



# Thorverton C of E Primary School

## Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

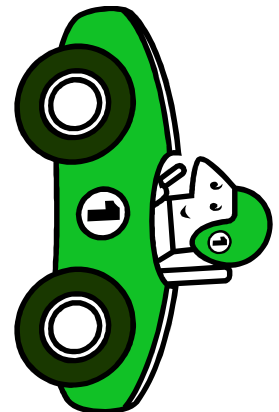
### From Mr Jolliffe

At this time of year the speculation about who is going to be teaching which class always gathers pace as we start to think about arrangements for next year. The leadership team and I have been working on this for some time, taking into account teachers' preferences for next year as well as making sure that there is some continuity in each of the schools. Teachers have until the 31<sup>st</sup> May each year to tell me whether they are planning to leave at the end of the summer and, until that date is past, I don't think it is wise to announce our plans, just in case they have to change! However we will be able to tell parents about the class structure for next year soon after half term and then announce who will be teaching each class in the newsletters at the start of July. I know that everyone wants to know what will be happening in the autumn, but September is still a long way off and there are eight weeks of learning left this year. That's over 20% of the year left, and a lot of learning takes place between now and the end of the July so please be patient and all will become clear!

### From Mrs Parkes

#### Jaguar Maths Competition at QE

On Wednesday, Spencer, Will, Milo & Olivia from Class 3 competed in the Jaguar Maths Challenge held at QE. As a team they had to create a vertical racing car and compete against other teams at the competition. The challenge used a wide range of maths skills in a practical project. Thorverton came 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> out of 16, which is an excellent achievement. Well done to you!



### Crochet Club TV Stars



I am sure you must have seen our Crochet Club on Spotlight on Thursday evening, if not please go back and have a look. The group has been involved in a project to remember the centenary of the First World War. They crocheted many poppies in the club and they have been displayed at the Devon County Show. Erin and Evie were interviewed and did a

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great job of explaining what they had been doing and why.

### Devon County Show

Mrs Perryman & Miss Finch accompanied the Crochet club to the Devon County Show to visit the poppy display in which their poppies that they worked so hard on were displayed amongst the hundreds of other knitted and crocheted poppies.



### Year 2 SATs



Well done to year 2 who have nearly completed their SATs, only a couple left to go next week. They have worked really hard and shown great maturity, concentration and at times perseverance on some of the trickier questions.

### Top Table

On Monday, Mr Biggins enjoyed his lunch in the company of Regan, Barnaby, Jessie, Anna, Willow and Harriet.



### Collective Worship Theme: Truthfulness

The Collective Worship theme for all three schools for the second half of the summer term is Truthfulness. We will be looking at stories on the following themes:

- telling the whole story and not covering or hiding the truth to mislead people
- telling the truth and making the right choices
- Searching for the truth in order to find it
- Having the courage to be honest and facing up to the truth

We will be using stories from the Bible, unpacking quotes from Ghandi and the Buddha as well as stories from everyday life.

### Governors News

On Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> May the Resources committee met at Newton St Cyres Primary School. Dave Alcock reported on his health and safety visit to Newton St Cyres, where he suggested improvements to the trim trail which have now been carried out. Further advice was given to Class 4 regarding FIRE, Mr Jolliffe explained the new system (CPOMS) which will be used for recording safeguarding incidents. This will ensure that all reports and observations are stored in a secure online location, and will be accessible to all designated safeguarding officers in the Federation. An issue which was discussed again was the ongoing problem of rooks at Thorverton. Unfortunately, the position of the rooks means that outdoor areas of Class 1 and pre-school are unusable. Numerous options have already been attempted, without much success, and our final attempt at finding them a new home is to 'employ' a hawk! The hawk will visit the school for two hours at a time, over a month's period, and then revisit periodically over the next two years. Fingers crossed this is an effective method!

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## PTFA News

Thank you to all the Class 1 parents for the huge amount of cakes brought in for the cake sale today. I will let you know how much was made in next week's newsletter.

## Term dates

There was one small error on the term dates for 2018: the autumn term finishes on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018. This has been corrected on the website now

## Collective Worship Dates

Friday, 9 <sup>th</sup> June, 3pm	Year 3 residential assembly
Friday, 16 <sup>th</sup> June, 3pm	Year 5 residential assembly
Friday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> June, 3pm	Year 6 residential assembly
Friday, 30 <sup>th</sup> June, 3pm	Class 1 assembly
Wednesday, 26 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers' service in church

## Diary Dates

Monday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Football tournament at Crediton
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Year 3 residential to Camp Wild, Escot
Thursday, 25 <sup>th</sup> May, 3pm	Class 2 open afternoon
Thursday, 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Class 2 Kingfisher Award Field Trip to Quicke's Home Farm
Thursday, 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Class 3 Trip to The Fleet Air Arm Museum
Monday, 29 <sup>th</sup> May – Monday, 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Half-term holiday (Monday, 5 <sup>th</sup> June is a non-pupil day)
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 residential to New Barn, Dorchester
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> – Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 residential to Grenville House, Brixham
Friday, 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Class 2 cake stall
Friday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Bag 2 School collection
Wednesday, 28 <sup>th</sup> June, 3pm	Class 3 open afternoon
Friday, 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Class 3 cake stall
Wednesday, 26 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of summer term
Tuesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> September	First day of autumn term (Monday, 4 <sup>th</sup> September is a non-pupil day)
Mon, 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct – Weds, 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Half-term holiday (Mon & Tues, 30 <sup>th</sup> & 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct are non-pupil days)
Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of autumn term

With best wishes,

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