



# Thorverton C of E Primary School

## Newsletter

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3<sup>rd</sup> May 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

### From Mr Jolliffe

Yesterday evening I joined Year 5 on their residential visit to the PGL Centre at Barton Hall in Torquay. It was a real pleasure to see how well the children from the federation schools were getting on and to hear about all the different activities that they have been involved in during their first two days away. I appreciate that sending children on residential visits represents a considerable financial commitment for many families, but seeing the Year 5s enjoying themselves yesterday evening showed just how important and worthwhile these visits are. So a huge thank you to all the staff who have given up their time and energy to lead this visit and to all the parents who have enabled their children to go away on their own and experience new and exciting activities. Year 4 are heading to New Barn in Dorset in the week after half term, then Year 6 go to Brixham the following week and finally Year 3 will be going to spend the night at Plymouth Aquarium at the beginning of July.

### From Mrs Parkes

#### Year 5 Residential Trip



The Year 5 children have had a fantastic few days at Barton Hall. They have enjoyed many activities, such as giant swing, zip wires, climbing and much more. They will tell you all about the trip when they get back this afternoon. I am not sure how much sleep the children have had, but I know they've enjoyed the whole experience of being away with their peers. There will be an assembly next Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> May, at 3pm, for them to "show and tell" what they got up to.

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### Exmoor Challenge

Last Friday the Exmoor Challenge team completed a practice walk of about ten miles around Dulverton. Here the children put the map-reading skills, pacing and observation skills to the test to get around the route. They did well, keeping up a good pace. Map skills were improved as the walk went on and a few learnt a lot about looking carefully and taking time to make sure they were right! The actual Exmoor Challenge takes place tomorrow and the weather looks good. I am sure both teams will work well together to complete the 16-mile route and we are really proud of the children for taking on this challenge. Good luck all of you!

### After-school Clubs

Most clubs have started this week. Thank you to the parents who help out or run a club. Please remember that the multi-sports club and football club are only for children in Year 3 and above. However, there is a ball skills club on Tuesdays after school for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and there are a few spaces left. Yesterday at Gardening Club the children harvested the leeks and brought them to Abby. So look out for delicious school garden leeks in the macaroni cheese next Tuesday!

### Curriculum

You should have received a topic web and homework sheet for this half term. Please have a look and see if there are things you could do at home with your children that can help them continue to develop an understanding of the areas we are studying.

### Year 4 Residential to New Barn near Dorchester, 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> June 2019

The next residential trip is for the Year 4s in about a month. A letter giving you more information about the trip was sent out with the children yesterday, including a kit list and a SOE3 form. Please return the SOE3 form to school as soon as possible and complete any payment you may still owe.

### Top Table

On Monday, Rose, Martha, Olivia, Ettie, Marnie and Eliza enjoyed their lunch at Top Table in the company of Mrs Parkes.



### 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.

### 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.

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### **PTFA Summer Fayre, Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 3.30 to 5.30pm**



The PTFA will be running a summer fayre in school this summer. There will be stalls, games, refreshments and lots more – more details nearer the time. If you would like to run a stall please contact the PTFA at [Thorvertonptfa@exevalleyfederation.org.uk](mailto:Thorvertonptfa@exevalleyfederation.org.uk).

### **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.

### **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**

This 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 see them if you can offer any help.

## *Collective Worship Dates*

Friday, 10 <sup>th</sup> May, 3pm	Year 5 residential assembly
Friday, 14 <sup>th</sup> June, 3pm	Year 4 residential assembly
Friday, 21 <sup>st</sup> June, 3pm	Year 6 residential assembly
Friday, 12 <sup>th</sup> July, 3pm	Year 3 residential assembly
Thursday, 25 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers' service in church

## *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, 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
Wednesday, 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
Thursday, 4 <sup>th</sup> July – Friday, 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 3 residential to Plymouth Aquarium and Camp Wild Escot

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## *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

With best wishes,

*Sarah Parkes*

Head of School

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