

**Thurlaston CE (Aided) Primary School** Teaching and Living the Christian Way of Life Building Our Lives on Jesus

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Dear Parent/Carer,

May I wish you all a Happy New Year! The term has started with a bang. I never envisaged the school would not be able to open on the first day back. Thank you for being understanding. It was pleasing to see that messaging through Classdojo was so effective.

Next week is school census day. The government requests information from schools on a large range of subjects, some of which is used to work out funding for the school. With this in mind, the school will be ordering hot lunches for all children in Class 1 and Class 2. There is a change of menu to Pizza or Sausages, with chips or jacket potato, served with peas and beans and a biscuit for pudding! If you do not want us to book a lunch please let the office know in writing. This is because the funding for the lunches is based on the lunches taken on census day. However, your child may bring their pack lunch and eat it as well should they wish too.

Class 2 have a new interactive screen kindly donated by a parent. We are hoping to upgrade Class 3's soon.

As part of the Learning South Leicestershire School Sports Partnership we have access to some specific sports, health and well-being programmes. Class 2 will be starting a 10 week health programme on Monday next week and an invitation-only well-being programme will take place for pupils across the school for 5 weeks.

Reminders:

- Please can dinner money be sent at the beginning of each week before meals are taken. If you wish to pay for the whole or half a term in advance, you may do this. Ask the office how much it will be if you are unsure.
- Please send your child with their PE kit each Monday so they have it for the week. (This helps in the event of the PE day changing.)
- Children are not permitted to wear jewellery including earrings in school. Please do not send them in wearing them.
- Please ensure your child has a warm coat in school for playtimes.
- Please ensure absences are reported before the start of school. Mrs Norman will be in the office from 8:30am to take your calls.

## Notice from Gemshub

Gemshub are seeking a replacement DVD player and TV if anyone has upgraded over Christmas and would like to donate to them. Please contact Gemma on 07752338410 or Gem on 07763290025.

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Yours sincerely

Gavin Beetham