



Thorverton C of E Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

From Mr Jolliffe

I thoroughly enjoyed spending time with the Year 4s at Beam House last weekend and getting to know them better. They all worked really well together and were a credit to their schools and families. I am very grateful to the staff who gave up their weekend to look after the children and know that they have appreciated your thanks too.

If you haven't already done so, please do complete the 2016 Parent Questionnaire before next Friday. It is a really valuable way for us to find out what you think about the three schools and helps us to plan for the future. The link for the online version is <http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/Z8Y5S/> or you can ask for a paper copy from the school offices. Many thanks to everyone who has already completed this for us. The error on the last page of the survey has now been corrected.

From the Chair of Governors

Hello, I'm Jackie Enright, I have just become the chair of governors and if there is anything I can do for you then please do contact me via your school admin.

You may be aware that the rules have recently changed and, as a Federation of more than two schools, we can only have two parent governors. I am pleased to confirm that our parent governors are Sophie Dunn and Alison Golby. Sophie has children at Newton St Cyres and Alison has children at Cheriton Fitzpaine. I am also pleased to let you know that Lisa Browning has joined us as a co-opted governor. Lisa has strong links with Thorverton School, Pre-school and the local community.



Jackie



Sophie



Alison



Lisa

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Year 4 Federation Residential

The children in Year 4 from across the Federation enjoyed a great weekend at Beam House. For many of them their favourite activity was a very wet and mucky challenge course. They showed plenty of courage on the zip wire and high ropes and displayed many skills on the survival exercise which involved building shelters, lighting fires and working out how to avoid a group of "aliens". The children also enjoyed quad biking, street surfing and whacky races. There will be an assembly about the residential next Friday, 29th April, at 3pm, for parents and families of the children in Year 4.



PTFA Bingo Evening

The PTFA would like to thank everybody who came to their bingo event yesterday evening. Also, many thanks to Morrisons Crediton for donating the chicken dinners and to Morrisons Tiverton for the refreshments. This event wasn't as popular as the PTFA had expected, so they would be very pleased for any ideas for events that you would like the PTFA to organise and which you would support.

Non-uniform Day

Thank you to everyone who brought in £1 for the charity "Balloons" and wore non-uniform yesterday. We have raised £54 so far (please bring in your contribution if you forgot yesterday) and will be handing the donations to Mark. We wish him all the best for his run in the London Marathon on Sunday.

Top Table

This week Mrs Parkes joined Bella, Molly, Jessie, Da-Xia, Chloe and Daisy for lunch at Top Table.

St George's Day Lunch, 25th April

On Monday, 25th April, Abby will be cooking a belated St George's Day lunch. The menu will be toad in the hole (or vegetarian toad in the hole) with mashed potatoes, carrots and broccoli, followed by steamed syrup sponge and custard.

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Classes 2 and 3 PE

While Class 1 has gone to the Plymouth Aquarium today, Tammi and students from Exeter College have taken Classes 2 and 3 for PE sessions. Here are some photos to prove you can still play cricket in the rain!



Cadbury Fun Run, Saturday, 7th May 2016

The annual Cadbury Fun Run and Walk will take place this year on Saturday, 7th May with registration at Fursdon Coach Hall at 1.30pm and the start at 2.30pm. The entry fee is £5 for adults and £2 for children and proceeds will go to Cadbury Church and Sands.

Thorverton Arts Week, 10th to 14th May 2016

Our annual Arts Festival will take place at Thorverton Church from the **10th to the 14th May**. The exhibition is open from 10.00am until 8.30pm each day except Saturday when we close at 4.30pm. Entry is free. As you probably know, you can enjoy the exhibits of art and craft, stock up on greetings cards, special things for your home, gifts and much more – profits go to the maintenance of Thorverton Church. There's a Lucky Dip for children and delicious home-made meals and snacks are available ALL DAY. Maybe bring the family down for tea/supper one day?

YOUR help would be much valued especially if you feel like making cakes and goodies or other food such as casseroles, pasta bakes, etc. for us to sell. Help out in the kitchen for an hour or two or sell grand draw or cake draw tickets for us? It's great to have members of the whole village community involved helping to make this a successful and enjoyable event.

Offers of help to Tina Ayre 860434 (catering) or the Kershaws (art & craft admin) 860419.

eastdevonarts@aol.com <http://www.netherexe.org/what-s-on/east-devon-arts-festival-thorverton>

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.

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Collective Worship Dates

Friday, 29 th April, 3pm	Year 4 residential assembly
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

Diary Dates

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, 30 th May to Monday, 6 th June	Half-term holiday (Monday, 6 th June is a non-pupil day)
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,

Sarah Parkes

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