

# Thornaby Church of England Primary School

## Newsletter –March 2013

### Easter Egg Raffle

Raffle tickets for our Grand Easter Egg Raffle are now on sale at 20p each. The Raffle will be held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March. Thank you to those of you who have kindly donated an egg. There is still time to donate an egg if you haven't done so and to buy raffle tickets.

### Easter Bonnets

We are holding an Easter Bonnet/Hat Parade on the afternoon of Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March. All children are welcome to enter the Parade. A prize will be awarded to each year group for the best bonnet/hat.

### Fund Raising

Thank you to everyone for their support this term with our two fundraising events. Our International Day just before half term raised £145 for the local charity Daisy Chain. By wearing pyjamas for Comic Relief we raised the fantastic total of £355. Well done!

### Statutory tests

Please can remind you that Y6 tests will take place in the week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> May 2013. Phonic screening for Y1 and some of Y2 has to be carried out in the week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> June 2013. Y2 tests will be carried out during the later part of May and beginning of June. No holidays will be authorised at this time for pupils within these year groups as all pupils must sit the relevant statutory tests.

### Facebook

Over the past couple of months it has come to our attention that several parents/carers have been posting derogatory comments about our school, members of staff, other parents and even children on their Facebook pages. We take this matter very seriously. Should we become aware of any such comments these will be reported to the police for investigation. If you have any issues that concern you regarding school please come in and discuss it with us face to face. Mrs Paula Anderson our PSA is available each morning on the school gate and then in the office from 9am until 10.30am should you have any issues relating to your child at school.

### Holidays

The Easter Holidays begin on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March and the children return to school on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April. We will be having two teacher training days on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July. This will mean that the last day of the Summer term for pupils will be Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July. Governors have made the decision that from September only **five** days of holiday will be authorised and then only in exceptional circumstances. No holidays will be authorised in September or during times of statutory tests. If your holiday is already booked, or booked before 1<sup>st</sup> April, this will be authorised if evidence is brought into school before 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2013. Holidays should be taken during school holidays and **NOT** during the school term.

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Headteacher