



Thorverton C of E Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

From Mr Jolliffe

As you are aware, we take our responsibilities to keep children safe very seriously and all staff receive regular training and updates on new threats to children's safety. This week, all the Heads of School and I attended a course that identified an online danger to children and I would like to share this with you. The first is a Youtube channel that uses a Super-Mario character called Jeffy to depict violent scenes and uses offensive language. Young children may be attracted to this channel because it includes familiar characters, but it is not suitable for children under 13. It is not always obvious that this is not a conventional cartoon and it looks innocent to start with, so it is worth co-watching this with your children. The second online danger is related to a character called Momo and uses WhatsApp to involve children in a challenge game. The 'game' involves adding a phone number said to belong to 'Momo' – which uses a picture of a terrifying face on its profile – who then sends a series of challenges and threats. If you do have any concerns about children accessing either of these sites, please do let your child's Head of School know.

Safeguarding Statement

The Exe Valley Federation schools are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. We have a number of policies and procedures in place that contribute to our safeguarding commitment, including our safeguarding policy which can be viewed on the federation website under the 'policies' tab.

Sometimes we may need to share information and work in partnership with other agencies, when there are concerns about a child's welfare. We will ensure that our concerns about our pupils are discussed with parents/carers first, unless we have reason to believe that such a move would be contrary to the child's welfare.

Privacy Notice

You will receive a copy of the Federation's Privacy Notice with this newsletter. We are obliged by law to inform you about how the school uses any personal data that we hold about your children. We do this by supplying you with a privacy notice, which explains how Thorverton Primary School, as part of Exe Valley Federation, collects, stores and uses personal data about pupils.

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From Mrs Parkes

Parents Evenings

I hope that you managed to meet with your children's class teachers this week and that this was a productive meeting. If you did not come in this week, please contact your child's teacher or the school office to arrange a time that is convenient for you both. It is important to celebrate your children's achievements and to discuss areas for development and how we can work closely together for the benefit of your child's education and progression.

Open Afternoons: Class 3, Thursday, 18th October, 3pm and Class 2, Friday, 19th October, 2.30pm

We have another opportunity for you to come in to school next week if your child is in Class 2 or 3. On Thursday Class 3 will be holding their open afternoon from 3pm when you can see some of the topic work they have been doing this term. On Friday Class 2 are having their open afternoon from 2.30pm when Shelter Box will be visiting to explain about the work they do around the world to support people after a natural disaster. Please do come in and join us!

Class 2 Trip to Farmwise Devon, Tuesday, 16th October 2018

Just a quick reminder that Class 2 are going to Farmwise Devon on Tuesday. All parents and carers should have received a letter about this. Please make sure you have returned the permission slips by Monday. Children should wear school uniform and sturdy shoes as there will be a lot of walking. They should bring a coat and packed lunch with plenty to drink. We will be back at school by 3.30pm.

School Photographs

Please bring your photograph orders in by Monday, 15th October, as they will all be collected on Tuesday.

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.

Reminders

Please make sure all school uniform and coats have the children's names in them. This makes it much easier to find and return lost property.

Healthy Snacks and Drinks

Part of the children's education includes learning about keeping ourselves healthy. Abby cooks healthy lunches and we do lots of sport and PE during the week. We would like you to help us by giving your children healthy snacks, preferably some fresh or dried fruit, and healthy drinks. Thank you!

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!

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Please do not use the outdoor equipment before and after school. Members of staff do not supervise the playground out of school hours and we don't want any accidents to happen.

Thank you for your understanding.

Top Table



Miss Holmes enjoyed her lunch at Top Table on Monday in the company of Indiana, Lochlan, Sufia, Bella G., Ben and Zach V.

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.



Deadline for Applications For Secondary School 31st October 2018

DCC would like to remind all families with children in Year 6 that the deadline for applying for a place at secondary school is 31st October 2018. The easiest way to apply is by going online and visiting www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline. If you don't wish to or can't apply online, you can contact the customer service centre on 0345 155 1019 to request a hard copy of the form.

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 Christmas Fair, Thursday, 6th 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!

Family Hallowe'en Party at the Memorial Hall, Friday, 2nd November 2018

Families are invited to the Memorial Hall's Hallowe'en Party. There will be fun and games from 6pm for the children including a disco. Fancy dress is optional – there will be prizes! The cost of £3 for adults and £2 for children includes Frankenstein Dogs and Fried Fingers (hot dogs and fries). The main bar and a children's bar will be open.

Collective Worship Dates

Thursday, 6th December, 9.30am

Christingle service in church, parents and carers welcome

Thursday, 13th December, 2pm

Nativity in church, all welcome

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Diary Dates

Tuesday, 16 th October	Class 2 trip to Farmwise Devon
Thursday, 18 th October, 3pm	Class 3 open afternoon
Friday, 19 th October, 2.30pm	Class 2 open afternoon
Monday, 22 nd – Monday, 29 th October	Half-term holiday (Monday, 29 th October is a non-pupil teacher-training day)
Thursday, 6 th December, 3.30 – 5pm	PTFA Christmas fair

Term Dates

Autumn term 2018

Monday 3rd September to Friday 19th October (Staff Development Day 3rd September)

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

Spring term 2019

Monday 7th January to Friday 15th February (Staff Development Day 7th January)

Monday 25th February to Friday 5th April (Staff Development Day 25th February)

Summer term 2019

Tuesday 23rd April to Friday 24th May (SATS 13th to 16th May)

Monday 3rd June to Thursday 25th July

Autumn term 2019

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

Monday 28th October to Thursday 19th December (Staff Development Day 29th November)

Spring term 2020

Monday 6th January to Friday 14th February (Staff Development Day 6th January)

Monday 24th February to Friday 27th March

Summer term 2020

Tuesday 14th April to Friday 22nd May (Staff Development Day 14th April)

Monday 1st June to Thursday 23rd July

With best wishes,

Sarah Parkes

Head of School

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