



# Thorverton C of E Primary School

## Newsletter

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26<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

### From Mr Jolliffe

Since September we have been working with Silverton School in a Management Partnership. This has been a very positive collaboration and the governors of the federation and Silverton School have now agreed to consult all stakeholders on making this a more permanent arrangement by re-federating to include Silverton in the Exe Valley Federation from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019. A letter explaining more about the reasons for this decision and the consultation process itself, are attached to this newsletter.

The educational landscape is constantly changing at the moment and the drive for schools to become part of Multi-Academy Trusts has also changed. The DfE is very clear that schools need to work in collaboration with each other and that this can be in federations or other structures. As a slightly larger organisation we can achieve greater collaboration and benefit from working together with colleagues from Silverton. It is important that this growth takes place in a considered way that enables all the schools to continue to thrive and maintain their unique character and values.

Please do read the letter from Mrs Enright and Mr Smith, the Chair of Silverton Governors, and let us know your views, either by emailing using the dedicated consultation email address, or by attending one of the consultation meetings.

### QE Introductory Meeting for Parents and Carers of Children in Years 4 and 5

Mr Poole, Principal, would like to invite you to hear what QE has to offer along with an introduction to life at QE. There will be an opportunity to ask any questions you might have. Invitation cards will be coming home with Year 4 and 5 children in the next week or so, but in the meantime, the dates for the meetings are as follows: **Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> May at 6.00pm at Newton St Cyres School and Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 4.00pm at Cheriton Fitzpaine School.** If you would like to come to one of the introductory meetings, please let your child's school office know by Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> May so that we can make the necessary arrangements. Thank you.

### From Mrs Parkes

Welcome back to school for the summer term. I hope you all had a lovely break and enjoyed the warm weather doing things that you enjoy with family and friends.

### SATs

Year 6 and Year 2 have their statutory tests in May. The dates for the Year 6 tests are Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> May, and the Year 2 tests will be held the following week. It is



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vital that the children are in school on these days. So please ensure that your child attends school and is on time and has had a good night's sleep. However, if they are sick, we need to know early that morning.

### Topics this Term



The classes have all settled back into a new term and are excited about their new topics. Class 1 is looking at 'plants' and have been down to the Millennium Field this week to make a start on their investigations. Class 3 is also looking at 'plants' in their topic 'Allotments'. Class 2 are studying 'The Blue Abyss' and will be looking into life in the seas. I am sure it will be another fun and interesting term.



### Residential for Years 3 to 6

This term sees the children in Years 3 to 6 going off on their annual residential trips with their counterparts from the other federation schools. The first trip starts on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> May with Year 5's visit to Barton Hall. Most of you have completed payments for this visit; however, if you haven't yet done so, please go online to make your payment or bring a cheque or cash into the school office. As ever, if you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask me or Vanessa or Katharine.

### Rules for Before and After School



Just a reminder: Please could you ensure your child does not scooter or cycle on the playground. It is dangerous for the other children who are there. Also, balls or any equipment are not allowed on the playground in the morning or after school for the same reason. Finally, the climbing equipment is also not to be used before or after school, as we do not want an accident when the children are not supervised.



### Holidays During Term Time

It has been brought to our attention that if a child has more than 10 sessions (five days) unauthorised absence in a school year, then we must inform County of this. County may then decide to fine the parents. Please make sure your child does not accumulate this many unauthorised absences within the academic year.

### Peanut Allergy

We have a child in school with a peanut allergy, so we would ask you please not to provide your children with any snacks or packed lunch items containing nuts of any sort. Thank you for your understanding.



### PTFA Meeting, 8pm, Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019, Exeter Inn



Everybody is very welcome to come along to the next PTFA meeting being held in the Exeter Inn on Thursday evening. Come and have a drink, share ideas for fundraising, enjoy an evening with other parents and friends.

### Girls' Football at Crediton Youth FC

SSE Wildcats are running 16 weekly sessions of girls' football on the grass pitches at Lords Meadow starting on Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2019 from 5 to 6pm. The cost is £2 per session. Please contact Sean on 07970 372419 or [sph205@hotmail.com](mailto:sph205@hotmail.com) for more information and to book a space.

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### **Tennis at Newton St Cyres Tennis Club, Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

Newton St Cyres Tennis Club are running a taster session on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> May. More information can be found on their website [www.newtonstcyrestennisclub.co.uk](http://www.newtonstcyrestennisclub.co.uk).

### **South West Disability Athletics Championships, Exeter Arena, 22<sup>nd</sup> May 11am – 3pm**

The event is designed to be a fun way young people aged eight to 19 years can experience athletics in a main stadium and is designed for young athletes who have an impairment which restricts their athletic performance or an intellectual disability. If you would like more information, please come into the school office.

### **Thorverton Kids Club**

Two parents, Sharon McKee and Lou Edwards, are setting up a kids group for 5 to 10-year-olds in Thorverton. Please find a flyer in the children's book bags with more information on what they hope to do and how you can help.

## *Diary Dates*

Saturday, 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Exmoor Challenge
Monday, 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank holiday
Monday, 13 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday, 16 <sup>th</sup> May	SATs
Wednesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> May – Friday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Year 5 residential to Barton Hall
Wednesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> June – Friday, 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 residential to New Barn, Dorchester
Tuesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> June – Friday, 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 residential to Grenville House, Brixham
Thursday, 4 <sup>th</sup> July – Friday, 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 3 residential to Plymouth Aquarium and Camp Wild Escot

## *Term Dates*

### **Summer term 2019**

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May (SATs 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> May)  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June to Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July

### **Autumn term 2019**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October (Staff Development Days 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> September)  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October to Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December (Staff Development Day 29<sup>th</sup> November)

### **Spring term 2020**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February (Staff Development Day 6<sup>th</sup> January)  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March

### **Summer term 2020**

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May (Staff Development Day 14<sup>th</sup> April)  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June to Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

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With best wishes,

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