



# Thorpe Hesley Primary School Newsletter

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Next week the menu is week three.  
The menu is on our web site.



## Farewell Mrs Woodcock

Today we have had said goodbye to the fabulous Mrs Woodcock who is retiring after 28 years of working at the school. During this time she has been a huge part of our school and will be sorely missed. Attached to the end of this newsletter is Mrs Woodcock's first hand account of her time at Thorpe Hesley Infant/Primary School as I'm sure many of our families will be interested in this. I'm sure you will all join me in wishing Mrs Woodcock a long and happy retirement.

This week you should have received on your personal email...



Infant dinner choice
KS1 School trip – The Deep
Yr 5 School Trip – Thackray Medical Museum
Yr2 & Yr6 SATS toast weeks

Thorpe Hesley Primary School Library is open every Tuesday and Thursday straight after school. It is located in the infant building, accessed from the main playground. There are books suitable for EVERYONE, no membership needed!



## Good News!

We are really excited to share some good news. Anston Greenlands, one of our NCLT primary schools, were visited by OFSTED in February and were successful in retaining their 'Good' rating. We'd like to share our congratulations with all of our colleagues at Greenlands. Well done! You can see their report here:

<https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50214925>

Stars of the week		Class 10	Stanley D
w/c 24th April 2023		Class 11	Amelia S
		Class 12	Aaleyah S
Class 2	Runa W	Class 13	Neo F
Class 3	Thomas C	Class 14	Nathan W
Class 4	Amelia P	Class 15	Oscar S
Class 5	Mia S	Class 16	Logan B
Class 6	Kaytileeyah D	Class 17	Tilly M
Class 7	Reuben S	Class 18	Molly D
Class 8	Benji H	Class 19	Lucas R
Class 9	Freddie F	Class 20	Thomas W

## Community Fundraising Litter-Pick

On Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May, this year's 'Love Where You Live' litter-pick is teaming up with Jude and Lily Hawkrige to help raise money for Care Leukaemia. They are asking for people to join them litter picking around the village to help keep our village clean and tidy whilst also raising money for this valuable cause.

There is a cost of £2 per person for the use of the litter-pickers. There is also an opportunity, for those who would like to, to get sponsorship for your efforts. For those who aren't able to offer their time on the day, this means you can still be included by sponsoring one of our pickers via [gofund.me/a2b31b4f](https://gofund.me/a2b31b4f)  
Meeting point: Wesley Steps grassed area opposite the framing shop on Thorpe Street. 9:45 meet up, for 10am start.

If you are planning to take part, please email [lisaliptrott@icloud.com](mailto:lisaliptrott@icloud.com) so she knows how many litter pickers to expect.

Percentage of children in class who have read at least three times a week and recorded in Reading Record books

Class 2	87.5%	Class 11	100%
Class 3	75%	Class 12	84%
Class 4	75%	Class 13	93%
Class 5	71%	Class 14	82.1%
Class 6	80%	Class 15	92.5%
Class 7	80%	Class 16	100%
Class 8	85%	Class 17	92%
Class 9	84%	Class 18	91%
Class 10	85.7%	Class 19	95.6%
		Class 20	87.5%



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Well done to the following children who have been the most accurate rockers this week:

1. Minnie B, Y4
2. Evelyn S, Y2
3. Nathan W, Y4
4. Violet S, Y4
5. Eleanor G, Y4

It's great to see lots of Y4s practising their times tables ready for their MTC which is coming up.

## We're looking for new school advisors/governors

We're looking for a member of our local community with a passion for our school and a commitment to supporting our success to join our friendly, dedicated School Advisory Group (formerly School Governing Body). This is your chance to give something back to the community by supporting and challenging the school's leadership team to drive school improvement and ensure that Thorpe Hesley Primary School is the best that it can be. We are looking for someone who would be able to commit to attending a half termly meeting (roughly every 7 weeks), usually on a Monday evening, and being able to visit school and chat to staff at least once a term.

Interested in knowing more? Take a look at the Advisory Group page on our school website (link below), speak to one of our existing members or drop me an email or pop in to school for a chat.

[https://www.thorpehesleyprimary.rotherham.sch.uk/about\\_our\\_school/advisory\\_group/who\\_are\\_our\\_school\\_advisory\\_group.html](https://www.thorpehesleyprimary.rotherham.sch.uk/about_our_school/advisory_group/who_are_our_school_advisory_group.html)

Please click on the link below to access the job advert and application form.  
<https://nclt.ac.uk/vacancies/?vacancyid=343>

Mrs Sarah Hewitt, Head Teacher

Dates going forward	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Bank Holiday (school closed)
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	King's Coronation Celebrations in school – children to wear red, white and blue and bring a picnic blanket if you have one (labelled with your child's name). Children are also encouraged to make a crown at home to wear for our celebrations.
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday for the King's Coronation
WC 8 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATS week
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	3:30pm Open Evening for parents/carers of any prospective students
WC 15 <sup>th</sup> May	KS1 SATS week
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	3:30pm Open Evening for parents/carers of any prospective students
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5 trip to Thackray Museum
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Class 6 trip to The Deep
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Year 6 Transition Worries Workshops
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Last day of half term

## My Life at Thorpe Hesley Infant/Primary School by Mrs Woodcock

I started working as a relief Dinner lady (now SMSA) in early 1995, which soon became every day. I also used to come in voluntarily, on a regular basis baking for Mrs Briddon each week and helping where needed.

I was then asked if I could cover sickness, as and when needed for Mrs Pat Reynolds who was in those days the only classroom support in the Infant School. I had to take care of all injuries, sick children and had a timetable to do 1 or 2 sessions per class per week to help with any mounting of work or making resources as the teachers didn't get any time out class in those days. I think it was Sep 1997 when Vicky Hobson joined us as a class room support because of a high number of children in the year group which made a class of 34.

My job evolved as classroom support/office duties and when the new legislation came in for teachers to get PPA time I became a Cover Supervisor in Sep 2005 to teach the children whilst they were out of class.

I joined the Infant School Governing Body as a staff representative and then became representative for the Children's Centre. I have stayed on the governing body throughout all the changes until the amalgamation with NCLT when they don't have staff members and I knew I would probably be retiring.

We were desperate to get our old dilapidated classrooms replaced in the Infant Building and when the government started opening Children's Centres we were offered one and as part of the build we could have new classrooms as well which opened in 2008. I joined the working party for the Children's Centre to get it set up and resourced and then was asked to take on the office work in the Centre as well as some hours still in the school office. During my time in the Children's Centre both myself and Stacey Leigh trained to deliver parenting courses. We were successful in getting Big Lottery funding 2013/14 and were able to put on lots of adult courses and activities. All our baby groups were well attended and it was a shame when we had to close.

Whilst in the Children Centre we were able to start a Breakfast club in 2010 which has grown and grown and then Woodlies After School Club. They were and still are a mammoth task but a much needed facility for our working parents.

When the Children Centre closed I came back into the school office on a full time basis, gradually taking over duties from Barbara Johnson. When both the Infant and Junior schools amalgamated I remained in the Infant office where I have stayed until my retirement. I have loved the work and enjoyed all the company throughout. Even though we have had 2 separate offices we have had a lovely team of office staff trying whenever possible to get together.

I have so enjoyed working with Faye Finney and the School choir, going to the Arena and taking part in Young Voices 2017 & 2018. Then arranging our own Musical extravaganzas at Wingfield School.

The covid epidemic changed a lot of things for everybody, but Thorpe Hesley Primary School opened throughout, with the office staff making a lot of changes to help keep things running as smoothly as possible. It was hard to remember what things were like and how we did things when everything gradually went back to "normal".

The school has changed so much - Thorpe Hesley Infant school, then Thorpe Hesley Primary School, next we became part of CCAT and most recently The New Collaborative Learning Trust. I have had 4 head teachers - Heather Allen, Sue Kaskiewicz, Trudi Toms and last but not least Sarah Hewitt and have enjoyed working with each and every one of them.

Thank you to everyone I have met - children, parents and staff (friends) who made the last 28 years so enjoyable and a pleasure.

Denise Woodcock