KILNHURST ST THOMAS C OF E
PRIMARY ACADEMY

TERM SCHEDULE

SPRING TERM 2018
Welcome back. I trust that you all had a peaceful Christmas and New Year and are ready for another busy term!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support during the busy Christmas period and for your attendance and lovely positive comments about the performances that our children and staff worked so hard on. Particular thanks for the many food donations, also the left over unopened party food was greatly received by Handsworth Foodbank, Sheffield and was being included in food packs as special treats.

**Staff Training and Development**

Ongoing staff training and professional development opportunities are very important within the teaching profession. The pace of the education system is, at the moment, moving at a phenomenal pace. As part of our ongoing commitment to ensure your children receive the best possible education staff will take part in professional enhancement opportunities. We ensure continuity in school during a teacher’s absence by deploying our highly and specifically skilled wider workforce to teach in class. Children are familiar with these staff which allows for consistency and learning challenge to remain in the classroom.

**Statutory Assessment Tests**

The Statutory Assessment Tests (SAT’s) for children in Year 6 this year will be held during the period 8-14th May 2018.

New Government guidelines suggest that this year a SAT’s period should also be held for Year 2 children. We have identified the period of May 2018 for this. Please see Miss Reed for more details should you require them.

Please ensure that children in Year 2 and Year 6 are in school consistently up to and including these periods.

Year 1 children also have statutory testing called ‘phonics screening’. This takes place 11-15th June 2018.

**Phone calls/Postcards home**

I hope those of you that have received either a phone call or postcard home have been pleased and celebrated this achievement with your child.

Please can I ask that you make sure that your most recent contact details are with the school office. There are occasions where I can’t reach you, or leave a message, as the number is incorrect. The names of all children who receive a phone call or postcard home are included on the weekly newsletter. Please check with the school office if I have been unable to reach you as all reasons for calls are noted.
in a book so we are able to tell you personally. Class teachers also keep a record of achievements given, please check with them if you are concerned, or think you may have missed one.

**After School Clubs**

We are keen for our children to achieve academically but recognise that development in other areas is equally important.

Please can I encourage you to talk to your children about attending the range of after school clubs that we provide. A separate letter has been sent out to give further details about the current club provision which begins week commencing 15th January.

**Uniform**

Thank you for your support in providing PE kit – white shirt, black shorts – our children look good and it creates a positive atmosphere through school. It is advisable for children to have adequate footwear (trainers or pumps) for outdoor PE. Children who wear inappropriate footwear will not be able to join in the session due to health and safety.

**Indoor Shoes**

Please can you ensure that your child has a pair of indoor shoes, ie slippers/pumps for school. This is really important so that your child is not walking on wet floors in stocking feet. This is particularly unpleasant for them, should they be doing this, during the wetter months.

**Free School Meals**

All children in FS2 and KS1 receive a free school meal. It is essential that parents still apply for Free School Meals if they are eligible. Our school does benefit if you register for free school meals, by receiving extra money into the budget. Please see Mrs Myers for advice to apply.

**Holidays in School Time**

As you will be aware, the government has passed legislation regarding authorisation of holidays during term time and therefore Head Teachers are no longer able to authorise holidays taken in term time.

**Dogs on School Premises**

Due to safeguarding and security of our children, **no dogs** no matter how small shall be permitted on any part of the school grounds with the exception of dogs for the disabled.

**School Gates**

Please can I kindly request that electronic gates are not propped open at any point during arrival or departure to school. This is for safeguarding reasons in order to adequately protect our children. Many thanks.

**Parent volunteers**

We have welcomed a new group of parent volunteers to school to support some of our children – particularly with reading, as reading partners. We are looking for further reading partner volunteers to support, particularly in KS1.

If you or a family member is interested then please contact Mrs Andrassy or the school office for further details. All volunteers will be required to have a DBS check before starting support in school.
**School Website**

The school website has undergone further updates during the course of the school year. Each class has a dedicated page which is updated termly to enable you to keep up to date with what your child is learning in school.

Any letters and correspondence sent out is also uploaded on to the website for your reference. Please visit us at [http://www.stthomas-kilnhurst.co.uk](http://www.stthomas-kilnhurst.co.uk) for up to date information.

A term schedule with school events is attached for your information.

If there is anything you wish to discuss with me at any point during the year please don’t hesitate to contact me at school to arrange a mutually convenient appointment time.

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Yours faithfully

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**Mrs V Sherwood**  
**Head of School**
### JANUARY

**8<sup>th</sup> January 2018**  
RETURN TO SCHOOL

**10<sup>th</sup> January 2018**  
Y3 Swimming starts

**10<sup>th</sup> January 2018**  
Lunch Club – Y5

**15<sup>th</sup> January 2018**  
Choir – Young Voices

**19<sup>th</sup> January 2018**  
Parents E-safety meeting – 9.45am, school hall

**17<sup>th</sup> January 2018**  
Y4 – Class Exhibition

**22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018**  
Y5/Y6 Athletics, Swinton Academy

**23<sup>rd</sup> January 2018**  
Y4 – The Deep

**26<sup>th</sup> January 2018**  
Best Work Assembly

**29<sup>th</sup> January 2018**  
Y2 SATs Parents meeting – 3pm, school hall

### FEBRUARY

**8<sup>th</sup> February 2018**  
Y5 Transition Day – Swinton Academy, details to follow

**9<sup>th</sup> February 2018**  
Ash Wednesday Service

**9<sup>th</sup> February 2018**  
LAST DAY OF TERM

**19<sup>th</sup> February 2018**  
RETURN TO SCHOOL

**21<sup>st</sup> February 2018**  
Lunch Club – Y5

**26<sup>th</sup> February 2018**  
Book Week

### March

**1<sup>st</sup> March 2018**  
World Book Day

**2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018**  
Dress up day – Book character theme

**8<sup>th</sup> March 2018**  
Whole School open evening

**9<sup>th</sup> March 2018**  
Mothering Sunday Service

**14<sup>th</sup> March 2018**  
Lunch Club – Y5

**21<sup>st</sup> March 2018**  
Y3 Exhibition

**22<sup>nd</sup> March 2018**  
Easter Church Service

**22<sup>nd</sup> March 2018**  
LAST DAY OF TERM

**23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018**  
INSET DAY

### April

**9<sup>th</sup> April 2018**  
RETURN TO SCHOOL

**26<sup>th</sup> April 2018**  
Y4 – Roman Village Day