



# Thornhill Lees Infant and Nursery School

## Newsletter – September 2024

[www.thornhill-lees.com](http://www.thornhill-lees.com)

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to all of our current families, we hope you enjoyed the summer break. A huge warm welcome to all of the new families joining us this term: we hope you all settle in quickly and enjoy your time with us.

Please read the following information carefully: there are a lot of reminders of existing arrangements in school, and some new information too.

### Times of the School Day

Please ensure your child is on time for school every day so that they don't miss any learning. School begins at **8.45am** for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children. School finishes at **3.15pm** in the afternoon.

Morning Nursery runs from 8.40am until 11.40am: parents can pick up from 11.30am. Afternoon Nursery is from 12.30pm until 3.30pm: parents can pick up from 3.20pm. Please ensure you pick up your child on time.



### Absence Arrangements

If your child is absent due to illness, it is essential that you contact school **before the beginning of the school day**. You can either report absence by phoning the school office from 8am on 01924 430548, or by messaging the school office on Class Dojo. Please **do not** message class teachers regarding absence as they will be preparing for the school day and do not get time to check absence messages.

### Collection Arrangements

If your child is due to be collected by someone different, i.e. not a parent, or the person who collects them most days of the week, it is essential that you let school know either by telling the class teacher in the morning, or by ringing the school office. You will be asked to give a password to both the school and the person collecting for security reasons.

### Asda Rewards

Asda have teamed up with Parentkind to raise funds for state-funded primary schools.

<https://www.parentkind.org.uk/asda-cashpot-campaign>

This is done via the Asda Rewards app. Once signed up to Asda Rewards, it allows you to choose your school. Asda will donate £50.00 to your school upon signing up to Parentkind. £1 will be donated thereafter for every person that chooses your school (and scans their rewards app at a checkout or via the online app) and Asda will also donate 0.5% of every shop that people who have signed up complete.

Parents/staff will get their usual Asda cashpot rewards, whilst helping to raise funds for their chosen schools! The scheme runs from now until the end of November. Please sign up to the app if you shop at Asda.

### Parking Around School

We recognise that parking by the school site is very challenging. We encourage families to walk to school whenever possible. Please ensure you are parking legally, and that there is space for parents and children to pass safely, particularly those with prams and/ or wheelchairs. **The school car park is for staff only at all times.**

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### School Term Dates and Holidays for the Academic Year 2024-25

School reopens on  
**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**

School closes for autumn half term  
**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

School reopens on  
**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November**

School closes for Christmas on  
**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

School reopens for the spring term on  
**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

School closes for the half term on  
**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February**

School reopens on  
**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February**

School closes for Easter on  
**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April**

School reopens for the spring term on  
**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

**Inset Days 2024-25**  
**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024**  
**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024**  
**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024**  
**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025**  
**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025**

## Ready for School Every Day

Please ensure your child has the things they need for school every day. This includes:

- School uniform, all labelled with their name.
- Full water bottle, labelled with their name.
- Book bag or school bag, labelled with their name.
- On PE days, a PE kit brought to school in a bag. All labelled with their name.



## Mobile Phones

We are pleased to regularly welcome parents and carers into school for events such as assemblies, concerts, and stay and play sessions. Please note that for safeguarding purposes, no mobile phones can be used within the school, either for phone calls or for photos/ videos of the children.



## Free School Meals

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to Universal Free School Meals. However, if your household claims certain benefits, your child may be entitled to income related Free School Meals. This means that school receives extra funding to support your child and all children, and also means that you may have access to food vouchers and free holiday clubs in some school holidays.

You may be eligible if you receive one or more of the following:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, but are not entitled to a Working Tax Credit and your annual income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs) is less than £16,190
- Support under Part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit

You can apply online here: [Apply for free school meals - My Kirklees Account](#)

If you need help, please come and see Mrs Wilson in the school office.

## Applications for Reception and Junior School

Although the school year has only just begun, it is time to apply for a school place if your child is in 3 year old Nursery or Year 2. If your child is in our Nursery, they **do not** automatically get a place in our school for Reception. You must apply for a place on the website below.

If your child is in Year 2, you must apply for a place at Headfield Junior School or elsewhere. Applications must be in by **15<sup>th</sup> January 2024**.

Apply here: [Kirklees Council](#)

Please come and see Mrs Wilson in the school office if you need any help.

As always, please come and see myself, Mrs Douglas or your child's class teacher if you have any concerns, questions or comments.

Thank you for your continued support,

**Mrs Booth, Deputy Headteacher**