



# Thorverton C of E Primary School

## Newsletter

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10<sup>th</sup> June 2016

Dear Parents,

### **Message from Mr Jolliffe**

Welcome back to school! I hope you and your family were able to enjoy the lovely weather last week, we certainly enjoyed time together in the garden in the sunshine! Today we are celebrating the Queen's 90th birthday with a Federation Assembly at the Memorial Hall in Thorverton with lots of different activities for the children to enjoy. Each class has prepared something to share with the rest of the Federation and we will be finishing with a reflection on the Queen's dedication to her role over many years. Each child should come home with a 90th birthday coin which has been kindly funded by the PTAs of the three schools.

### **Class Teachers for 2016/17**

The deadline for changes to the composition of teaching teams for September has now passed (teachers have to resign by 31st May each year to take up new posts in September) and so we can now let you know who will be teaching each class next year. At Thorverton the pattern will remain the same as this year, so Mr Biggins will be teaching Class 1, Miss Holmes will be teaching Class 2 and Mr Martin will be teaching Class 3. Where children will be moving to a new class in September we will make sure there is plenty of time to get to know their new teachers towards the end of this term.

### **From Mrs Parkes**

Welcome back to the summer term. I hope that you had a lovely week last week in the amazing weather we had. This term is really busy with so many activities and special days going on. Please watch out for events appearing in the diary dates and on the board. Thank you for all your donations for the tombola stall for the PTFA summer fete on the 18<sup>th</sup> June. They are much appreciated.

### **Main Gate Intercom**

The intercom on the main school gate is being re-instated. It will be up and running from Tuesday. You will need to press the buzzer in the wall and wait for someone in school to answer and let you in.

### **Absences and lateness**

There are a number of children coming in a little late in the morning. Please could you ensure that your child is in school by 8.55am ready for the register at 9am. It is important that the children have had time to settle in to ensure they are ready for school.

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Also, just a reminder, please make sure that you sign your child in and/or out of school if they are late or have been out for an appointment; and if your child is away for any reason please ensure you phone the school in the morning to let us know. Thank you.

### **Water Bottles**

Please make sure that the children have a water bottle in school every day, especially in the warm weather.

### **The Queen's Birthday Celebrations**

We had a great day today at the Memorial hall celebrating the Queen's Birthday. All the schools from the Federation came over and we took part in a variety of activities linked to the Queen's life: Skipping, orb decoration and crown making were just a few. Many of the children performed in the assembly. Class 1 were amazing dancing the Charleston!

### **Federation Staff Meeting – Growth Mindset**

On Wednesday, the teaching staff of the Federation met at Cheriton Fitzpaine to discuss growth mindsets. Growth mindset is an initiative currently being promoted in the three schools to provide children with a love of learning accompanied with building resilience to mistakes. As a Federation, we want all children to see challenges as an opportunity to develop themselves, with the overall goal of reaching the potential they are capable of. As staff, we discussed the key characteristics of a growth mindset learner and identified where these traits could be found in the individual schools. We moved on to look at the opportunities that are being given to the children to overcome challenges within the classroom and the positive outcomes that are being observed. We have a staff inset day at start of the autumn term to fully launch this initiative so make sure you look out for more information and workshops for parents in the next academic year.

### **Top Table**

This week Mr Martin enjoyed the company of Louis, William, Lucy, Rebecca, Neve and Erin at Top Table.

### **PTFA Meeting, Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> June**

The next PTFA meeting will be on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> June at 8pm at the Exeter Inn. All welcome!

### **PTFA Summer Fete, Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> June 2016, 11am to 2pm**

We would just like to remind you that the PTFA will be holding a summer fete on the school field on Saturday, 18th June from 11am to 2pm. They would be very grateful for any donations of plants and cakes to sell, second hand toys and books, as well as any raffle prizes – any donations can be left in the school office. They are also looking to borrow any bunting and gazebos for the event. Please see Julie Davie or Pippa Eyles if you can help out, or if you know anyone who would like to have a stall for £5. There will be lots of fun and games including tombola, bouncy castle, skittles, face painting, plants, cakes, toys, books, crafts and BBQ – so please come along, bring your friends and family and enjoy some summer fun!

### **Sponsored Swim, Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> June, 5.15 to 6.30pm**

Remember to keep getting sponsors for the sponsored swim later this month. The school council are hoping to raise plenty of money for the school. If you are able to help at Lords Meadow Leisure Centre on the day or if you have any questions, please see Tammi Vukusic.

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### **Thorverton Recreation Ground Open Day, Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> July 2016, from 11am**

Discover the new wildlife garden, ride on the new children's play equipment, work out on the new adult gym equipment. There will be a family friendly table tennis competition and children's games, too. Bring a picnic (we will have use of the WI hut facilities). Hilary Lawson, from the parish council, came and talked to the children this week about a competition to design play equipment for the recreation ground. The winner will have the privilege of cutting the ribbon to open the newly refurbished area on 10<sup>th</sup> July.

### **Job Vacancy for a Mealtime Assistant**

We are looking for a mealtime assistant as soon as possible to join our committed, hardworking team of schools across the Exe Valley Federation, at Thorverton in the first instance. The hours are 11.45am to 1.15pm Mondays to Fridays at £7.20 per hour, 38 weeks per year. Applications would be welcomed from well-motivated, enthusiastic and cheerful people to work as part of a team helping to supervise, care for and manage the children in the dining hall and playground including supporting them in their play. Previous experience is desirable but not essential. Exe Valley Federation is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children who attend. Therefore, the successful applicants will be required to undertake an enhanced DBS disclosure and appropriate references will be taken up. For further details and an application form, please contact the school office.

### *Collective Worship Dates*

Friday, 24 <sup>th</sup> June, 2.30pm	Class 2 open afternoon and assembly
Friday, 8 <sup>th</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*

Saturday, 18 <sup>th</sup> June	PTFA summer fete
Monday, 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Group and class photographs to be taken
Saturday, 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Sponsored swim
Tuesday, 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
Thursday, 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5/6 Quad Athletics at QE
Friday, 1 <sup>st</sup> July, 2.30pm	Class 3 open afternoon
Monday, 4 <sup>th</sup> to Friday, 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Bikeability training for Year 6
Wednesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> July, 3.30pm	Class 3 Kingfisher Award presentation
Monday, 11 <sup>th</sup> to Tuesday, 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 3 Residential to Escot House
Tuesday, 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5 workshop at QE
Wednesday, 13 <sup>th</sup> July, 3pm	Guitar assembly with Mrs Cutler's pupils
Thursday, 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 transition day at QE
Monday, 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Whole school trip to Woodlands
Wednesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition afternoon for all pupils
Wednesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 trip to Haven Banks

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Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> July  
Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July

Federation assembly at Newton St Cyres School  
Last day of term

With best wishes,

*Sarah Parkes*

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