath by Mr Lubbock and Year 1. **KS2** parents should enter by the vehicle gate and walk through to the playground to collect their child/ren and then turn right between the two buildings, through the green gate outside Year 6 classroom and then exit school grounds via the footpath gate in the Bence. If you have children in KS1 and KS2 please collect your younger child first and walk back around the outside of the school. Thank you for your patience whilst we try to keep everyone safe.

Parking

We would ask parents to please park considerately in the roads around the school. Please do not park on the corners of roads, double yellow lines or block pavements and/or driveways. The Red Lion car park is for patrons only. Please do not use their car park unless you are a customer.

Earlybirds and Owls

Owls will run until 5.30pm only for the time being due to demand. If you are new to our school, you can create an account and book in advance [HERE](#). Children are not allowed to attend these wraparound clubs without payment in advance.

Covid-19

Although we are all praying that this pandemic is coming to an end we are aware that infection rates are still high and people are still dying. Therefore, we have been advised to continue with the strong message regarding signs and symptoms, isolation advice and testing. Please ensure prompt isolation if your child is unwell and get a PCR test as soon as possible. If your child is unwell, please do not send them to school.

Kindest regards

Mrs Helen Southgate

Headteacher

School Meals

Meals will cost **£2.45** each day from September for Key Stage 2 children – Years 3-6, totalling **£85.75** for this half-term. For KS2 meals are payable in advance, online via [Parentpay](#). Key Satge 1 children still have free school meals paid for by the government.

Veterans Cruise

VETERANS CRUISE | The Association of Dunkirk Little Ships

The Association of Dunkirk Little Ships is an association of vessels that took part in the dramatic rescue of British, French and other allied soldiers in May/June 1940.

www.adls.org.uk



Welcome to FOTSA!

FOTSA (Friends of Thorpe School Association) serves to advance the education of pupils at Thorpe CofE by raising funds that are used for the 'extras' not covered by the school budget. These additions make ALL our children's learning experiences so much more fulfilling and exciting. FOTSA raises funds each year by holding events and activities such as Discos, Film Nights, Christmas/Summer Fayre, and much more. FOTSA also exists to provide closer links between home and school, and it is an excellent way to bring staff, parents and friends together socially in support of the school working towards a common goal. All parents and members of the school community can get involved if they want to, even if they only have a small amount of time available. For more information we invite you to visit:

www.FOTSA.co.uk

Looking Ahead:

FOTSA Annual General Meeting (AGM) - Monday, 4 October at 8pm

An opportunity to elect this year's committee members, discuss fundraising goals and meet other parents. Parents are welcome to attend in the school hall from 7.45pm or you can click on the link below and join from the comfort of your own armchairs :

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78664074139?pwd=bXJHSEJoR1pjeWh5T1JjbzF6SGc1Zz09>

Meeting ID: 786 6407 4139

Passcode: 3FeQ7B

Mini Festive Christmas Fair - Friday, 10 December; time TBC

Summer Fair June 25th 2022 - Food, games and all around fun for families and our community.

Keep your eyes peeled for more events 🗨️🗨️

St Mary's Church – Thorpe

The Emmaus Course, which started on 7th September at 7:30pm explores Christian themes with some gentle bible study, accessible hand-outs and lots of opportunity for discussion. I hope it will appeal to some of you who want to know more about Church without feeling engulfed by it. Spaces are still available. Contact stmaryschurchthorpe@outlook.com

The Archbishop of Canterbury is visiting Runnymede on **Saturday 25th September**, 8-9pm to St John's Easter Centre, Manor Farm Lane, Egham Town Centre, for what is entitled, "Big Why - Questions!"

People can register to attend at: www.BigQuestions-Runnymede.eventbrite.co.uk

Dates for your Diary 2021	
September 2021	
Mon 13 th and Tues 14 th	Reception Class morning sessions – 8.50 to 1.15pm (staying for lunch)
Weds 15 th	Reception Class all full time – 8.50am to 3pm
October 2021	
Monday 4 th	FOTSA AGM – 8pm - see ZOOM link above or attend in the school hall from 7.45pm
Tuesday 5 th	INFANTS Harvest Festival <u>Rehearsal</u> – please drop Years R, 1 & 2 at St Mary's Church Thorpe at 8.50am. Earlybirds will be walked to church by staff.
Weds 6 th	Amber Class (Yr5) Trip to Kensington Palace – see separate letter/email 2pm - Maths Workshop for Yrs R, 1 & 2 via ZOOM
Friday 8 th	Harvest Service at St Mary's Church, Thorpe – INFANTS only- parents welcome – please drop Years R, 1 & 2 at St Mary's Church Thorpe at 8.50am. Earlybirds will be walked to church by staff.
Tuesday 12 th	Flu Immunisations – ALL year groups – Please complete the e-consent form for your child's flu vaccination at: www.surreyimmunisations.co.uk (your school's unique code/URN number is SR125174 which you will need to enter on to the flu consent form)
Tuesday 19 th	3.15-6pm – Parents Evening via ZOOM
Thursday 21 st	4.30-7pm – Parents Evening via ZOOM Break up for half-term @ 3pm
Friday 22 nd	INSET Day – School Closed
w/c Monday 25 th	Half-Term
November 2021	
Monday 1 st	School re-opens