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THONGSLEY FIELDS PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

### **HAPPY NEW SCHOOL YEAR!**

BY MR JONES, HEADTEACHER

A very warm welcome back to another school year and a particular welcome to all of our new families. It has made me incredibly proud seeing how calm, settled and determined to get going everyone has been - it has been a real pleasure being in school!

As you'd expect, we have lots going on already and even more planned for the term and year ahead. Please take the time to read through the curriculum information for your child's year group and make sure you are able to access ClassDojo or Tapestry for up to the minute news and information.

The mammoth list of building works that began just before the summer break has almost been completed, with just a few snagging and finishing touches needed. Fortunately, we have not been affected by any of the RAAC issues that other schools have.

Finally, if you or anyone you know has any time to spare and would be interested in volunteering in school, we'd love to hear from you. Look out for more information coming soon.



## **TERM DATES**

28/9
10/10 & 11/10
19/10
23/10 - 27/10
30/10
2/11
13/11



Have a lovely weekend!



A new school year. A new beginning. The possibilities are endless!

## **NEWS IN BRIEF**

#### FROM TEAM THONGSLEY

#### **NEW ADDITIONS!**

We have two new additions to our Thongsley Fields Family this term. Meet our two scruffy haired male Guinea Pigs who have joined the Year 5/6 Team and are settling well into their new home.

#### **CLASSIC BRITISH WEATHER!**

The weather can be a little bit unpredictable at this time of year and creeping ever closer to winter again! Please ensure your child has a warm and preferably **waterproof coat in school every day.** If you're looking to get a coat for the Autumn/Winter season, the school office has good quality reversible fleece coats to purchase for all age groups.

#### **BOOKING DINNERS**

We know getting back into the school routine is a little tough but PLEASE remember to book your child's school dinners in advance and **with** your child! It helps their independence and reduces anxiety when they know what they're having.

#### ECO-SCHOOLS GREEN FLAG AWARD

We are proud to announce that our school has been awarded the Eco-Schools Green Flag Award for 2023! Achieving the accreditation demonstrates that our staff and children have gone above and beyond to improve the environment and be more sustainable for our planet's future good health. Well done to Mr Godwin and the Eco-Committee for making everything happen!

#### OUTDOOR SHOES

All children need a pair of wellies or strong outdoor shoes to use on the field or other grassed areas at break and lunch times.