



Thorverton C of E Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Message from Mr Jolliffe

Mrs Thorne is leaving Cheriton Fitzpaine after 35 years of teaching in a range of schools in Devon but mostly at Cheriton Fitzpaine, where she has been Deputy Head and then Head of School. Over the last week there have been lots of opportunities to thank her for her commitment to the learning and well-being of many, many children, and today the children of Cheriton will be saying their goodbyes at their end of year assembly. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her passion for teaching children and her vision for learning in its broadest sense, not just in English and maths but also in sport, music, art and emotional development. Her legacy will certainly be to preserve and develop a broad and balanced curriculum across the Federation. I wish her every happiness for the future, whatever it may hold, and look forward to seeing her on residential visits next year!

Today we are also saying goodbye to our 34 Year 6 leavers, and yesterday at our Federation assembly they all shared their memories of their time at primary school. Many thanks to all the parents who have organised events to celebrate the end of the school year for everyone, especially the Year 6 children. All the staff and children at the Exe Valley schools wish them every success and happiness as their learning journey continues at secondary school.

Teaching Assistant Appointment

In September we will be joined by Mrs Danielle Perryman who will be working with us every morning to support children's learning. We look forward to welcoming her then.

I hope you and your family are able to enjoy a lovely summer holiday together and look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Wednesday 7th September, ready for a new school year.

Year 6 Leavers

We said good bye to our Year 6 children today at a very emotional service at the church. They have been a wonderful year group and will be sadly missed by us all, but I am sure that they are ready for secondary school and all the fun and exciting challenges that lie before them. I hope that they come back and visit us to tell us all about it.

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At our leavers' service we also presented four children with cups for special achievements. Emma received the Creativity Cup for being such a fantastic all round creative artist and performer. You may remember her great performance as Little Miss Muffet's spider in the Christmas show. She also attends the Pauline Quirk Academy for performing arts. Eliza was chosen by all the staff to receive the Spirit of Devon trophy, which is for someone who is a special friend, kind, supportive and generous. The Governors' Progress Cups go to Brent in Key Stage 1 for the huge achievements he has made this year; and to Ollie H in Key Stage 2 for his consistent hard work and the great progress he has made in all areas of the curriculum.

Trip to Woodlands

We had a fun day on Monday at Woodlands. The children enjoyed sliding down water chutes, climbing on adventure playgrounds, swinging on pirate ships and floating in boats to name just a few activities they participated in. They were all very tired at the end of the day, with some falling asleep on the way home. I would like to say a big thank you to all the parents who helped, as these trips would not be able to happen without this support. I would also like to thank the PTFA who donated money to pay for some of the transport to Woodlands.

Thank you Tea

We had a lovely afternoon on Tuesday sitting out underneath the trees on the field. The School Council served tea and cake to all our helpers and neighbours to say thank you for their support. Each class performed a song or a dance which went down very well with the audience. Thank you to the staff and children for preparing this and to everyone who came.

Top Table

This week it was the turn of the Year 6s to sit at Top Table and enjoy their lunch with Mr Martin.

PTFA End of Term BBQ, today, 6pm onwards

Don't miss the annual end of term BBQ and social on the school field this evening.

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 her direct on 01392 860419 or heather@kershaw25.eclipse.co.uk.

Music with Mummy, Thorverton Arms, Friday, 12th August, 11am

There will be a taster session during the holidays, and weekly sessions will start on Fridays in September. The sessions will be suitable for children aged one to four years and siblings are welcome to come along too.

PTFA Auction of Promises, 30th September, Exeter Inn

Please return your pledges to the school office by this afternoon. 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 BBQ this evening.

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Diary Dates

Wednesday, 7th September

Autumn term starts (Monday, 5th and Tuesday, 6th are non-pupil teacher training days)

I look forward to seeing many of you at the PTFA end-of-term barbecue this evening from 6pm 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. I wish everybody a lovely summer break with plenty of sunshine, relaxation and fun. See you back at school on Wednesday, 7th September.

With best wishes,

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