



Thorverton C of E Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

From Mr Jolliffe

It's been another busy week with lots of great musical, artistic and creative skills being showcased in various events at all three schools. This morning we had our termly Federation Assembly, held at Thorverton this time, and it was really good to see all the children together in one place to share the work that they have been doing over the last few weeks in the run up to Easter. I particularly appreciated the confidence of the children in Class 2 at Newton St Cyres who helped me to tell the Easter story, which we have been learning about together on Tuesday afternoons. We also said our final 'thank you and goodbye' to Mrs Veda Dymond, who is retiring after 30 years in the school office at Thorverton. This was an opportunity for all the children to thank her for her service over all those years and wish her well as she embarks on a new stage of life. Finally, I hope that you all have a lovely Easter holiday and are able to enjoy some good weather and time together. Don't forget term starts for everyone on Tuesday 18th April and I look forward to seeing everyone back at school then.

Collective Worship for the Summer Term

In our assemblies next term we will be starting a series looking at 12 different values. Over the next two years we will cover all sorts of different aspects of what it means to grow and develop character, looking at values such as trust, truthfulness, compassion and generosity. Next term we will be focusing on service and Mr Jolliffe will be launching the new programme across all three schools on Tuesday 18th April. The themes are very broad and flexible so we will continue to include other ideas that are relevant to each school. We will also be able to link our assemblies to the PSHE curriculum and class discussions.

From Mrs Parkes

Veda's Goodbye Assembly

After 30 years at the school, Veda has retired from the office this week. Each class paid tribute to her in a special assembly on Wednesday. It was lovely that so many colleagues, pupils and parents from the present and the past came to the special tea party that we arranged for her. Veda received many gifts, flowers and cards; and I know that she really enjoyed seeing everybody. I would like to thank Abby and Karen for all their hard work preparing and serving the tea. We all appreciated it.



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We all wish Veda a happy retirement and a well-earned rest.



Top Table

On Monday Bella G, Neve E, Jak, Jacob, Willow and Spencer joined Mr Martin at Top Table for lunch.

Lunch on Tuesday, 18th April

We will be handing out a new menu after the Easter holidays. On Tuesday, 18th April, the lunch choices will be cheese and tomato pizza or veggie bolognese followed by toffee apple crumble and custard.

Message from QE for Year 6 Children and Parents

QE have asked us to remind you to sign up for some workshops which will be taking place next term for children in Year 6 who are going up to QE in the autumn. You should go the QE website and follow the links to Parents, then Transition and sign up. Workshops will be closed for signing up shortly after the Easter holidays and I will be sent a list of which workshops the children have signed up for.

Red Nose Day

We raised £146 on Red Nose Day. Thank you everybody for your donations to this worthy cause.

After-school Clubs Next Term

After-school clubs will start in the second week of term and we will be sending out a letter to everybody at the start of term so that you will have time to sign up.

Pre-school Next Term

From the summer term, Pre-school will be open five days a week from 9am to 3.15pm. Anyone with a child rising two who would like to register for sessions please drop in for an information and application pack.

Bird Box Making at Thorverton Memorial Hall, Saturday, 8th April 2017, 9.30-11.30am

Come and make a bird box for the recreation ground wildlife garden. This is a free event with materials and tuition kindly provided by Ann and Jerry Parkinson. For more information please contact the Parish Clerk, Alison Marshall, on 01392 861228 or thorvertonpc@gmail.com.

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Diary Dates

Thurs, 20 th & Fri, 21 st April	Class 3 Parents' evenings
Sunday, 23 rd April	Exmoor Challenge practice walk
Wednesday 26 th – Friday 28 th April	Year 4 residential to Beam House, Torrington
Saturday, 29 th April	Exmoor Challenge
Monday 22 nd – Tuesday 23 rd May	Year 3 residential to Camp Wild, Escot
Monday, 29 th May – Monday, 5 th June	Half-term holiday (Monday, 5 th June is a non-pupil day)
Wednesday 7 th – Friday 9 th June	Year 5 residential to New Barn, Dorchester
Friday 9 th – Monday 12 th June	Year 6 residential to Grenville House, Brixham
Wednesday, 26 th July	Last day of summer term
Tuesday, 5 th September	First day of autumn term (Monday, 4 th September is a non-pupil day)
Mon, 23 rd Oct – Weds, 1 st Nov	Half-term holiday (Mon & Tues, 30 th & 31 st Oct are non-pupil days)
Friday, 15 th December	Last day of autumn term

With best wishes for a happy Easter and a lovely holiday and looking forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday, 18th April,

Sarah Parkes

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