



December 2021

# The Thurleigh Times



## It's the most wonderful time of the year....

Can you believe that Christmas is almost upon us? It has crept up on us all and before we know it we will be breaking up for a two week holiday with our loved ones!



## Christmas Performances

Didn't they do well! We were so thrilled that we were able to invite you in for our Christmas Performances this year. The children performed so beautifully and thoroughly enjoyed entertaining everyone. Thank you to the children for brightening our week and to the teachers and support staff for all your hard work.



## Break the Rules Day

Please support our Friends of Thurleigh Break the Rules Day on the last day of Term. Break as many of these rules as you would like at a cost of 50p per rule broken:

- Non-school uniform = 50p
- Juice in your water bottle = 50p
- Nail varnish = 50p
- Temporary tattoos = 50p
- Unhealthy snack for break time = 50p
- Wild hairstyle = 50p

## Christmas Jumper Day

- We would like to support the work of the charity Save the Children, by celebrating Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December. Children may come to school dressed in a festive fashion, for a suggested donation of at least £1. They do not need to wear any part of their school uniform that day.



## Christmas Parties

Christmas parties will take place on the afternoon of Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Children are welcome to come dressed in party clothes for the day. Please bear in mind that due to doors/windows being open more often for ventilation, that a warm jumper/sweatshirt/cardigan would be a good idea.

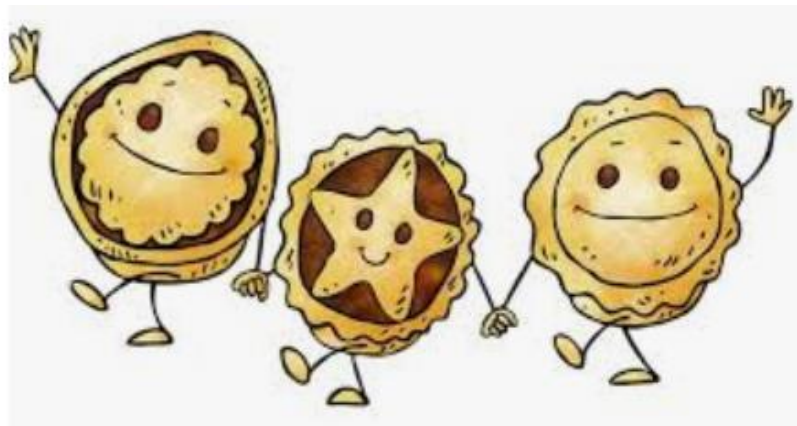
We would be so grateful if parents/carers could please bring in **pre-packed** party food donations on the day of the party. Please ask your class teacher for a food list if you would like to sign up for this.



## End of Term Sing-Song

We would like to invite you all to join us on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 9.10am for a Christmas Sing-Song with all the children and staff. We hope to hold this event outside (weather permitting), so please wear a warm coat!

Mince pies will be provided. See you there!



## A Road Safety Reminder

A polite reminder to please take extra care when dropping off/collecting your children from school. Please try to avoid parking on the main road outside the school as this can obscure the driver's view as they come up the hill.

Thank you for your support with keeping everyone safe.

## Queen's Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday

As you may be aware, an extra bank holiday was announced for 3 June 2022 for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The DfE has now amended the Education (School Day and School Year) (England) Regulations to reduce the school year 2021/22 for maintained schools to a minimum of 189 days.

As this additional bank holiday would fall during half term week, the change to the Regulations allows a maintained school to close at another time, to give staff and students an extra day off. **Therefore we will be closed on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.**

### Upcoming Dates for Your Diary

Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas parties
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Friends event: Break the Rules Day. Christmas 'Carols round the tree' - a sing song on the playground at 2.45pm. Break up for Christmas holidays
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	Back to school for the Spring term
<b>Key dates for later in the academic year</b>	
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Break up for half term
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Back to school
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Break up for the Easter holidays
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	INSET day for staff
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Children back to school
w/b Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	SATs week for our Year 6 children
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Break up for half term
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Extra Bank Holiday for the Queen's Jubilee
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET day for staff
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Children back to school
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Break up for the summer holidays

**All that is left to say is that the staff of Thurleigh Primary School wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**

