



Thorverton C of E Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Message from Mr Jolliffe

This week the Federation Governing Board for the Exe Valley met for the first time this year. At the meeting they confirmed that the Federation Strategic Plan reflects our aims and direction for the next five years. A copy of this important document is available on the website. Alongside this, we have written a Federation Development Plan which lays out in more detail what we are going to do this year. This is very much a working document but the headlines from the FDP will be on the website in the next week or so. Part of the role of Governors is to monitor the impact of the FDP, which they will be doing at their regular meetings during the year. Both these documents have been compiled with the help of staff, children and parents and include the ideas put forward by the School Councils and in the Parent Questionnaire.

From Mrs Parkes



What a great week we have had.

On Monday Mrs Barron took a team of children from Class 3 to play in a friendly tag rugby tournament at Sandford School. These children had not practiced since last term and some had not really played before but with their amazingly positive attitude and the cobwebs blown away they played some fantastic rugby and won the tournament. So congratulations to all of them. And a big thank you to Mrs Barron and Dickie for accompanying the children and for all his and Jonathan's work training the children – this

obviously paid off in spite of the summer break! I would also like to thank the parents who transported the children to and from the event.

It was great to see so many of you on Wednesday at our 'welcome tea'. All the new children seem to have settled well and are enjoying their learning. They are all an asset to Thorverton and we look forward to building great relationships with you and your children. Thank you to Abby and PTFA members for the tea and cakes.

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The children in Class 2 have been working hard on their new topic of rocks, soils and fossils. Here is a picture of Anna and Eliza using an egg to identify the earth's core, mantle and crust. The children then went on to use the eggs to show how earthquakes and volcanoes occur.



Tesco Grant

Just before the summer holidays we applied for a grant from Tesco to build some exciting new play equipment to replace the monkey bars. They received nearly 3000 applications, but we are pleased to say that we have been selected as one of the three winning projects. These projects will now go to the public vote. This means that our project and the other two will be displayed in the local Tesco stores from 26th September to 9th October. Please visit the stores and vote for us. The project with the highest votes will receive £12,000 the second highest will receive £10,000 and third £8,000. Every vote will help so please support us in this venture. Thank you.

Class 2 Sports Mornings



Class 2 had their first session of sports at Lords Meadow today along with their contemporaries from the other schools in the Federation. The children thoroughly enjoyed the swimming, gymnastics and basketball. Here are the children before they set off for Crediton and Brent at the leisure centre. Thank you to Tammi and her students from Exeter College who will be at Lords Meadow every week to help us give the children the very best sporting experience.

School Council

The children have voted in the new members of their School Council. The representatives are Louis, Jess, Zac M., Olly C., Erin and Freddie. They have already brought plenty of ideas to their first meeting. Look out for lunchtime clubs and a new approach to healthy eating: Tropical Tuesdays.



Top Table

Each week Abby and the meal time assistants choose two children from each class who have shown themselves to be especially polite, friendly and well-behaved at lunch times. This week, Edwin, Louis, Marnie, Olivia and Neve were chosen to join Mrs Parkes at Top Table.

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Message from the Governors

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and a warm welcome to new parents, we hope you have all had a lovely summer.

Succession Planning: Over the summer the governors have been working on succession planning, to make sure that the Board of Governors continues to offer a strong support to Mr Joliffe and the Heads of School.

We are pleased to confirm the following:

Chair of Governors – Jackie Enright

Vice Chairs of Governors – Ann Varker & Sophie Dunn

Chair of Teaching & Learning Committee – Ann Varker

Chair of Resources Committee – Kim Knox

New Governor (with responsibility for Health & Safety) - Dave Alcock

Governor Vacancy: Being a governor is very rewarding and if you have an interest in shaping our children's future and can volunteer some of your spare time, why not find out more about becoming a Federation governor by contacting Jackie Enright via your school office. In particular we are looking for a governor with skills in finance, so if you have a background in this area, please do get in touch!

Questions of the Governing Board: If you have any questions or concerns that you would like to talk through with a governor please do contact us via your school office.

Have a good half term.

Best wishes

Jackie Enright

Chair of Governors

PTFA and Pre-school Auction of Promises, 30th September, Exeter Inn

The Auction of Promises organised by the PTFA and Pre-school will take place on Friday, 30th September at the Exeter Inn. The auction will begin at 7.30pm and food will be served from 7pm. Entry is free; pasty and chips will cost £3.50 and food vouchers will be available in advance from the Berry Dairy, The Exeter Inn and school. Auction lots online are NOW live for bidding before the evening, weblink www.auctionofpromises.com/thorvertonauction.

Ploughing Match, Sunday, 18th September 2016

The Cheriton Fitzpaine and District Ploughing Match and Competitions will be held at Bidwell Barton, Thorverton on Sunday and everybody is welcome to come along. The children have created some artistic entries for the show either in school or for homework.

Family Service, Sunday, 18th September 2016

Everybody is very welcome to come to the family service in Thorverton Parish Church this Sunday at 10am. The doors will be open from 9.45am.

Diary Dates

Tuesday, 4 th October	Tempest photographer to take individual and family group photos
Monday, 24 th to Friday, 28 th October	Half-term holiday
Wednesday & Thursday, 7 th & 8 th	Key Stage 2 performance

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December

Wednesday, 14th December, 2pm

Friday, 16th December

Wednesday, 4th January 2017

Key Stage 1 Nativity in the church

End of term

Spring term starts (Tuesday, 3rd January is a non-pupil teacher training day)

With best wishes,

Sarah Parkes

Head of Teaching and Learning

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