

Thurlton Primary School Church Road Thurlton Norwich NR14 6RN ☎01508 548318 **Fax:**01508 548885 email:<u>office@thurlton.norfolk.sch.uk</u>

Part of Clarion Academy Trust - Registered Office: Kittens Lane, Loddon, NR14 6JU Registered Number: 834874

Headteacher: Mrs Ali Hambley

11th September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Just a short letter to welcome you back to the new school year. It has been so lovely to welcome children back into school this week. After a difficult and unprecedented period in all our lives, it is a welcome relief to return to some sense of normality. Despite the uncertainty and change, everyone has encountered over the past few months' rest assured that the children have all settled in brilliantly. Their attitudes and adaptability to



our new way of working is a credit to you all. It is lovely to hear engaging conversations, watch important interactions, see new friendships being made, old ones being rekindled and listen to lots of laughter from both the children and staff. Thank you to Parents/Carers for following the new guidelines when collecting and dropping off your child/ren.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to Mr Kirby (Facilities Manager of the Trust) and his team for all the work they have done in the school over the past months. All the corridors, toilets and changing rooms have been painted, as have the outside facia's of the building. The school is looking amazing. New perimeter fencing will be installed in December.

A reminder that the Office is only staffed until 12.15pm, if you need to contact the school if it can be done in the morning that would be greatly appreciated. All calls after 12.15pm will be diverted to Hobart High School.

Your child/ren will be bringing home the following pieces of documentation today which I would be grateful if you could read, sign and return to school (where necessary), as soon as possible:

PUPIL UPDATE FORM: (individual)



Please ensure that all details on the form are correct. If changes need to be made please amend on the sheet and return to the Office as soon as possible. If no changes need to be made please initial and date the form and again return to the Office as soon as possible. If you have asked someone else to collect your child from school please ensure you inform the Office – safeguarding your child is paramount to the school and they will not be allowed to be

taken by someone unless we have your permission.

HOMEWORK AGREEMENT: (individual)

Please read through the Homework agreement with your child/ren, both sign and return to school

WALKING PERMISSION: (individual)

Though we will be remaining on the school premises in the near future I would us to be prepared for when restrictions are lifted.

PHOTO and SOCIAL MEDIA: (individual)

With photos and video (class assemblies, Harvest Festival etc) being used more within the school in the coming term/year it is important that your wishes in how we use images of your child/ren are clear. I appreciate that many of you have already completed this form but your choices may have changed due to restrictions of Parents/Carers being in school

ATTENDANCE: (one per family)

This is the legal information regarding attendance in accordance with Government directives. Please read the documentation carefully as we have amended elements of our Attendance policy to provide greater safeguarding to our pupils.

HANDWRITING GUIDANCE (letter formation): (one per family)

If you need any clarification with formation or joins please see your child's class teacher.

TOPIC FLYER/CLASS LETTERS:

These will be emailed home for your information.

JEANS FOR GENES DAY - WEDNESDAY 16th SEPTEMBER

WEAR We will be taking part in this year's Jeans for Genes Day on Wednesday 16th September. One in 25 children has a genetic disorder that makes their life very difficult, which is one in every class. Simply by wearing our jeans and donating, we will change the lives of these children. All pupils and staff are invited to wear their jeans on Wednesday 16th September.

We would like everyone to take part so please send your child into school on the day wearing their jeans and with a £1 donation. Jeans for Genes Day have a series of 5-minute films to explain how your child's donation will make a difference. Each film introduces some amazing children living with genetic disorders, sharing first-hand what life is like with their condition. Please visit **jeansforgenes.org/schools** for more information and to view these films. If you would like to find out more about how our support will help, please visit their website at **jeansforgenes.org**

Thank you for your continued support to the school and please remember my door is always open.

Ms Handley

Mrs Hambley Headteacher