



Thorverton C of E Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

From Mr Jolliffe

On Tuesday evening the Mid Devon District Council re-considered the planning application relating to the road junction that has been holding up the development of the new school for Newton St Cyres. I am delighted to tell you that the planning application was passed unanimously and this means that the new school can go ahead there. Many thanks to everyone from Thorverton who supported the new school campaign through the on-line petition. We are hoping that the new school will be open in the autumn of next year and look forward to having a brand new building for the children to enjoy.

Use of social media

In an age of rapid communication by social media it is very easy to publish comments that could cause offence or contravene e-safety protocols. Please remember that comments that are made on social media can be widely read and could cause offence or damage the reputation of the school or members of the school community. We would greatly appreciate your co-operation in keeping the internet a safe place for children to use and in making sure that anything posted on social media is appropriate for a wide audience. Thank you.

From Mrs Parkes

Harvest Lunch

We all enjoyed Abby's delicious Harvest lunch yesterday. Our visitors from the village who came in to join us were also very appreciative. They all enjoyed meeting the children and reminiscing about their days at school. Many of the visitors attended Thorverton Primary School themselves. The children from



Year 6 looked after our visitors exceptionally well and all the children really enjoyed chatting to the guests. I'd like to say a huge thank you to Abby for the lovely meal and to Karen, Mandy and Danielle for helping her.

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Harvest Festival, Thursday, 13th October 2016

We will be celebrating our harvest festival in the church on Thursday, 13th 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.

PTFA and Pre-school Auction of Promises

The PTFA and Pre-school committees would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who supported the auction of promises event last Friday, especially Rachel Mildon who coordinated the whole event. Thank you to those who generously gave lots, to those who placed a bid online or at the event, and to those who helped out on the evening. We are delighted to announce that the total amount raised was just over £4000! It was a brilliant night and we hope that everyone had a lot of fun and returned home pleased with their purchases.

5-a-side Football Tournament

On Tuesday, Thorverton took part in a football tournament at Bow Primary School. Although Thorverton didn't win the tournament, the team played superbly. They won one match, drew one, lost one and were leading against Newton St Cyres, but lost 2-1 in the end. It was a brilliant effort from the whole team who haven't had a competitive game for a long time. Bring on the next match!



School Council's Tropical Tuesday

As part of our ideas to encourage the children to eat healthy snacks, the School Council organised a healthy snack day on Tuesday and sold fruit cups and fruit kebabs to the children at break time. Everyone who bought fruit enjoyed their snack and the School Council pronounced the venture as a success: they raised £15 for UNICEF. They hope to do another healthy snack day soon to build up this total further.

On this note, please could you make sure your child has a piece of fresh or dried fruit or vegetable to eat at break time as a snack.

School Council's Sponsored Swim

We have finally added up all the sponsorship money taken for the sponsored swim that the School Council organised at the end of last term. The children who took part raised an amazing £629 and the children will

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be deciding which project in the school they would like the money to go towards. Thank you to everyone who took part and once again, thank you to Tammi for organising the event.

Tempest Photographs

Please return your orders for Tempest photos by the end of next week, 14th October. We will send them off the following week so that they will be back in plenty of time for Christmas.

Top Table

On Monday Mr Biggins sat at Top Table for lunch with Neve E., Bella G., Zac M., Charlie, Olivia K. and Erin.

Parents' Evenings, Thursday, 13th and Tuesday, 18th October 2016

Remember to 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.

Key Stage 2 Open Afternoon, Thursday, 20th October, 3pm to 3.30pm

Parents of children in Classes 2 and 3 are invited to come to our open afternoon on the Thursday before half term. This is to complement your discussions at parents' evening and to give the children the opportunity to show you the work in books and displays that they have been doing this half term. Mr Martin will have a slide show, too.

Class 1 Assembly, Friday, 4th November, 3pm

The children in Class 1 will be hosting an assembly, to which all Class 1 parents are warmly invited, instead of an open afternoon. This will be on the Friday after half term, 4th November, in the school hall at 3pm.

Scholastic Book Fair, 12th to 19th 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.

After School Reminder

Just a quick reminder that the children should not play on the play equipment after school. The equipment is not supervised by staff at this time and your child's safety is of the greatest importance. So please ensure that your children stay with you once school has ended. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

After-school Clubs

I would like to remind you that only children enrolled in a club should attend and any children enrolled but not participating that day should be picked up from school promptly at 3.30pm. Running club ends at 4.15pm and we would be grateful if you would collect your children promptly then. The other clubs go on until 4.30pm. All clubs are run on a voluntary basis and the people running them need to be able to leave on time at the end.

After-school clubs will not run on the days that we are holding parents' evenings, that is, Thursday, 13th October (football club and modern foreign languages club) and Tuesday, 18th October (gardening club).

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Parking on School Lane

Once again, please may I also ask you not to park or turn your car on School Lane. Our neighbours are concerned for the safety of pedestrians. Also, their drives are not public highways. Please use the village car park at the top of Bullen Street or the Memorial Hall car park, which the Memorial Hall committee kindly allow parents to use at the beginning and end of the school day.

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 31st October – 13th 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.

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 31st October to 13th November.

Flu Vaccinations, Monday, 7th 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, 7th November. A professional from the NHS will be in school to administer the vaccinations to children whose parents have agreed to this.

Job Vacancy at Pre-school

Thorverton Pre-school has a vacancy for a part-time pre-school assistant. The position is initially for approximately four hours per week during Pre-school term time (this may increase depending on funding after Christmas) and includes four weeks' holiday pay per year. The rate of pay will be at least national minimum wage, depending on qualifications and experience. The successful applicant will hold a full and relevant childcare qualification (level 2, preferably level 3) and will need to be flexible. A DBS disclosure will be required. Please contact Pre-school by email thorvertonpreschool@gmail.com for an application pack. The closing date for applications is 31st October 2016.

Harvest Festival Service in the Church, Sunday, 16th October 2016

Everybody is welcome to come along to the joint Parish Church and Baptist Church Harvest Festival on Sunday week. The service starts at 10am and there will be refreshments from 9.30am onwards.

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Collective Worship Dates

Thursday, 13 th October, 9.30am	Harvest Festival in the church
Friday, 4 th November, 3pm	Class 1 assembly
Wednesday, 14 th December, 2pm	Key Stage 1 Nativity in the church

Diary Dates

Thursday, 13 th October & Tuesday, 18 th October	Parents' evenings
Thursday, 20 th October, 3pm	Class 2 and 3 open afternoon
Monday, 24 th to Friday, 28 th October	Half-term holiday
Monday, 7 th November	Flu vaccination for children in Years 1, 2 and 3
Wednesday & Thursday, 7 th & 8 th December	Key Stage 2 performance
Thursday, 8 th December	Christmas lunch
Friday, 16 th December	End of term
Wednesday, 4 th January 2017	Spring term starts (Tuesday, 3 rd January is a non-pupil teacher training day)

With best wishes,

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