



Thorverton C of E Primary School

Newsletter

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29th November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

From Mr Jolliffe

Christmas is fast approaching and I know that the children in all the federation schools are busy preparing for nativity and Christingle services, which are taking place over the next few weeks. On Friday, 14th December we are holding our federation Carol Service at Crediton Parish Church and all the schools will be involved in this event. The service starts at 11am and parents are welcome to join us there from 10.45am. Although the church is quite big, there are a lot of children to fit in too, so if you would like to come, please could you let your child's school office know by next Friday, 7th December, as places will be limited.

Children will be travelling by coach to Crediton and will be having a shared lunch in the church halls afterwards. If your child normally has a school dinner, please book this as usual; it would help us if as many children as possible had a school dinner on that day but if your child prefers to bring sandwiches, just this once, bringing them in a named plastic bag would help, so that it takes up less space and can be recycled afterwards. Please return the reply slip with lunch details, which the children will bring home today, by next Thursday. The federation band will be playing at the Carol Service and for the first (and possibly last!) time, the staff will be singing a Christmas song; lots to look forward to then!

Reminder: Staff Development Day tomorrow, Friday 30th November 2018

Tomorrow, 30th November, is a Staff Development Day and schools will be closed until Monday, 3rd December.

From Mrs Parkes

Swimming Gala



On Wednesday a team participated in the annual Crediton Learning Community Swimming Gala. The team did really well; they had to swim 25 or 50 metre heats in breast stroke, back stroke or freestyle and they also competed in a relay.

Thorverton came 7th overall out of 15 teams, with a number of our children winning their heats. Henry came third overall in the boys' 25m freestyle race and

Ben came second overall in the 50m breast stroke event. Thank you to the parents who helped transport the children to the event.

Christingle Service, Thursday, 6th December 2018

Next Thursday we will be holding our Christingle service in the church at 9.30am. Parents and families are welcome to join us at the church. We will be raising money for the



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Children's Society. Your child will bring home a small collection box today. Please could you fill this with any loose small change you have around the house and bring it in on or before next Thursday.

Logs and Planks for our Forest School

Thank you to those families who have given us some wonderful logs and planks for us to refurbish our forest school area. We now have enough to create a great new setting.

Guitar Performance



Ginnie Cutler's guitar pupils gave us a lovely concert yesterday afternoon. The children played some Christmas tunes, demonstrating how much they have learnt since they have started playing the guitar.

Ginnie has space for one more pupil. If your child would like to learn to play the classical guitar please come and see Vanessa or Katharine in the office for details.

Top Table

Evelyn, Harry L, Ashton, Henry S and Archie enjoyed their lunch at Top Table this week in the company of Miss Holmes.



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.

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!

PTFA Christmas Fair, Thursday, 6th 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. The PTFA welcome any raffle prizes you could donate. Please bring any donations into the office.



Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, Memorial Hall, Sunday, 2nd December

Families are warmly invited to the lighting of the village Christmas tree at the Memorial Hall this Sunday at 5.30pm. Father Christmas will be making a guest appearance, there will be mince pies and drinks, carol singing round the tree and a children's disco afterwards.

Collective Worship Dates

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| Thursday, 6 th December, 9.30am | Christingle service in church, all welcome |
| Thursday, 13 th December, 2pm | Class 1's "The Nutcracker" and carol service in church, all welcome |
| Friday, 14 th December | Federation Assembly for the whole school |

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Diary Dates

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| Friday, 30 th November | Non-pupil teacher training day |
| Tuesday, 4 th December, 4pm | Tag rugby tournament, Silverton School |
| Thursday, 6 th December, 3.30 – 5pm | PTFA Christmas fair |
| Wednesday, 12 th December | Christmas lunch |
| Monday, 17 th December | Whole school trip to Phoenix Theatre, Exeter |

Term Dates

Autumn term 2018

Monday 3rd September to Friday 19th October (Staff Development Day 3rd September)

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

Spring term 2019

Monday 7th January to Friday 15th February (Staff Development Day 7th January)

Monday 25th February to Friday 5th April (Staff Development Day 25th February)

Summer term 2019

Tuesday 23rd April to Friday 24th May (SATS 13th to 16th May)

Monday 3rd June to Thursday 25th July

Autumn term 2019

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

Monday 28th October to Thursday 19th December (Staff Development Day 29th November)

Spring term 2020

Monday 6th January to Friday 14th February (Staff Development Day 6th January)

Monday 24th February to Friday 27th March

Summer term 2020

Tuesday 14th April to Friday 22nd May (Staff Development Day 14th April)

Monday 1st June to Thursday 23rd July

With best wishes,

Sarah Parkes

Head of School

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