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Thornbury Primary
Leadership Academy

Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers and Families

September 2021

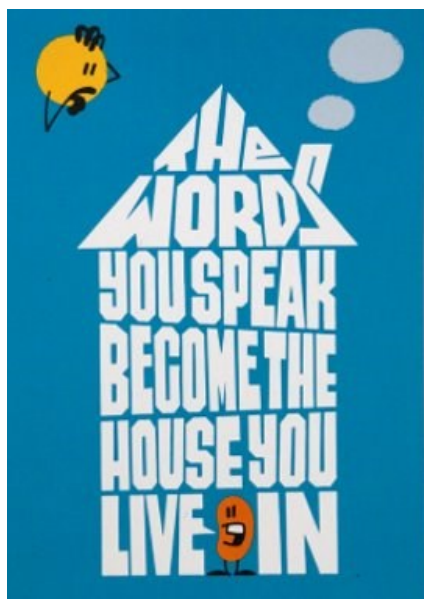
WELCOME BACK!!

It is wonderful to see all our children back in school, in their new uniforms. I have to say, children look very smart and ready for learning. Thankyou for ensuring that children are wearing the correct uniforms—it really does make a difference.

As we have returned to school in September, we have returned to some kind of 'normal' which is welcomed by staff and children alike. We have started to have our assemblies in the school hall and we are also eating our lunches in the school hall too. We no longer have to remain as a bubble so children can play with other children at lunchtimes. This makes a huge difference as it brings our community together.

Manners

This term, we have a huge focus on good manners. Children have responded well and are practicing asking for things by saying, 'please can I have...' and then saying Thankyou. In a short space of time we can already see an improvement. We are also ensuring that children respond if an adult says 'good morning' or 'good afternoon'.



It would be fantastic if you could reinforce this with your child—I am sure we can be the politest school in Bradford in a short time.

Leadership Thought of the Week

Each week we will be introducing a leadership thought of the week, this is linked to our Rising Stars Programme. Ask your child what the thought of the week is as we will also be delivering an assembly each week on this. Thoughts of the week will be posted on Twitter and also sent out to parents via DOJO. Some of these thoughts really do make us think about our behaviours and beliefs.

Word of the Week **KINDNESS**

Alongside these leadership thoughts, we will also be having a word of the week. This week's word is 'kindness.'

Please speak to your child about weekly thoughts and words to develop their understanding further.

After School Clubs

We are in the process of organising our after school clubs and hope to have these up and running next week—watch out for letters.

This year, as always, we have lots of events in school and we are aiming to make this the best year ever to drive our star values of Service, Teamwork, Ambition and Respect. One of these is our highly successful food bank. We are ALWAYS in need of food—so if you can spare anything at all, it will be gratefully received.

My door is always open to discuss ideas and any concerns, please don't hesitate in contacting me via the school office or just speaking to me on the playground.

I really do look forward to working together to make this the most successful year ever!

Staff Notices

For the start of the new year we welcome two members of staff.

Ms Waddington who will be our Learning Support Assistant in Year 3/4 and Mrs Ryley who will be our Inclusion and Wellbeing Officer.

Mrs Ryley will be contacting parents offering support regarding attendance.

You may have also noticed that we have a new Receptionist in the office, Ms Akhtar who will be working alongside Mrs Render.



They did it!

We would like to offer our best wishes to Mr & Mrs Raistrick who tied the knot during the holidays!

Miss Mahmood in Year 1, will now be known as Mrs Raistrick.



This year we will be focusing on building strong links with our surrounding community, by our pupils visiting different social settings to take part in activities and build on their social skills.

At the moment Covid restrictions are still stopping us moving forward with these visits, however, we are hoping in due course this will be something we will be able to look forward to.

If you know of any establishment which will be able to support us in the visits please email to office@thornbury.staracademies.org, or speak to Mrs Dunwell 01274 665812.

SCHOOL CLOSURE

Training Day Monday 4th October

Half Term—Monday 25th October—Friday 29th October



Dates for Your Diary

Month	Day	Date	Event	What we are doing.
Sept	Monday	6th	National Read A Book Day	Read a book with your child and see how much fun it can be!
Sept	Monday	13th	Roald Dahl Day	Children will be dressing up as a character in the Roald Dahl book they are reading. Please see below
Sept	Thursday	16th	National Teaching Assistant Day	Thanking to the Teaching Assistant in your class for their hard work and support.
Sept	Friday	17th	Jeans for Genes Day	Your child is welcome to wear Jeans for the day, but they must wear their normal polo shirt and sweatshirt. You will be able to donate to this charity either by paying 50p-£1 to wear jeans for the day or by donating via ParentPay.
Sept	Friday	24th	McMillan Coffee Morning	Unfortunately, we are still not allowed a group coffee morning for parents, however, children and staff will be baking and selling buns and cakes. We will be having a parent/pupil cake competition, for you to bake at home. Cakes will be raffled to raise funds for the McMillan charity. Raffle tickets will be sold on the gate and in the School office.
Oct	Thursday	7th	National Poetry Day—Space	Children will be reading and writing poems relating to Science.
Oct	Sunday	10th	World Mental Health Day	



Eventually we will be resuming our educational school trips.

We will starting with a local trip for Year 6 to Bradford FC for the children to be part of a Stay Safe workshop.

You will be informed of the details of any trips your child is taking part in and if any payments are required this can be paid for on ParentPay.

Extra Curricular Activities

During school this half term we will be running extra curricular activities for different groups of children, which will be held during the school day.

Year 3—will have the opportunity to learn to play the Ukele, when Mr Lacey visits us every Wednesday.

Years 3/4—will be completing their Pedestrian training which will be delivered by Bradford Council. The children will be having a lesson in school then going outside to practice what they have learnt.

Years 3/4—will be having Cyber training delivered by the Police.

Year 5/6—Are also having some Online Awareness training delivered by the Police.

We will be resuming school sporting activities after school as soon as possible.

The School Day



Reception—Year 6

Monday to Thursday 8.20am—3.25pm

Friday 8.20am—12.15pm

Registration will take place from 8.30am.

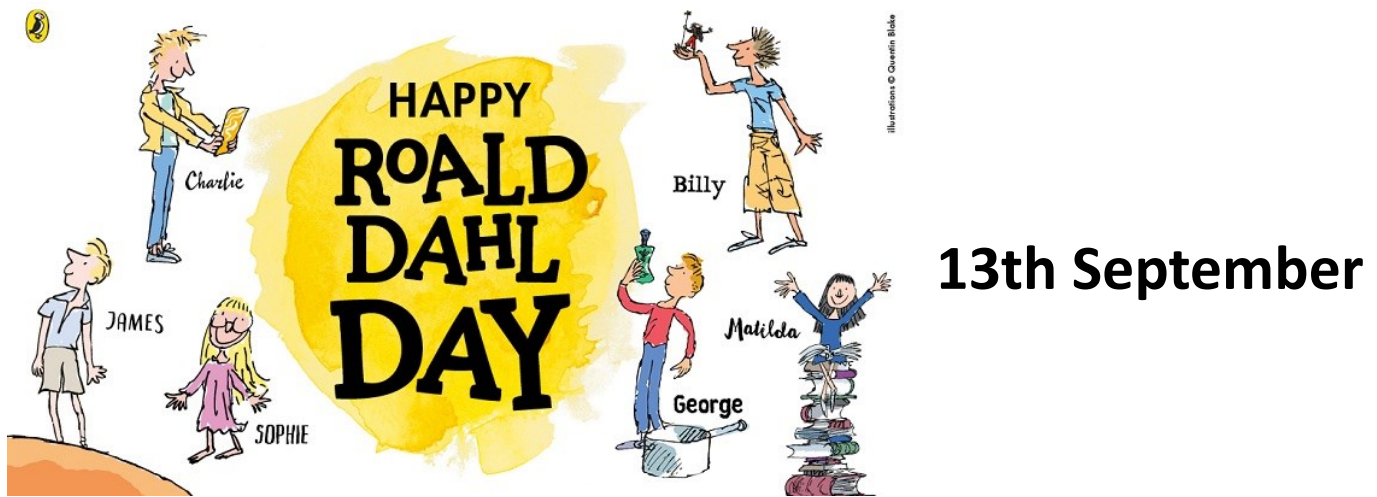
Breakfast Club will continue from 7.45am to 8.20am

Coming to school every day is very Important for your child.

Research has shown that children with poor attendance: Find it harder to make and keep friends, and are less likely to gain good qualifications.

Last year children lost a lot of time in school, therefore, it is extremely important they are in school everyday and arrive on time.

If you are having difficulty ensuring your child attends school please contact Mrs Ryley who maybe able to offer you support.



Children will be learning all about Roald Dahl and dressing up as a character in their reading book- see below. It would be fabulous if we can get the whole school dressed as a Roald Dahl character.

Year group	Book focus and class activities	Some ideas for dressing up
Year 1	The enormous crocodile Finding out which part of the world the crocodile comes from.	Dress up as a crocodile or as one of the children from the story.
Year 2	George's Marvellous Medicine Character description Instructions	Dress up as George or Grandma
Year 3 / 4	The BFG Character Descriptions Writing own story in magical setting	Dress up as a giant or Sophie
Year 5	Fantastic Mr Fox Writing a dilemma story	Dress up as the farmers and of the Fox family.
Year 6	James and the Giant peach Story summaries Reviews Reports	Children can dress up as the characters from the story based on the masks they have already made in school.



Upcoming Events



13th—19th September—Genes for Jeans Fundraising

We will be wearing Jeans for the day on Friday 19th September—children to wear the rest of their uniform ie polo shirt and sweatshirt.

Staff will be outside with collection buckets, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday—please given generously

**THE MORE YOU
RAISE WEARING
THESE**



THANK YOU!

**THE MORE
LIVES WE CAN
TRANSFORM**



Download this page as a poster at jeansforgenes.org



BAKE OFF Competition



We are holding a BAKING competition for Parents and pupils
(Monday 27th September).

*Winning cakes will be raffled to raise money for Macmillan Cancer
Support*



- Raffle tickets will be on sale week commencing 20th September.
- We will also be out with a collection bucket on Thursday and Friday.

1st Raffle prize will
be for all the
family, 2nd and 3rd
prizes will be cake,
cake, cake!!

Bake sale for pupils
in school on Friday
24th September



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THORNBURY BAKE OFF

Competition for parents and pupils

If you would like to join in the competition for the most scrumptious amazing cake, please complete an Entry Form and return to your class teacher before
Wednesday 22nd September 2021.



Entry forms are available from the classroom teacher or school office.

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SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

2021 - 2022

(All dates are inclusive)

AUTUMN TERM 2021

Staff Inset Day - 1	Wednesday 1 st September 2021
Re-open (for students) on	Thursday 2 nd September 2021
Staff Inset Day - 2	Monday 4 th October 2021
Mid Term Closure	Monday 25 th October - Friday 29 th October 2021
Closure after school on	Friday 17 th December 2021
Christmas Holiday	Monday 20 th December – Monday 3 rd January 2022
Number of openings	71

SPRING TERM 2022

Staff Inset Day - 3	Tuesday 4 th January 2022
Re-open (for students) on	Wednesday 5 th January 2022
Mid Term Closure	Monday 21 st February - Friday 25 th February 2022
Closure after school on	Friday 8 th April 2022
Easter Holiday	Monday 11 th April – Friday 22 nd April 2022
Number of openings	63

SUMMER TERM 2022

Re-open on	Monday 25 th April 2022
May Day Closure	Monday 2 nd May 2022
'Eid ul Fitr 1443 * holiday	Tuesday 3 rd May and Wednesday 4 th May 2022 *
Mid Term Closure	Monday 30 th May - Friday 3 rd June 2022
'Eid ul Adha 1443 * holiday	Monday 11 th July and Tuesday 12 th July 2022 *
Closure after school on	Friday 22 nd July 2022
Number of openings	55
TOTAL NUMBER OF OPENINGS	189

Staff Insets - three full days and four twilight sessions

* Please note – 'Eid holidays may be revised slightly depending upon sighting of the new moon