



# Thorverton C of E Primary School

## Newsletter

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30<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Dear Parents,

### Message from Mr Jolliffe

On Monday we took a group of children from Newton St Cyres to the Mid Devon District meeting about the plans for the road widening between Station Road and the A377. They were photographed by the Crediton Courier and several articles have been published recently explaining that the proposed new school building for Newton is under threat because of the issues with the road widening proposal. BBC Spotlight have also taken up the story and will be broadcasting it next week, hopefully on Monday. The planning committee meet again on Wednesday next week and we very much hope that their decision will enable the building to go ahead as planned and that work can now start on the much-needed new school for the children of Newton. Thank you to everyone who has supported this campaign from all three of the Exe Valley Schools, it has been very encouraging to see everyone coming together to support the new school plan.

### From Mrs Parkes

#### Harvest Festival, Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> October 2016

We will be celebrating our harvest festival in the church on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> October at 9.30am. You are all warmly invited to join us. This year we will once again be collecting donations for the Mid Devon charity CHAT, Churches Housing Action Team. They would be especially grateful for donations of tinned meats (pies, sausages, corned beef etc), tinned vegetables, fruit, rice pudding, boxes of cereals, small packets of sugar, tea, coffee; and individual cartons of drinks and portions of tinned or packed food for homeless people to eat on the street. We also welcome fresh produce from your gardens, which we will sell to raise money for CHAT.

#### Harvest Lunch, Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Abby will be cooking a special harvest lunch on Thursday. We have also invited some guests from the village to join us. Abby will be serving roast chicken with cranberry sauce and gravy, or homemade homity pie (made with fresh leeks, onions and cheddar cheese), served with carrots, cabbage and roast potatoes. There will be apple pie with custard for pudding.

This means that on **Wednesday** the menu will be pizza, or quorn stir fry and noodles, with baked potato wedges, salad and baked beans.

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### **Tempest Photographer, Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> October**

The Tempest photographer will be in school on Tuesday morning to take individual and family group pictures of the children. Make sure the children are looking their smartest! If you would like to bring younger siblings in to school for a family photo, please could you come first thing at 8.45am.

### **Tiverton Gazette Photographer**

The reporter from the Tiverton Gazette and Express & Echo will also be in school on Tuesday afternoon to take a photo of the new children in Reception to appear in the newspaper.

### **Top Table**

On Monday Miss Holmes had her lunch at Top Table with Phoeynx, Regan, Henry S., Olly C., Hannah and Lucy.

### **Parents' Evenings, Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

These are the dates for our parents' evenings this term. Please sign up for an appointment on the timetables on the classroom doors to come and talk to the teachers about your child's progress and targets for this year.

### **Scholastic Book Fair, 12<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

We will be hosting a Scholastic book fair in the school hall during the week of the parents' evenings. There will be a large selection of children's books to browse and purchase until 4pm each day, longer on parents' evenings. The school receives a donation of books from Scholastic based on the amount spent at the book fair.

### **Tesco Grant**



*Tesco has teamed up with Groundwork on its Bags of Help initiative in hundreds of regions across England and Wales.*

*The scheme will see three community groups and projects in each of these regions awarded grants of £12,000, £10,000 and £8,000 – all raised from the 5p bag charge. Bags of Help offers community groups and projects in each of Tesco's 416 regions across the UK a share of revenue generated from the 5p charge levied on single-use carrier bags. The public will now vote in store from 31<sup>st</sup> October – 13<sup>th</sup> November on who should receive the £12,000, £10,000 and £8,000 awards. In total, there is over £12.5 million up for grabs. If you would like to know more please go to the website [www.tesco.com/bagsofhelp](http://www.tesco.com/bagsofhelp).*

As you know, just before the summer holidays, we applied for one of these grants from Tesco's Bags of Help initiative to build some exciting new play equipment to replace the monkey bars. Tesco received nearly 3000 applications for grants, and we are pleased to say that we have been selected as one of the three winning projects in this region. These projects will now go to the public vote to determine which projects will receive which amount of money. The dates for voting in our local stores are now from 31<sup>st</sup> October to 13<sup>th</sup> November.

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

Remember the Auction of Promises organised by the PTFA and Pre-school. This takes place this evening 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.

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## **Flu Vaccinations, Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

The parents of children in Years 1, 2 and 3 should have received an information pack including a consent form regarding a flu vaccination. The date for the vaccinations is Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> November. A professional from the NHS will be in school to administer the vaccinations to children whose parents have agreed to this.

## *Collective Worship Dates*

Thursday, 13 <sup>th</sup> October, 9.30am	Harvest Festival in the church
Wednesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> December, 2pm	Key Stage 1 Nativity in the church

## *Diary Dates*

Friday, 30 <sup>th</sup> September, 7.30pm	PTFA/Pre-school Auction of Promises, Exeter Inn
Monday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Year 4 Internet workshop
Tuesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> October, 9am	Tempest photographer to take individual and family group photos
Tuesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> October, 4-6pm	Football tournament at Bow School
Thursday, 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest lunch
Thursday, 13 <sup>th</sup> October & Tuesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' evenings
Monday, 24 <sup>th</sup> to Friday, 28 <sup>th</sup> October	Half-term holiday
Monday, 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu vaccination for children in Years 1, 2 and 3
Wednesday & Thursday, 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Key Stage 2 performance
Thursday, 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas lunch
Friday, 16 <sup>th</sup> December	End of term
Wednesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2017	Spring term starts (Tuesday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> January is a non-pupil teacher training day)

With best wishes,

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