



Thorverton C of E Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Message from Mr Jolliffe

The internet is an amazing resource and one that children use in school to extend their learning and at home for entertainment and many other things. However, as we all know, there are risks associated with using these resources, and keeping our children safe on-line is a very important part of schools' responsibility for safeguarding. It is also really important that parents know and understand what the risks are and where their children might be at risk. In response to requests made in the recent Parents' Questionnaire, we have organised an e-safety workshop for parents on **Thursday, 14th July at 4pm at Cheriton Fitzpaine** school. It would be great if as many parents as possible could come to this, maybe by sharing childcare and feeding back to other parents. This is a really important aspect of parenting in the twenty-first century and I am sure that you will learn a great deal from the workshop... please do come along.

NUT INDUSTRIAL ACTION

The National Union of Teachers has called for its members to take industrial action to protest about cuts to education and unreasonable workload. The proposed day of action is Tuesday, 5th July 2016 and members of the NUT are required to inform school leaders of their decision to take action by Monday, 4th July. If your child's teacher is taking industrial action on the 5th July, then we cannot cover that class with supply teachers or other members of staff and will have to close that class for the day. We will inform parents who will be affected by text and email on Monday, 4th July between 4 and 5pm. We will update the school website as well at that time so that everyone knows what is happening the next day.

Sponsored Swim

Well done to everyone who attended the sponsored swim. So many of you smashed your target and swam far further than you thought you could. What a great success. The amount raised in this one evening was about £1000. This is amazing! A BIG THANK YOU goes to Tammi who organised the whole event, to the life guards who staffed the pool for us and finally to all of the family and friends that sponsored the children. Thank you so much.



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Quad Athletics

Yesterday a group of children from Class 3 took part in the annual Quad Athletics competition at QE Lower School. It was a great sporting day and the children were a credit to us. Erin came second in the crazy catch and vortex throw event, Marshall and John came joint second in the crazy catch. The girls came second in their relay heat and the boys were first in their relay heat. Well done everybody.



Top Table

This week Mrs Parkes joined Zach, Charlie, Ben, Ollie, Samantha and Mijuki for lunch at Top Table.

Recorder and Piano Assembly

We were treated to a lovely assembly on Wednesday from Mrs Kershaw's students. They played a variety of wonderful pieces incredibly well and showed what hard work, determination and lots of practice can do! Well done all of you. It was such a lovely start to a Wednesday.

Class 2 Assembly

Thank you to all the parents of children in Class 2 for coming to our open afternoon and assembly. We really do appreciate your support for the children and the school. The children did a great job demonstrating to their parents in their assembly how much they have learnt in a short space of time.

Class Photos

Copies of the class and group photos taken last week are available to view in the office. You are welcome to come and have a look at them before you place your Tempest order. Orders should be in by next Friday, 8th July, so that the photos can be back before the end of term.

Parking

Thank you for not parking and turning in School Lane. Some parents have been using the Thorverton Arms car park instead. However, this is not for public use: it is reserved for visitors and customers of the pub. If you are planning to enjoy a coffee in the café in the pub after dropping off your children in the morning, it is fine to use their car park. Otherwise, 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.

Cycling in the Village

Last week we asked you to talk to your children about cycling and scooting around the village more carefully, as it had been noticed that some children were putting themselves in danger. It has also come to our attention that some children are not wearing cycle helmets. I would just like to remind you that it is important that all children wear a correctly fitting helmet when cycling or scooting to school, but also when just out and about in Thorverton.

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Musical Assembly, Wednesday, 13th July, 3pm

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

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, 10th 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 10th July.

Collective Worship Dates

Friday, 8 th July, 2.30pm	Class 1 open afternoon and assembly
Wednesday, 13 th July, 3pm	Guitar and piano assembly with Ginnie Cutler's pupils
Friday, 15 th July, 3pm	Year 3 residential assembly
Friday, 22 nd July, 2pm	Leavers' assembly in the Church

Diary Dates

Monday, 4 th July, 2.30pm	Class 3 open afternoon
Monday, 4 th to Friday, 8 th July	Bikeability training for Year 6
Wednesday, 6 th July, 3.30pm	Class 3 Kingfisher Award presentation
Monday, 11 th to Tuesday, 12 th July	Year 3 Residential to Escot House
Tuesday, 12 th July	Year 5 workshop at QE
Tuesday, 12 th July, 9am	Assessment explained for Year 6 parents
Thursday, 14 th July	Year 6 transition day at QE
Thursday, 14 th July, 9am	Assessment explained for Year 2 parents
Thursday, 14 th July, 4pm	E-safety workshop for parents at Cheriton Fitzpaine School
Monday, 18 th July	Whole school trip to Woodlands
Wednesday, 20 th July	Transition afternoon for all pupils
Wednesday, 20 th July	Year 6 trip to Haven Banks
Thursday, 21 st July	Federation assembly at Newton St Cyres School
Friday, 22 nd July	Last day of term

With best wishes,

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