



# Thorverton C of E Primary School

## Newsletter

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5<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

### From Mr Jolliffe

This week we have updated our 'first day calling' procedure to make sure that children who are not in school are safe. In October 2016, Chadrack Mulo, a four-year-old London boy starved to death at home after being unable to raise the alarm when his mother died suddenly and, as a result of this case, all schools have been asked to ensure that first day absences are followed up. There are two things that parents can do to help us with this: the first is to let the school know when your child is unwell as soon as possible. The second is to make sure that your contact information is up to date, especially if you have got a new mobile phone number recently. Alongside that, each child should have 2 additional, emergency contacts that we can contact if needed. If your family circumstances have changed recently, these contacts may need updating too. Forms are available from school offices. Thank you for your help with this important part of keeping our children safe.

### From Mrs Parkes

#### Parents Evenings, Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> October, 3.40 to 6pm and Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> October, 3.40 to 6.30pm

Next week we will be holding parents evenings for parents and carers to come in with their children to discuss with the class teachers progress so far this term and look at targets for the rest of the year. Please sign up for a time on the classroom doors. If you cannot come in to put your name on the list please email us with a selection of times and we will fit you in. If you are unable to attend on these dates please see your child's class teacher to arrange a different date.

#### After-school Clubs, Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> October

As Mr Martin will be talking to parents and children at parents evening next Thursday, there will be no Football club after school next week. Gardening and Netball Clubs will still take place (weather permitting).

### Parents' Voice

I would just like to make you aware of the DfE's parent questionnaire at [www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk](http://www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk). This has been available for some time now for parents and carers to give us comments about the school. We have had some lovely complimentary messages from you informally and it would be great to have these followed up more formally.

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## Crediton Learning Community Sports Partnership

This year the Federation is joining the Crediton Learning Community for some great sports opportunities being offered by QE. All year groups from Year 1 upwards will be involved at some point this academic year. It is a wonderful chance for all children to become involved in team sports like tag rugby, high 5's netball, rounders and cricket as well as more individual activities like gymnastics and orienteering. The children will be taking part in these sports opportunities alongside other children from schools across the Learning Community, so it is a super chance for them to compete with other children in the area. The first event is next Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> October, for Class 3 to take part in a tag rugby tournament at the QE Barnfield campus. Class 3 parents and carers will receive a separate letter with more details about this.



## Music Opportunities

Over the next few weeks Alison Golby is going to organise a 'big play' for the children in Class 2 to have a chance to play a variety of stringed instruments. This will give the children a taster and they will then be given the opportunity to learn a stringed instrument at a greatly reduced cost. We would love more children to take up an instrument, as not only is it enjoyable, but it also helps them in many ways in their school life.

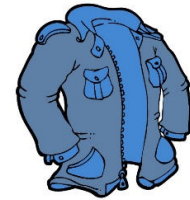
## School Band



Now that some of our band members have moved on to secondary school, we need more members to take part. You don't have to be an amazing player, just have enthusiasm to play! The music you play is sometimes chosen by Alison Golby and sometimes by the band members. You will also be able to perform at Federation assemblies and other occasions during the school year. If you think you would like to join the band come and speak to me.

## Coats!

We have been lucky to be able to continue to use the field in this warm weather, especially at lunch times. However, some mornings have been quite chilly, so please do send your child into school with a coat so that they aren't cold when outside in the mornings.



## Beginning and End of Day Routines



Please don't take any balls or other equipment from the PE sheds to play with before and after school.

Please remember NO CYCLING or scootering in the playground! It's dangerous!

Also, I have noticed a few people bringing dogs into the playground. Please would you tie dogs up outside the school gates and not bring them into school. Of course, guide dogs are permitted.

Thank you for your understanding.



## Top Table



Mrs Parkes enjoyed her lunch at Top Table on Monday in the company of Harry T., Ted, Jaime, Sophie, Evie and Rosie.

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## Peanut Allergy



We have a child in school with a peanut allergy, so we would ask you please not to provide your children with any snacks or packed lunch items containing nuts of any sort. Thank you for your understanding.

## Flu Vaccination, Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018

The school immunisation nurses will be in school on Monday to give children in Reception to Year 5 a flu vaccination. All parents and carers of children in Years Reception to 5 should have received an email earlier this week with a link to an electronic consent form. One or two of you may have had problems accessing this (we have been told there may be a problem if using a Samsung phone or tablet), so we have some paper copies in the office if you would prefer this.

## Paper Copy of the Newsletter

We usually email the newsletter to parents, guardians, governors and friends of the school. However, if you would prefer to receive a paper copy please let Katharine or Vanessa know in the office and we will put you on the list.

## Crediton Schools Transition Choir



A new choir is starting after half term, open to children in Years 5 to 8. The aim is to support transition and offer the opportunity for our young people to sing together at QE Barnfield site. The choir will be led by Emily Morgan after school on Mondays. As Years 7 and 8 are already on site, the session will start at 3.30pm and to allow time for primary students to arrive, Years 5 and 6 can arrive at 4pm. Parents and students can find updates via social media: 'Crediton Transition Choir' on Facebook and Twitter @ChoirCrediton.

## PTFA News

### Exe Valley Schools Federation Recipe Book – Recipe Ideas Wanted

To encourage everybody to help make our cookery book full of brilliant recipes, we will be giving each family a paper copy of the information sheet and form: you can then simply create your recipe, fill in the form and send it back to us, either to the school office in paper form or via email to [thorvertonPTFA@exevalleyfederation.org.uk](mailto:thorvertonPTFA@exevalleyfederation.org.uk). Please remember that the recipe must be your **own idea** to ensure we are compliant with copyright rules. We look forward to seeing your fantastic foodie ideas. Thank you.



### PTFA Christmas Fair, Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018, 3.30 to 5pm

This year the PTFA will once again be holding a Christmas Fair in the school hall. There will be all the usual stalls, Christmas tea and mince pies and a raffle. Put the date in your diaries!

## Private Fostering

Are you looking after someone else's child? Is your child living with another family? If the answer to either question is yes, and the arrangement is for 28 days or more, this is known as Private Fostering. If a child or young person under 16 years old (or 18 if they have a disability) is looked after by someone who is not a close relative, then by law Devon County Council need to be informed. When notified, we will work with the child, parents and private foster carers to ensure the best possible arrangements are in place for the child.

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To tell us about a private fostering arrangement or if you are unsure if your situation is private fostering, please contact 0345 155 1071 or email [privatefostering@devon.gov.uk](mailto:privatefostering@devon.gov.uk).

### **Crediton Youth Theatre**

This is a theatre group for children aged seven to ten and takes place every Thursday from 4.30 to 5.30pm at Crediton Arts Centre. More information is available on 01363 773337.

## *Collective Worship Dates*

Thursday, 6 <sup>th</sup> December, 9.30am	Christingle service in church, parents and carers welcome
Thursday, 13 <sup>th</sup> December, 2pm	Nativity in church, all welcome

## *Diary Dates*

Monday, 8 <sup>th</sup> October	Flu vaccinations for Reception to Year 5
Friday, 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Class 3 at QE for tag rugby tournament
Tuesday, 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Class 2 trip to Farmwise Devon
Monday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Monday, 29 <sup>th</sup> October	Half-term holiday (Monday, 29 <sup>th</sup> October is a non-pupil teacher-training day)
Thursday, 6 <sup>th</sup> December, 3.30 – 5pm	PTFA Christmas fair

### **Term Dates**

An error has crept into the dates of our Staff Development Days this autumn. There will be staff development days on **Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> October** (the Monday after half term) and **Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018**. We do apologise for any confusion this may cause.

## *Term Dates*

### **Autumn term 2018**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October (Staff Development Day 3<sup>rd</sup> September)

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October to Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December (**Staff Development Days 29<sup>th</sup> October and 30<sup>th</sup> November**)

### **Spring term 2019**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February (Staff Development Day 7<sup>th</sup> January)

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April (Staff Development Day 25<sup>th</sup> February)

### **Summer term 2019**

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May (SATS 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> May)

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June to Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July

### **Autumn term 2019**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October (Staff Development Days 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> September)

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Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October to Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December (Staff Development Day 29<sup>th</sup> November)

**Spring term 2020**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February (Staff Development Day 6<sup>th</sup> January)

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March

**Summer term 2020**

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May (Staff Development Day 14<sup>th</sup> April)

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June to Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

With best wishes,

*Sarah Parkes*

Head of School

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