



# Thorverton C of E Primary School

## Newsletter

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24<sup>th</sup> June 2016

Dear Parents,

### Message from Mr Jolliffe

Over the last few weeks I have been very aware that I haven't been able to meet children and parents in the morning as much as I would have liked. For one reason or another I seem to have had a lot of meetings first thing in the morning, so I do apologise for not being as visible as usual! Next week I will be at Thorverton on Monday morning, Newton St Cyres on Wednesday morning and Cheriton Fitzpaine on Thursday morning, so look forward to catching up with you then.

### From Mrs Parkes

#### Art Panels

I am sure you will have noticed that the panels on the wall in the playground have been replaced and primed. This is in preparation for an artistic mural that is being created by some Class 3 children in collaboration with Mr Biggins and our local artist in residence, Laurie Bowles. The mural is going to incorporate many pieces of the children's art work from across the school and has the theme of Thorverton as a community and what is important to the children in their local environment. On Tuesday I had a preview of all their ideas and it promises to be a very exciting project. We hope to have it finished by the end of term.

#### Outdoor trim trail

You will also have noticed Mr Hampson digging holes! He is putting in an exciting set of outdoor equipment for the children to climb on. The first instalment has been completed and the children are queuing to play on this new set of stepping stones at break times. This trim trail is being funded by the very generous donations that we have received from Thorfest over the past few years. Thank you very much.

#### Reports

The class teachers are working hard on the children's annual reports. These will be sent home (hand delivered by the children) on Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> July. If your child is away on this day you can still pick up the report from the office. If you would like to discuss anything about your child's report with the class teacher please pop along to see them on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> July at the end of the school day. You can speak to the teacher then or make an appointment for Tuesday after school.

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### **Class 2's Topic**

Class 2 have had a busy week continuing their topic work. Terry from South West Water came in to school on Tuesday to show the children how water is filtered; he brought in a coarse filter and a fine filter. On Wednesday, the class walked down to the bridge over the River Exe to follow the flow of the river.



### **Top Table**

This week Archie, Levi, Anna, Milly, Kaia and Lili sat at Top Table for their lunch with Mr Biggins.

### **Sports Day, Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> June 2016, 1.30pm**

This year our sports day will have an Olympic Games theme: the children will take part in a selection of track and field activities. We will be starting at 1.30pm. Please can you provide your children with coloured T-shirts for their houses: green for Bullen, yellow for Dinneford, red for Jericho and blue for Silver. Parents and families are welcome to come along to support the children at Sports Day and there will be tea and coffee available for the adults.

### **Sports Day Lunch**

Abby will be cooking a special Sports Day lunch on Tuesday. The menu is: Golden fishy **Batons** (fish fingers) or **Victory** vegetarian sausages, both served in a soft bap with **racing rocket** (lettuce) and tomato **hoops** (sliced tomato) with **Bean Bag Team** pasta salad, **Golden Jump** sweetcorn and baked **Relay** potato wedges. Then across the finish line for a frozen **Cool Down** (vanilla pot ice cream).

This means that the usual options for Tuesday will be on the menu for Friday instead. On **Friday** the main option will be lasagne and the vegetarian option will be lentil loaf, both served with potato wedges, crusty bread, coleslaw and salad with fruit crumble and custard for pudding.

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

We are looking forward to seeing lots of you at the sponsored swim at Lords Meadow Leisure Centre tomorrow afternoon. I know that some of you have been practicing hard. Swimmers and supporters can arrive from 5pm and swimming will start from 5.15pm. We have the use of the pool until 6.15pm. If you are able to help at Lords Meadow Leisure Centre on the day or if you have any questions, please see Tammi Vukusic.

### **Musical Assembly, Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> June, 9.10am**

On Thursday morning Heather Kershaw's recorder, piano and keyboard pupils will be giving a short concert. Parents of those children involved are invited to come and enjoy the music.

### **Musical Assembly, Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> July, 3pm**

Ginnie Gutler's guitar and piano pupils will also be giving a concert, this time on the afternoon of 13<sup>th</sup> July. Parents of those children taught by Ginnie are very welcome to come along.

### **Parking**

I would like to remind you not to park in School Lane when dropping off and picking up children in the mornings and afternoons. Parking and turning in the narrow road makes it dangerous for children and

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parents arriving on foot, as well as causing disruption for our neighbours. Please use the car park at the top of Bullen Street or the Memorial Hall car park, which the Memorial Hall committee kindly let us use. Both are only a few minutes' walk away.

### **School Gates**

Please would you come into school through the small gate in the mornings until it is locked at 9.05am. Likewise, I would ask you to leave school in the afternoon via the small gate. Several parents and children are coming in via the big gates. It is safer to use the small gate and it is fine to bring bicycles in that way and wheel them across the playground to the bike shelter.

### **Cycling in the Village**

I have received some reports of children being seen cycling through the village in the middle of the road. Please make sure your children are cycling safely – the roads through Thorverton are used by many vehicles and the narrow roads and parked cars reduce their visibility and space to react.

### **Head Lice**

Head lice have been spotted again. Please check your children's hair over the weekend and if necessary treat before sending the children back to school. Long hair should always be tied back.

### **Tag Rugby Kits**

We are still missing several items of school tag rugby kit. Please would everybody check at home and return any items to school as soon as possible. We have a tag rugby tournament scheduled in July and need the full kit for then.

### **PTFA and Pre-School Auction of Promises, 30<sup>th</sup> September**

The PTFA would just like to remind everybody about this fund raising event. You should all have received a note from the PTFA asking for ideas for donations for the auction of promises. The list could include ironing, holiday homes, baby sitting, hair/beauty treatments, massage, computer advice, lessons in something, artwork etc. Please send in your ideas to the PTFA by next Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> July. You can return your slips to any members of the PTFA or to the school office.

### **Help us win £5000 for the School Library**

Log on to <http://www.nationalbooktokens.com/> to nominate our school to win £5000 worth of book tokens for the library.

### **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). The winner of a competition to design some play equipment will have the privilege of cutting the ribbon to open the newly refurbished area on 10<sup>th</sup> July.

### **Summer Holiday Tennis, Cricket and Swimming for children at the University of Exeter**

The University's holiday programme will be running throughout the summer, with tennis, cricket and swimming activities available alongside King's Camps. All sessions make use of the University's facilities and coaches. Half-day and full-day options are available for tennis and cricket, while intensive swimming consists

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of daily 30-minute sessions over a course of five days. View the [full range of activities](#) online for full course information, dates and prices. For tennis and cricket, [book a place online](#) or contact the Sports Park reception on 01392 724452, or at [exetersport@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:exetersport@exeter.ac.uk). For intensive swimming, contact St Luke's Sports Centre on 01392 724940 or at [stlukessportscentre@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:stlukessportscentre@exeter.ac.uk).

## *Collective Worship Dates*

Thursday, 30 <sup>th</sup> June, 9.10am	Heather Kershaw's music pupils playing in assembly
Friday, 8 <sup>th</sup> July, 2.30pm	Class 1 open afternoon and assembly
Wednesday, 13 <sup>th</sup> July, 3pm	Guitar and piano assembly with Ginnie Cutler's pupils
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, 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
Tuesday, 12 <sup>th</sup> July, 9am	Assessment explained for Year 6 parents
Thursday, 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 transition day at QE
Thursday, 14 <sup>th</sup> July, 9am	Assessment explained for Year 2 parents
Thursday, 14 <sup>th</sup> July, 4pm	E-safety workshop for parents at Cheriton Fitzpaine School
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
Thursday, 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Federation assembly at Newton St Cyres School
Friday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Last day of term

With best wishes,

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