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27th March 2015

Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach the end of another successful term and look towards the Easter break I would like to remind you of some of the recent good news emanating from your school.

Most importantly was the publication of the national school performance data, more generally referred to as the school league tables. These show **Thornhill is the best performing secondary school in Sunderland and is in the top 16% of schools in the country** with an academic progress score (the fairest measure Ofsted uses to compare schools) of 1024.0. **Thornhill has also outperformed the average score of all outstanding schools in the country!** This gives you the assurance that your son or daughter is receiving the highest standards of educational experience as a pupil here.

A party of pupils recently visited Berlin as part of their history studies which they very much enjoyed. Thornhill's team of Peer Mentors won their category in the Young Achievers' Awards with another of our pupils also winning in the young carers section.

Over 100 Yr.11 pupils are now signed up to attend the Easter Revision school, in the last three days of the two week break, so school wishes to thank the parents of those for their support. I'm sure the experience will be invaluable as our oldest year group prepare for their summer exams.

A group of our Yr.9 and 10 pupils are busy developing their entrepreneurial spirits to raise funds for the expedition to Morocco this summer. A wide variety of endeavours have been initiated which display the range and depth of energy, enthusiasm and imagination displayed by some of our youngsters. School is hopeful that sponsorship will be gained from Gentoo as part of the visit will be to assist a local Moroccan community to improve their village facilities and so this fits closely with the company's philanthropic policies. The team also recently raised close to £1100 during a Saturday bag-pack at Sainsbury's too!

I would be grateful for parents' co-operation with the no stopping/parking regulations signalled by double yellow lines on the roadsides close to school. This will improve the safety of all our children as they enter and leave our site. Please also be considerate towards our neighbours by not blocking driveways.

A quick reminder regarding dates and times before I conclude. School will close for the holiday at 12.40pm on Thursday 2nd April, pupils should return for 8.35am on Monday 20th April ready to start the new term.

I hope everyone will have a most enjoyable Easter break.

Yours faithfully,



J K Hallworth
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