



Thorverton C of E Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

From Mr Jolliffe

Earlier in the school year I wrote a section in the newsletters about consulting all stakeholders on changing the age range for three of the federation schools from 4 to 11 to 2 to 11 years. This will enable us to include the Foundation Stage Units in the schools and make the management of their budgets much simpler. After many delays, the consultation is now ready to go out and on Monday you will receive all the information about this proposed change. There will be an opportunity to talk to Jackie Enright, Chair of Governors, Heads of School from Brampford Speke, Cheriton Fitzpaine and Newton St Cyres about this proposal as part of the consultation. Please do look out for this and let us know if you have any questions or would like more information.

From Mrs Parkes

Visitors to Thorverton

This week a number of visitors came into school. Reverend Katie discussed perseverance in her assembly on Monday, and Anne Marie from Initiatives in Christian Education (ICE) came in to talk to the children about reaching their goals by taking small but significant steps.

Next week we have the fire service visiting to talk to the children about keeping safe if there is a fire, preventing fires from happening and the role of the fire service. Remember, if you do not want your child to take part in these fire safety sessions, please see me, Vanessa or Katharine in the office for an opt-out request form.



Class 2's Greek Day

This week Class 2 had their wonderful Greek day. The children came to school dressed in ancient Greek costumes. They all looked fantastic! They spent the day learning so much about Athens and the life of the Athenians in ancient times. Each child has made a Greek vase and a shield as well as a mask. They will be sharing their learning with the parallel class at Brampford Speke when they come over to Thorverton for a visit in early February.

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Musical Tuition

Many children have expressed an interest in taking up an instrument following on from Alison Golby's visit last week with a variety of instruments for the children to try out. Our band is now 20 strong! This is fantastic news. Alison has prepared letters for all those interested in learning an instrument. If you haven't already received one please let the office know and we will get a message to Alison. If you wish your child to take this further please return the forms as soon as possible.

Exmoor Challenge for Year 6

Earlier this week Year 6 parents should have received an email with information about the Exmoor Challenge. There are a number of Year 6 children interested in taking part in this 16-mile walk across Exmoor in May. I will be having a meeting with them next week, so please do register your child's interest by emailing us or popping into the office. It is important that parents do this as well as the children so that we know you agree and that your child can commit to the practice walks and to taking part on Saturday, 4th May 2019.

School Gateway Payments

We are getting to grips with the new School Gateway system and hope that you are, too. If you pay for dinners or a trip by cash or cheque, this may take up to a week to show on the system, as we have to enter these figures manually. So if you know you have paid for a trip or for school meals, but School Gateway is telling you that you owe money, please don't worry. We will catch up! If you have any queries please don't hesitate to ask us in the office. Vanessa and Katharine are always pleased to help.

Measuring the Height and Weight of Children in Reception and Year 6

If your child is in Reception or Year 6 you will have received an email with details of a visit by the school nurse to measure the height and weight of children. This is an initiative by Public Health Devon. If you do not wish your child to take part, please remember to return the opt-out slip. We have paper copies of the letter in the office if you would like one.

Top Table

On Monday, Hinemoa, Rose, Layton, Etienne, Charlotte and Jessie H. enjoyed their lunch at Top Table in the company of Miss Holmes.



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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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