



Thorpe Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents, Carers, Governors and Staff

Drop offs Please note that to alleviate pressure on local roads in the mornings, we will revert to a drop off WINDOW... please drop your children off at school **between** 8.45 and 9.00. This worked well for the summer term. Please park well away from the school and walk to the school gates. Earlybirds is available for those parents who need to work.

Parking Please park away from the school and walk. We appreciate parking is limited but there are areas available; Frank Muir Memorial Field Car Park or Mill Lane.

School Meals We are very lucky to have our own kitchen and our cooks are very keen to make this a big success. If you have any feedback regarding school meals, please do let us know.

Harvest Festival – Year 1 & Year 2 Infants Only (not Sapphire Class)– On Friday 8th October we are holding our Harvest Festival Service at St Mary’s Church in Thorpe Village. We have very close links with the church and Father Damian visits school on a weekly basis for assemblies and worship (currently via ZOOM). There is limited space inside the church, due to Covid regulations and, therefore, we are asking **ONE** parent to attend per family. Please feel free to bring an item of food to donate to the Runnymede Food Bank and White Lodge; tinned meat, fish or beans (no tinned tomatoes please) pasta, rice, cereal.

For Year 1 & Year 2, our rehearsal is on Tuesday 5th October and we ask that you drop the children off at the church by 8.50am, where the teachers will meet them. Earlybirds will be walked to church by staff and all children will be walked back to school after the rehearsal, in time for playtime.

Harvest sharing time with Sapphire Class – On Tuesday 12th October, we are inviting ONE parent per family for our Reception Class to attend a sharing time with the children. Please come and share this special Harvest time with your children. Please feel free to bring an item of food to donate to Runnymede Food Bank and White Lodge; tinned meat, fish or beans (no tinned tomatoes please) pasta, rice, cereal.

Studybugs We ask parents to use an online registration system if their child is going to be absent from school. Please go to [Studybugs](#) to report your child’s absence. If we haven’t had a report by 9.30am it is our legal safeguarding obligation to contact you to confirm that everything is ok.

Opal Play This week we focused on how to use the bikes, cars and scooters safely as well as how important it is to tidy up the Mud Kitchen. Our playtimes have been transformed and we hope your children come home and tell you all about it. We continue to get donations which are very much appreciated. If you have any helmets at home that are in good working order but not used, we would welcome them.

Parents Evenings are coming up in October and will be via ZOOM. Bookings will be via [Magicbooking](#). You will need to create an account for your child/children and appointments will be ten minutes per child. This is the same booking system we use for our Earlybirds and Owls Club bookings so it is important that you create an account in advance, which takes about 20 minutes. We will let you know when parents evening bookings are available online.

Earrings Surrey County Council have a very strict policy on children wearing earrings : they are very clear that it is a Health and Safety issue so, please remove your child’s earrings before they come to school on PE days or they will have to sit out.

P.E.& Games

It is Surrey County Council policy that **no jewellery is to be worn** and that earrings **MUST** be removed before PE lessons, preferably at home, unless the child is able to do this him/herself. Staff are not allowed to remove the earrings for the child.

Lost Property Our Lost Property collection is *already* full of clothes which are not named. These cannot be returned to the children ☹ Can we please ask again that every item is named/labelled so we can reunite it with it's owner

Covid-19

We 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 for the whole family as soon as possible. If your child is unwell, please do not send them to school - <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test>

Wishing you all a very lovely weekend.

Kindest regards

Mrs Helen Southgate

Headteacher

Dates for your Diary 2021	
September 2021	
<p>Thurs 23rd 6-9pm - Magna Carta Open Evening for current Year 5 and 6 students And 5pm - ZOOM Meeting for Year 4 parents and carers about Hindleap Warren residential in October 2022 (Zoom link will be emailed to Year 4 separately next week)</p>	
October 2021	
Monday 4 th	FOTSA AGM – 8pm - see ZOOM link below or attend in the school hall from 7.45pm Join Zoom Meeting : https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78664074139?pwd=bXJHSEJoR1pjeWh5T1JjbzF6SGc1Zz09 Meeting ID: 786 6407 4139 Passcode: 3FeQ7B
Tuesday 5 th	Year 1 & Year 2 Harvest Festival <u>Rehearsal</u> – please drop 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
Thursday 7th	OPAL Play Celebration Day ~ SPECIAL School Lunch – a chance for packed lunch children to try school dinners ~ details and menu to follow
Friday 8 th	Year 1 & Year 2 Harvest Service at St Mary's Church, Thorpe ONE parent per child welcome – please drop Year 1 & 2 at St Mary's Church Thorpe at 8.50am. Earlybirds will be walked to church by staff.
Tuesday 12 th	Sapphire Harvest Sharing time in the school hall at 9am – Only one parent per child please. 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 (Booking via Magicbooking soon)
Thursday 21 st	4.30-7pm – Parents Evening via ZOOM (Booking via Magicbooking soon) Break up for half-term @ 3pm
Friday 22nd	INSET Day – School Closed
w/c Monday 25 th	Half-Term
November 2021	
Monday 1 st	School re-opens