



# Thorverton C of E Primary School

## Newsletter

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23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

### From Mr Jolliffe

This week we had an Ofsted inspection at Thorverton School, nearly four years after the last visit by an inspection team. This was a short inspection (one inspector for one day) to evaluate the school's progress since December 2014. I was hugely impressed with the confidence of the children in talking to Mr Hodson about their work and demonstrating their confidence and determination to succeed. A huge thank you to Mrs Parkes and her team for all their hard work, and of course, too, to the children at Thorverton.

### Staff Development Day, Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Don't forget that next Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> November, is a Staff Development Day and so schools will be closed to children on that day. The staff training will be taking place at Newton St Cyres and will be focusing on the way that teachers can make the best use of classroom time to promote learning. Schools resume on Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December as usual.

### From Mrs Parkes

#### Ofsted Inspection

On Wednesday we welcomed Paul Hodson to our wonderful school to show him all the creative and exciting work that we do here. He spoke to many parents and children and had meetings with governors and staff. He was very impressed with what he saw and heard from everyone, especially the groups of children he spoke to. The comments were overwhelmingly positive from everyone who gave feedback, so I would like to thank you all for your support on the day, but also for your continued engagement with the whole school community. The final inspection report will be available in about a month, so when we receive it we will pass it on to you.

### Class 2 at Gymnastics Event

On Thursday Class 2 were invited to take part in a gymnastics session at QE along with children from many of the other schools in the Crediton Learning Community. This was a great opportunity for the children to use special equipment and to learn some new skills in PE. They followed instructions from Year 9 sports leaders, some of whom were pupils at Thorverton.



### Children in Need

Last week we raised the grand sum of £92.45 for Children in Need. Thank you for all your donations.

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### Poppy Appeal

At school we raised £22.60 for the Royal British Legion's poppy appeal. In Thorverton as a whole, the charity collected nearly £3,700.

### Homework



A number of children have not completed their reading and spelling homework in Key Stage 2 recently. It is vital that children read regularly. This develops their vocabulary, use of language, understanding of sentence structure, grammar and punctuation as well as developing their imagination and creativity. We want to embed a love of reading in the school, so it is really important that all children always have a reading book on the go. In school we listen to children read, discuss books, have comprehension and guided reading sessions as well as reading a topic-related class book. To really make an impact we also need your support. Please make sure that you read and discuss your child's book with him or her and then sign the reading diary. The reading diary needs to be in school at the end of each week. Thank you for your support with this.

### Morning Routines

I would just like to remind everybody of our morning routine at school. School starts at 8.55am and children should not come into the classroom before 8.45am at the very earliest. The teachers need the time before school to prepare the classroom for the day!

Please do not play ball games in the playground and please do not ride bicycles or scooters across the playground – push them to the bike shed!

### School Uniform

Remember! Our school uniform is a navy blue jumper. Shoes should be black or dark blue flat school shoes. Children should not wear any jewellery in school: only small stud or sleeper earrings are permitted if your child has pierced ears.

### Top Table

Jacob G, Freddie H, Molly, Olivia, Marnie and Eliza K enjoyed their lunch at Top Table this week in the company of Mrs Parkes.



### 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.

### Guitar Performance, Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> November, 3pm

Mrs Cutler's guitar pupils will be giving a short concert on the afternoon of 28<sup>th</sup> November. Parents and families of the performers are very welcome to come along and enjoy the music.

### Drum Performance postponed

Tony has postponed the drum performance until 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

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## Woodworking Tools Wanted!

Mr Biggins would be very grateful if anybody has any spare woodworking tools that they could donate to the school for him to use. Thank you!

## Governor News

The Resources Committee met last week at Brampford Speke where there was a very full agenda of matters to be dealt with. November is a busy month for the governing board and the leadership team. Amongst matters under discussion last week were a wide range of finance and personnel issues including monitoring of staff development and CPD which forms part of the annual cycle of business of the governing board. Governors were also updated in relation to current and pending fire risk assessments and health and safety audits in the EVF schools, the progress of the new EVF website and how the new General Data Protection Regulations are being complied with by the federation. As usual, a range of policies and procedures were also reviewed. Anyone can read the EVF policies and procedures by navigating to the policies tab on the EVF website.

## PTFA Christmas Fair, Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> 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. Thank you for all your chocolate contributions for the Chocolate Tombola. The PTFA also welcome any raffle prizes you could donate. Please bring any donations into the office.

## Scratch Band Ceilidh, Sandford Village Hall, 7pm, Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> 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, 6 <sup>th</sup> December, 9.30am	Christingle service in church, all welcome
Thursday, 13 <sup>th</sup> December, 2pm	Class 1's "The Nutcracker" and carol service in church, all welcome
Friday, 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Federation Assembly for the whole school

## Diary Dates

Wednesday, 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Class 3 CLC swimming gala, Crediton
Wednesday, 28 <sup>th</sup> November, 3pm	Guitar performance
Friday, 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Non-pupil teacher training day
Tuesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> December, 4pm	Tag rugby tournament, Silverton School
Thursday, 6 <sup>th</sup> December, 3.30 – 5pm	PTFA Christmas fair
Wednesday, 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas lunch
Monday, 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole school trip to Phoenix Theatre, Exeter

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## *Term Dates*

### **Autumn term 2018**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October (Staff Development Day 3<sup>rd</sup> September)

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

### **Spring term 2019**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February (Staff Development Day 7<sup>th</sup> January)

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April (Staff Development Day 25<sup>th</sup> February)

### **Summer term 2019**

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May (SATS 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> May)

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June to Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July

### **Autumn term 2019**

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

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October to Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December (Staff Development Day 29<sup>th</sup> November)

### **Spring term 2020**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February (Staff Development Day 6<sup>th</sup> January)

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March

### **Summer term 2020**

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May (Staff Development Day 14<sup>th</sup> April)

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June to Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

With best wishes,

*Sarah Parkes*

Head of School

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