



Thorverton C of E Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Message from Mr Jolliffe

Today we had my first Federation end of term assembly at Cheriton Fitzpaine and it was fantastic to see all the children together and celebrate everything that they have been learning about this term. It was also an opportunity to reflect on the value we place on peace and security and to remember those who have lost this in the events of this week. We also said 'thank you' and 'goodbye' to Mrs Maddy Tucker who has been our School Business Manager, and Mrs Marian Beresford, who has been our Chair of Governors over the last couple of years. Both have given a huge amount of time and energy to their respective roles and I am very grateful to them for everything that they have done to support the work of the Federation.

After twenty four years working at Cheriton Fitzpaine, Mrs Carey Thorne has decided that it is time for her to retire from her post as Head of Teaching and Learning from the end of next term. Over the last few years she has led the school with enthusiasm, stamina and optimism and always put the children's wellbeing and learning at the heart of everything that she does. I would like to thank her especially for her welcome this term and for all the time and energy that she has put into the school and its children. I have really enjoyed working with her and her team and will miss her cheerful presence in the school in September.

Part of my role as Executive Headteacher is to ensure that there is good succession planning for the leadership of the schools in the Federation and the Governors and I will be putting a plan in place straight after Easter to do this. We will let everyone know about this as soon as any decisions are made.

All the children at Thorverton Primary School performed either a song or a poem beautifully today in front of over 270 children and staff. I was very proud of the all. I would also like to thank all the staff who at the end of a busy term found time to prepare this too. Thank you! At the assembly today two Thorverton children were presented with the special progress cups for their hard work and progress this term. Olivia from Key Stage 1 received a cup and Harry from Key Stage 2. Well done both of you.



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Easter Service



We celebrated Easter with a lovely service in the church on Tuesday. Each of the classes depicted a different part of the Easter story, including Palm Sunday, the storming of the

Temple and the Last Supper, in drama, readings and with art work. Class 3's art work will be displayed in the church over Easter for the congregation to see. Class 1 talked about the qualities of a king, we even had an appearance from Elvis! All the readers did an excellent job explaining the whole story.

Exmoor Challenge Practice Walk

Our three intrepid Year 6 walkers, Chloe, Daisy and Scarlett, joined their fellows from Cheriton Fitzpaine and Newton St Cyres Schools to walk ten miles over Exmoor in preparation for the Exmoor Challenge at the end of April. They were joined by Mr Martin, his partner and his dog and all did really well to complete the walk near Dulverton last weekend.

Tag Rugby Match

Yesterday afternoon our tag rugby team played another two matches in the CLC Six Nations tournament. We played against Newton St Cyres and Landscore at Haywards School. Despite losing both matches, the children played brilliantly and have been praised for their perseverance and determination. In fact, Thorverton was awarded the "Fair Play Trophy" for their great sporting attitude towards the rules and referees throughout the CLC Six Nations tournament. Well done all of you! The overall winners this year were Landscore, followed by Newton St Cyres. Thank you to Dickie, Jonathan and Stella for all their hard work coaching the children and accompanying them to matches.



Lunch Menu, Monday 11th April

We have a new menu for the summer term and will hand these out on the first day back at school after the holiday. On Monday, 11th April the lunch options will be: Pork meatballs in tomato sauce or Mediterranean pasta bake served with rice or pasta, broccoli and sweetcorn with chocolate cracknel for pudding.

PTFA Bingo Evening

On Thursday, 21st April there will be a bingo evening in school. Doors will open at 6pm for the bingo to start at 6.30pm.

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Tag Rugby Kit

There is quite a lot of tag rugby kit missing, which means that we are running short of kit for matches. Please would everybody have a look at home to see if any shorts, socks or tops have got stuck at the back of a cupboard and return them to school as soon as possible. Thank you!

Recorder and Piano Lessons with Mrs Kershaw

Our piano and recorder players will be performing at the Easter service on Tuesday and look forward to sharing their achievements and favourite music with you.

If your child is interested in starting lessons at any age from 6 years upwards for recorder and 7 upwards for piano/keyboard, then Heather Kershaw has some **spaces for lessons next term**. Do contact the school office or her direct 01392 860419 heather@kershaw25.eclipse.co.uk.

Diary Dates

Monday, 11 th April	Summer term begins
Friday, 15 th to Monday, 18 th April	Year 4 Residential to Beam House
Friday, 6 th to Monday, 9 th May	Year 5 Residential to Barton Hall
Friday, 20 th to Monday, 23 rd May	Year 6 Residential to Grenville House
Monday, 11 th to Tuesday, 12 th July	Year 3 Residential to Escot House

I wish you all a peaceful, restful and fun holiday and look forward to seeing everybody refreshed and ready for the summer term on Monday, 11th April.

With best wishes,

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