



# Thorverton C of E Primary School

## Newsletter

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15<sup>th</sup> July 2016

Dear Parents,

### Message from Mr Jolliffe

Earlier this week I went with Year 3 to Escot on their first school residential. All the children were extremely well behaved and took up the challenges of swamp walking, treasure hunting and sleeping in a yurt with enthusiasm. Many thanks to all the staff who came too and to the children for making it such an enjoyable time.

At the end of next week we will be saying 'goodbye' and 'thank you' to a number of staff from across the Federation. Mrs Catherine Yeandle has been working as a TA at Cheriton and leaves us to train as a teacher in September and Miss Lydia Knight leaves us to start a new career training as a speech and language therapist in Sheffield. Both have contributed an enormous amount to supporting children's learning and well-being and many of them have benefited from the 1:1 support that Miss Knight has given them through the Thrive programme. We wish both of them every success and happiness in their new ventures. We will also be saying a temporary farewell to Mrs Jess Wright who will be going on maternity leave in the autumn, awaiting the arrival of her second child. We wish her well and look forward to seeing her again soon. We will be thanking them, and Mrs Carey Thorne, at our Federation Assembly on Thursday next week. More about Mrs Thorne in next week's newsletter!

### Year 3 Residential

At the start of the week, Year 3 spent two days at Escot, Camp Wild, along with Miss Holmes, Miss Finch, Mr Jolliffe and other staff from across the Federation. The children really showed determination, team work and a great willingness to join in with everything on offer. We took part in a swamp walk (a highlight for all including Miss Holmes, Miss Finch and Mr Jolliffe), watched a falconry display and enjoyed many forest school activities. In the evening we really enjoyed a campfire with toasted marshmallows along with a sing-song. We loved



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going on a night hike just as the sun was going down, which tired us all out and ensured we all slept really well! All adults were extremely impressed with the children's behaviour, washing-up skills, and the eagerness to form new friendships across the Federation. What a great couple of days!



### **Musical Assembly**

Ginnie Gutler's guitar and piano pupils played beautifully for us in assembly on Wednesday. What a lovely concert.

### **Top Table**

Amelia, Bella, John and Corey enjoyed their lunch at Top Table with Mr Martin.

### **Impetigo**

Parents have reported to us that a couple of children in school and pre-school have impetigo. This is a bacterial skin infection, which commonly affects the face, particularly around the nose and mouth causing weeping lesions which form crusts. Young children may be generally off colour. Impetigo is infectious while the spots are wet and discharging pus. Antibiotic treatment is helpful; separate towels and thorough hand washing are important in preventing transmission. Children can return to school once they are well and the lesions are crusted or healed, or 48 hours after starting antibiotic treatment.

### **PTFA Auction of Promises, 30<sup>th</sup> September, Exeter Inn**

Please return your pledges to the school office by Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July at the latest. We have a fantastic range of lots to date including attraction tickets, paintballing, sports coaching, signed merchandise, logs, GWR tickets, babysitting, beauty treatments ... please have a think about what you could donate. Tickets are now on sale for £3.50 and we will have them at the end of term BBQ.

### **PTFA End of Term BBQ, Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 6pm onwards**

Don't miss the annual end of term BBQ and social on the school field. There will be burgers and hot dogs, drinks for the children and lots of fun. Bring a blanket and/or chairs to sit on and your own drinks.

### **Outstanding Payments**

There are a few outstanding payments for residential visits and the trip to Woodlands on Monday. Please also pay your dinner money arrears by next week so that we can square the books before the holidays. Please come and see Katharine in the office if you have any queries.

### **Recorder and Piano/Keyboard Lessons**

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 on 01392 860419 or [heather@kershaw25.eclipse.co.uk](mailto:heather@kershaw25.eclipse.co.uk).

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## *Collective Worship Dates*

Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2pm

Leavers' assembly in the Church

## *Diary Dates*

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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