

## Thomas Johnson Lower School

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### Headteacher's Introduction

It was lovely to welcome the children back to school after the February half-term holiday and see them pick right back up from where they left off before the break.

It was great to be able to welcome so many Year 2 parents and carers into school to talk to them about the Key Stage 1 SATs taking place in May. If any Year 2 parents/carers missed the presentation, then all the materials have been made available on ClassDojo.

Have a safe, happy and restful weekend.

*Simon Bolger  
Headteacher*

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### Thank you

I would like to say a huge thank you to the parent and carer community for supporting us with the start of day change. In school, we have noticed how much smoother the start to the day is and that the children are able to get stuck into their learning more quickly than before.

Just a reminder, the gates will open at 8.40am and the doors at 8.50am. The gates and doors will then close at 9am - and anyone arriving after this time will need to be signed in at the front office as late and provide a reason for the lateness. Any child arriving after 9.10am will be recorded as having an unauthorised absence.

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### Eco-Schools

I have been inundated with applications from children to be **Eco-Warriors**. I really enjoyed reading the letters, posters and leaflets that they all made. The successful applicants were announced this morning in assembly.

A very big well done to our new **Eco-Schools Committee**:

- **Cody** and **Tiberius** in Year 1.
- **Ruben**, **Cerys**, **Tabatha**, **Amelia**, **Thomas**, **Emily**, **Sophia**, **Joshua** and **Sam** in Year 2.
- **Beth** in Year 3.
- **Marie**, **Elliott**, **Oscar**, **Scarlet**, **Jaydn**, and **Summer** in Year 4.

Together, we are looking forward to making our school a cleaner and more environmentally friendly place.

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### Diary Date Reminders

#### Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March - School closure

Please be reminded that the school is CLOSED on this day due to industrial strike action.

#### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March - World Book Day

On this day, we are inviting children to come to school dressed as a favourite story book character.

#### Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March and Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March - Progress consultations

You should have received your appointment time by now - but if not, please contact your child's class teacher via ClassDojo.

#### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March

This is the last day for handing in any sponsorship funds for the Sports for Champions event on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March.

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### Weekly Awards

This week, the awards go to...

	Star of the Week	Reader of the Week	Sportsperson of the Week
Reception	Felix	Dylan	Skye
Year 1	Ty	Louisa	Jozie
Year 2	Dexter	Tabatha	Brody
Year 3	Patrick	Arya	Flora
Year 4	Freddie	Mikey	Toby

This week's Golden Brush winner is Owls - Year 3. They have had the tidiest classroom and cloakroom this week.

### Bronze Awards

Well done to **Patrick** (Year 3) - **Scarlet, Maddie** and **Toby** (Year 4) - **Franklin, Skye, Robyn, Isabella** and **Hemi** (Reception).

### House Points

This week's winning house is **Stewartby**.  
Well done everyone!



### Attendance - Every Minute Counts

Whole school attendance  
for this week - **95%**  
(National attendance is **96.4%**)  
*Can we do better next week?*

Duggee The Every Day Dog  
Awarded to the class with the best attendance all week.  
Hedgehogs - Reception (98%)

### Online Safety - Is your child social media ready?

Childnet have produced this article answering your questions around social media, such as when should I allow my child to join social media? The article also outlines some alternative sites that have been created for younger children.

You can read the article here: <https://www.childnet.com/blog/supporting-your-child-getting-started-on-social-media/>

### Dates for your diary - new dates added will be written in green and highlighted in yellow

1 <sup>st</sup> March	School closed for industrial strike action
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	World Book Day. Dress up as a children's book character.
6 <sup>th</sup> March	Progress Consultations for Parents and Carers
8 <sup>th</sup> March	Progress Consultations for Parents and Carers
8 <sup>th</sup> March	International Women's Day
13 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Week
15 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup> March	School closed for industrial strike action
17 <sup>th</sup> March	Coffee Morning - 9.15-10am
17 <sup>th</sup> March	Sports For Champions sponsorship forms and money returned to school
20 <sup>th</sup> March	Megan Kealy - Sports For Champions event
31 <sup>st</sup> March	Easter Bonnet Parade
31 <sup>st</sup> March	Last day of term
17 <sup>th</sup> April	INSET Day - School CLOSED to children
18 <sup>th</sup> April	School REOPENS for Summer 1
18 <sup>th</sup> April	National offer day for children starting in Reception
19 <sup>th</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup> April	Scholastic Book Fair
1 <sup>st</sup> May	Bank Holiday - school CLOSED
1 <sup>st</sup> - 31 <sup>st</sup> May	KS1 SATs period
4 <sup>th</sup> May	School referendum
8 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday for the Coronation of King Charles III
8 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Art Week
17 <sup>th</sup> May	SPLAT session - 9-9.30am. Your child will give you a tour of their classroom.
26 <sup>th</sup> May	Last day of half term
5 <sup>th</sup> June	School reopens for Summer 2

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5 <sup>th</sup> - 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Year 4 Multiplication Screening Period
12 <sup>th</sup> - 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Period
16 <sup>th</sup> June	Coffee Morning - 9.15-10am
21 <sup>st</sup> June	New Reception starter information session - 1.30pm
29 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day - 9.30am
6 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day Backup should there be poor weather
12 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition morning - meet your new teacher
12 <sup>th</sup> July	School Picnic
14 <sup>th</sup> July	End of year reports sent out to parents and carers
17 <sup>th</sup> July	SPLAT - your child can share their learning from this year with you - 3.20-3.50pm
18 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition morning - meet your new teacher
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 4 Leavers Assembly - 9.30am
21 <sup>st</sup> July	School closes for summer holidays

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