



# Thorverton C of E Primary School

## Newsletter

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6<sup>th</sup> May 2016

Dear Parents,

### Message from Mr Jolliffe

Next week is a big week for our Year 6 children as they take their SATS tests, especially this year when the media spotlight has been on the changes that have been made to the curriculum, the testing system and the way that children's attainment and progress is recorded. Whilst these tests are an important part of evaluating what the children have learned over the last four years, what they don't measure is the children's motivation and enthusiasm to learn, the skills they have learned in working together and learning to co-operate or their leadership skills and these are the things that matter just as much as academic progress. So we encourage all our children to do their best and give a good account of themselves but hopefully keep the next few weeks in perspective!

As the reporting of attainment and progress have also changed this year, we will be organising a short meeting for parents of children in Year 2 and Year 6 before reports come home to explain what the external results mean and how they are organised and more information about this will be coming home from each school soon.

### Exmoor Challenge



Congratulations to our team of girls, Chloe Fice, Daisy and Isobel Samuel and Katie Davie, who completed the Exmoor Challenge last Saturday. The weather was perfect for the 16-mile walk across the moor near Dulverton and the girls came in to the finish smiling and cheering in 12<sup>th</sup> place (out of 24 teams of girls). We were all really proud of their performance; this is a tough trek across rough terrain using maps and

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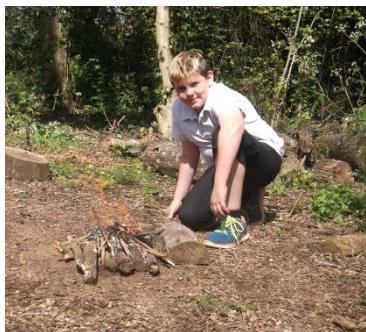
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compasses to negotiate their way from checkpoint to checkpoint. Thank you to the parents who drove the children up to Dulverton and supported them at the start and finish.

### **Silver's Forest School Afternoon**

Yesterday Silver enjoyed a lovely afternoon of Forest School activities with Sara Burnand. The children learnt how to make a campfire and then made their own fires on which they toasted marshmallows. They also had fun making a wonderful den.



### **Year 5 Residential**

This morning we waved off the Year 5 children on their weekend residential to Barton Hall near Torquay. I am sure they will all have great fun with the other children from the Federation, experiencing a variety of activities that will be fun but also challenging.

### **Top Table**

This week Miss Holmes, William Fice, Barnaby, Jacob, Archie Kekwick, Spencer, Samantha and Scarlett had their lunch together at Top Table. This is a great way to reward the children for their good manners and polite attitude at lunch times. Keep it up!

### **Parents Questionnaire**

Don't worry if you haven't yet completed our Federation questionnaire. There is still time to do so, either on line or on paper, copies of which are in the office. We really do value your feedback on the education that we give your children.

### **PTFA Meeting, Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> May, 8pm**

Everybody is welcome to come along to the PTFA meeting on Monday at the Exeter Inn to discuss the Auction of Promises to be held on 30<sup>th</sup> September together with Pre-school. This will be a big event and the PTFA look forward to seeing you at the meeting with some ideas and offers of help.

### **Cadbury Fun Run, Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

The annual Cadbury Fun Run and Walk will take place this Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> 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, 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

Our annual Arts Festival will take place at Thorverton Church from the 10<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup> 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

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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.

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### **Bag 2 School, Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **School Fete, Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

The PTFA will be holding a summer fete on the school field on Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> June from 2 to 5pm.

### **Pre-school Story Sacks**

Eight story sacks are missing from Pre-school. Could you please check at home and if you find one return it to Pre-school.

## *Collective Worship Dates*

Wednesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> May, 9.30am	Year 5 residential assembly
Friday, 27 <sup>th</sup> May, 3pm	Year 6 residential assembly
Friday, 24 <sup>th</sup> June, 2.30pm	Class 2 open afternoon and assembly
Friday, 1 <sup>st</sup> July, 2.30pm	Class 1 open afternoon and assembly
Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> July, 3pm	Year 3 residential assembly
Friday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> July, 2pm	Leavers' assembly in the Church

## *Diary Dates*

Friday, 6 <sup>th</sup> to Monday, 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5 Residential to Barton Hall
Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup> to Monday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Year 6 Residential to Grenville House
Wednesday, 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Bag 2 School collection
Monday, 30 <sup>th</sup> May to Monday, 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Half-term holiday (Monday, 6 <sup>th</sup> June is a non-pupil day)
Saturday, 18 <sup>th</sup> June	PTFA summer fete
Friday, 8 <sup>th</sup> July, 2.30pm	Class 3 open afternoon
Monday, 11 <sup>th</sup> to Tuesday, 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 3 Residential to Escot House

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With best wishes,

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