



Thorverton C of E Primary School

Newsletter

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9th November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

From Mr Jolliffe

This term I have been teaching Class 2 at Thorverton on Thursday afternoons and over the last couple of weeks we have been learning about World War One, in anticipation of the centenary of the armistice in November 1918. We have been thinking a lot about the impact of war and the effect that it had on the whole world, not just those who were directly fighting in the trenches or at sea.

On Wednesday this week I took the Year 4s to Thorverton churchyard to work with Mr Fice on improving one of the graves of a family affected by the First World War. We cleared the weeds and grass from the top of the grave and washed out all the chippings and replaced them again. The grave looked so much better after less than an hour working on it together. This is a real and meaningful way to recognise the sacrifice made by one local family during the war, who lost three sons in the fighting. Many thanks to Mr Fice for his help and to all the Year 4 children for their hard work.

From Mrs Parkes

Remembrance Day in School

Thank you all for buying poppies for remembrance. We will still be selling them on Monday if you have missed out. On Monday we will be taking part in a remembrance commemoration at the war memorial at 11am. You are welcome to join us in paying our respects. Each class has been learning about the wars, especially the 'Great War', as it is the centenary of its end. The children have all reflected deeply about what it might be like to go to war.



Celebrations in Class 1

Class 1 have had a very busy week. Their topic this half term is celebrations. They started on Bonfire Night on Monday thinking about Guy Fawkes and fireworks. The class moved on to learning about Diwali, the Hindu Festival of Lights. As part of this the children have been thinking about light winning over darkness, following on to the concepts of good and evil. Now, at the end of the



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week, they have been learning about the First World War and are focussing on remembrance. The children have completed some beautiful artwork, have studied poetry and written some great pieces of work themselves.

Children in Need, Friday, 16th November 2018



On Friday, 16th November we will be raising money for Children in Need. We will have a non-uniform day when the children can come into school dressed in spotty or yellow clothes – in exchange for a donation of £1. The classes will be having fun doing some Pudsey challenges.

After-school Clubs

The clubs have all got off to a great start. Fizz Pop Science is very popular along with Street Surfing, too. It is very important that the enjoyment of after-school clubs is not spoilt by bad behaviour that we would not accept during the school day. It is expected that children behave exactly as they would if their class teacher were teaching them.

Top Table

Lily, Wren, Jess, Isla, Levi and William F enjoyed their lunch at Top Table this week in the company of Miss Holmes.



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.

Threadworms

We have had a case of threadworms in a child in school. Threadworms are tiny worms in the faeces which are visible and look like tiny pieces of white thread. They can also be seen around the anus. They are common in children and spread very easily. Hand hygiene and general cleanliness are very important. Here is a link to more NHS information on this: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/Threadworms/>.

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!

Scratch Band Ceilidh, Sandford Village Hall, 7pm, Friday, 23rd November 2018

This evening of music and dance promises to be great with some well-known musicians making up a band just for this event. £6 on the door, children free; bar and cake proceeds to Crediton Youth Orchestra.

Collective Worship Dates

Thursday, 6th December, 9.30am Christingle service in church, all welcome
Thursday, 13th December, 2pm Nativity and carol service in church, all welcome

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Diary Dates

Monday, 12 th November, 11am	Remembrance at war memorial
Friday, 16 th November	Children in Need day, wear something spotty or yellow
Friday, 30 th November	Non-pupil teacher training day
Thursday, 6 th December, 3.30 – 5pm	PTFA Christmas fair
Wednesday, 12 th December	Christmas lunch
Monday, 17 th December	Whole school trip to Phoenix Theatre, Exeter

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 Parkees

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