



Thorverton C of E Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the Easter break. I hope that you all had a good time catching up with friends and family and doing things you enjoy.

It is lovely to welcome all the children back and they have all worked hard this week, getting back into the swing of things. Topics for this half term are oceans in Class 1 and the USA and Mexico in Classes 2 and 3. Some very exciting events and opportunities are planned. They start with an archaeological dig for Class 2 and a trip to the Plymouth Aquarium for Class 1. Year 6 are busy working hard preparing for SATS and today we waved off some very excited Year 4 children with Miss Holmes on their way to their residential at Beam House, near Torrington. I will be joining them tomorrow.

We will be sending out a curriculum letter next week with more detail on what your children will be learning about this term and how you can help.

FROM MR JOLLIFFE

It has been great to welcome all the children back to school this week and to see them enjoying the sunshine in the afternoons. There are lots of things to look forward to this term and lots of challenges as well. I am looking forward to going on the residential visits that take place for every child from Year 3 upwards this term and getting to know the children better than. I know that going away from home can be challenging for some children so if you do have any concerns, please do talk to your child's class teacher, Head of School or to me, we will be more than happy to help and to do what we can to make sure it is a successful experience for everyone.

Exe Valley Federation Chair of Governors

Mrs Jackie Enright has been elected Chair of Governors by the Exe Valley Federation governing board. We are delighted that she has agreed to take on this role and look forward to working with her in the coming months. Mrs Enright has been a governor for some time and is well known to the children in all three schools and especially at Newton St Cyres where her grandchildren are in Key Stage 2. If you wish to contact her, please do so via the admin office at your child's school and emails will be forwarded to her.

Parent Questionnaire 2016

After a few delays in production, the Parent Questionnaire for 2016 is now live! We really value the contribution of all parents to the development of the schools and will use the information gathered in the questionnaire to form our Five Year Plan and Federation Development Plan for 2016/17. It is quite easy to do

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[don't be put off by the number of pages, they are very short!] and can be completed any time before Friday 29th April. All you need to do to complete it is to click on this link and follow the instructions:

<http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/Z8Y5S/>

We will publish a summary of the main findings after the survey is completed so that you can see what the emerging priorities are for the coming year. If you would prefer to complete the survey on paper, hard copies of the survey are available from the school offices. Thank you very much for your help with this.

Late payment for meals, visits and other activities

It would really help the efficient running of the Exe Valley Federation if parents paid for school meals, visits and other activities as promptly as possible. There is currently a significant amount of money outstanding which means that there is less money available for much-needed resources and opportunities for children's learning. The on-line payment system is available 24 hours a day for payments and your co-operation with this would be much appreciated. If necessary, we will have to start enforcing the payment of unpaid sums by referring parents to Devon's debt collection service.

Thank you very much for your help.

After-school Clubs

Most clubs will start next week. Only **NETBALL Club will start the following Monday, 25th April.**

Non-uniform Day, Thursday, 21st April

Mrs Barron's brother, Mark, who came to this school as a boy, will be running in the London Marathon on Sunday, 24th April. He is coming into school to talk to the children about the marathon and about the local charity that he will be raising money for. The charity is Balloons, which raises money to help children experiencing a bereavement in the family. Children may wear non-uniform to school on Thursday in exchange for £1 to support Mark and the charity Balloons.

PTFA Bingo Evening, Thursday, 21st April

The PTFA are having a family bingo evening in the school hall this Thursday evening, doors open at 6pm. Eyes down at 6.30pm. The event should be finished by 8pm if anyone wants to go and watch the village beacon being lit on Bidwell hill for the Queen's 90th birthday.

Bag 2 School, Wednesday, 25th May

There will be a Bag 2 School collection on the Wednesday before half term. The PTFA will be paid per kilo of second-hand clothing collected. So start having a spring clean and save your good quality items for the collection.

Collective Worship Dates

Friday, 20 th May, 2.30pm	Class 1 open afternoon and assembly
Friday, 24 th June, 2.30pm	Class 2 open afternoon and assembly
Friday, 22 nd July, 2pm	Leavers' assembly in the Church

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Diary Dates

Thursday, 21 st April	Non-uniform day in aid of Balloons charity
Thursday, 21 st April, 6pm	PTFA Bingo evening
Friday, 22 nd April	Class 1 Federation trip to Plymouth Aquarium
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
Wednesday, 25 th May	Bag 2 School collection
Friday, 8 th July, 2.30pm	Class 3 open afternoon
Monday, 11 th to Tuesday, 12 th July	Year 3 Residential to Escot House

With best wishes,

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