



Thorverton C of E Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Message from Mr Jolliffe

On Tuesday we received the SATs tests results for our Year 6s and we are very pleased with what they have achieved. Again there was a lot of media attention on what these results meant and how well children nationally had done in May. Whatever we think about testing 11 year olds in this way, all the Year 6s are to be congratulated on their hard work and achievement, not only in these tests but also in the way they have demonstrated leadership skills to younger children and supported each other. In the end this is what will carry them through into the next stage of their learning journey and beyond.

End-of-year Federation Assembly

On Thursday, 21st July, we will be gathering together at Newton St Cyres to say goodbye to our Year 6s and to Mrs Thorne, Mrs Yeandle, Miss Knight and a temporary goodbye to Mrs Jess Wright. All the children will be able to have a school dinner on that day and it would help if children either had a school dinner or brought a packed lunch in a disposable container.

Kingfisher Award Ceremony



On Wednesday the children in Year 6 took part in the Kingfisher Award ceremony at Newton St Cyres recreation ground. Thorverton

came third out of nine schools taking part. The judges were very impressed with the children's knowledge of their subject, "poo". They had to answer questions from the judges and explain their display. The model of the life cycle of the dung beetle was especially well done. A big thank you and well done to Mrs Farnhill and Miss Finch who co-ordinated the whole project. Congratulations also go to Cheriton Fitzpaine School who

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came second. The children's work is on display in the hall for the next week, if you would like to come in and have a look.

Sports Day



The theme this year was the Olympics and we chose a number of field and track events as well as some traditional races.

Competition was close between the houses. Everybody had great fun in spite of the occasional drizzle. Pre-school joined us and ran an egg and spoon race. Not one of them dropped their egg! We ended the "Olympics" with a fun race for the Year 6 leavers, who got very wet but managed to include Mr Martin in a soaking! Silver were the overall winners, just pipping Jericho to the post. Thank you to the PTFA for providing tea and cakes and to parents and families for coming along to support the children. We hope you had a good time, the children certainly did.

Drumming Assembly

Tony and his pupils entertained us with their drumming skills this week. It is a joy to see the children develop over the years and see their skills improve. Pre-school joined us, too. There was a lot of air drumming and audience participation. Thank you to Tony, the children and you, the parents, who support your children so well.

Bikeability

A number of Year 6 children have been learning how to be safe on the roads during their bikeability sessions this week. They have been excellently behaved and learned quickly what to do on the roads to keep

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themselves safe. They have been a credit to the school and all achieved a level 2. The feedback from the instructor, John, was that the children “have been an absolute pleasure to teach.”

Goodbye to the Students

On Tuesday we said goodbye to Miss Dakin and Miss Fox who have been working in Classes 2 and 3 for the last term. We thank them for all their hard work in school and wish them well in their future careers.

Medicines Policy

In accordance with DCC guidance and our own Federation Medicines Policy, we will only be giving children medicine if it has been prescribed by a doctor and can be taken in the middle of the day. Thank you for your understanding in this matter. Parents may still come in to school to give over-the-counter medicines to their children if necessary.

Year 3 Residential

Just a reminder that the children in Year 3 are off on their residential to Escot with the other Year 3s from the Federation. If you haven't yet paid the remainder of the cost, please do so as soon as possible.

Assessment Explained for Year 6 Parents, 12th July 2016, 3.15pm

I would just like to remind you about the short workshop that I will be holding on Tuesday afternoon. Please note the change of time. I will explain the assessment process that has been implemented this year for year 6 and what will be reported to you at the end of the year.

Assessment Explained for Year 2 Parents, 14th July 2016

On Thursday, 14th July at 9am I will be holding a short workshop to explain the assessment process that has been implemented this year for year 2 and what will be reported to you at the end of the year. If you cannot make this talk then Mrs Thorne will be holding a similar session at Cheriton Fitzpaine School on the same day at 3pm which you are welcome to attend.

E-safety Workshop, 14th July 2016

On Thursday, 14th July at 4pm at Cheriton Fitzpaine School there will be a workshop on keeping your child safe whilst on the internet. This will be a very informative session and will help you to understand what challenges our children face in the internet world and how we can help them to use the internet and digital world safely.

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.

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.

Recorder and Piano/Keyboard Lessons

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Mrs Heather Kershaw has some spaces for lessons next term in piano/keyboard and recorder; recorder from Year 2 - 6 and piano/keyboard Year 3 – 6. If your child is interested in starting lessons, then please contact the School Office ASAP or her direct 01392 860419 heather@kershaw25.eclipse.co.uk

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.

Rainbows and Brownies

Hannah, Jean and Penny would like to let you know that next week will be the last sessions of Rainbows and Brownies. They will all be retiring, so there will no longer be a Rainbows or Brownies group in the village. If you are interested in taking over either of the groups, please see one of them.

Collective Worship Dates

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, 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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