



Thorverton C of E Primary School

Newsletter

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5th January 2018

Dear Parents,

From Mr Jolliffe

Welcome back to school! I hope you and your family have had a great Christmas and New Year and that everyone is feeling refreshed and ready for a new term. It has been great to see the children settling back into school over the last few days and to hear about all their presents. As you know, we appointed Mr Edward Nichols as Head of School at Brampford Speke last term and it has been great to welcome him to the school properly this week. Mr Nichols will be teaching Class 3 at the end of the week and will be combining this with his role as part of the federation leadership team and Head of School. I am looking forward to working with him and continuing to spend a day each week at Brampford Speke. This term, my plan is to be at Thorverton on Mondays, Cheriton on Wednesdays, Newton St Cyres on Thursdays and Brampford Speke on Fridays, leaving Tuesday flexible, so do catch me on the gate on those days if there is anything you would like to talk about.

From Mrs Parkes



Happy New Year to you all. I hope that you have had a good break doing the things you enjoy with the people who are important to you. All the children have come back refreshed and ready to learn. I am very pleased to be back at Thorverton full time now and am excited to get back into the classroom to teach the children again. We have some exciting topics this term and your child will be bringing home the class topic web today. Please have a look at it and think about activities you might be able to do with your child to enhance this learning if you can.

Clubs

Today, you will also have a letter about clubs this half term. We are trialling a **Breakfast Club** on a Thursday morning from 8am for this half term. In this the children will be given breakfast and the chance to participate in a number of fun games and activities. The club will be run by Miss Finch. It will cost £4 per session. If you would like your child to attend then please enrol them for the whole half term, which will cost £20. At the moment we cannot offer an adhoc service. We hope that interest will grow and that we can roll this out to more than one day.



We are offering many other clubs too. Please note that Key Stage 1 Multi-sports will start on 15th January and all the others next week.

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Home Learning

We have made some changes to our home learning this term and you will receive a letter today explaining in detail what is expected of the children. They will be given a greater choice of homework, which all need to be recorded in a homework book. The children will bring home this book each Friday and they must return it to school the following Thursday with the completed piece of home learning ready for the teacher to mark and return to them on Friday.



Topic Web

You will also receive a topic web from the class teachers today, which gives details of work that each class will be covering this half term.

Collective Worship Value



The value for this half term is forgiveness. We will be exploring this topic through worship, class discussion and in our daily lives. The stories that are told in assembly will come from a variety of sources, including traditional tales from around the world, contemporary writers and religious texts, including the Bible.

You will receive a home school value sheet today with ideas to explore the theme of forgiveness at home.

Sports Mornings at Lords Meadow

This term Years 5 and 6 will be going to the Lords Meadow Leisure Centre on Friday mornings. Children will be taking part in gymnastics, ball games and swimming lessons during the morning and will be back at school in time for lunch. The ten sessions will start on Friday, 12th January and end on Friday, 23rd March. This is funded from the School Sports Grant and enables all children to take part in sporting activities that could not be accessed on the school sites. Class teachers will give children more information about what children need to bring on Fridays during next week.

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.

Safeguarding Training

We take our responsibilities for keeping children safe at school and beyond very seriously and offer regular training sessions for parents and volunteers to attend. If you volunteer to work with children on a regular basis or could be on your own with school children at any time, then you need to have completed this training. The next courses will be held on 25th January 2018 at 9.00am at Newton St Cyres and repeated on the same day at 7.30pm at Brampford Speke. Please let your child's school office know if you are intending to come to either session.

Thorverton Bridge Closure

Devon Highways Department have let us know that the road closure at Thorverton Bridge is scheduled to start on Monday, 8th January 2018 and is anticipated to last for about two weeks. Pedestrians and cyclists will still be able to cross the bridge during the road closure.

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Diary Dates

Friday, 12th January

Class 3 Sports mornings begin

Monday, 12th – Monday, 19th February Half-term holiday (19th February is a non-pupil staff training day)

Thursday, 29th March

Last day of spring term

With best wishes,

Sarah Parkes

Head of School

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