



Thorverton C of E Primary School

Newsletter

School Lane, Thorverton, Exeter EX5 5NR

01392 860374

10th May 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

From Mr Jolliffe

This week we held two meetings as part of the consultation process for re-federating to include Silverton C of E School in the Exe Valley Federation from 1st September. Many thanks to all the parents who came and for some interesting and challenging questions! It would really help us if existing parents could respond to the consultation as well as parents from Silverton. There is a dedicated email address for doing this, which is **federationconsultation1@gmail.com**. The governors of both organisations will be making a decision on Tuesday 18th June and we will let you know what the outcome is as soon afterwards as possible. There is more information about this in the Governor News section below.

The governors and leadership team have also compiled a report on the Parent Questionnaire which we conducted recently and a copy of the report is also attached to this newsletter. Many thanks to Louise Walsh for writing this up. Again, there is more information about this in the Governor News section.

From Mrs Parkes

Exmoor Challenge



Last week our two teams completed the 16-mile Exmoor Challenge. It was a lovely day, just right for walking. Both teams did really well, showing determination and perseverance when it got tough. They worked well together using the skills that they had been taught over the past few months. The boys 'flew' round in a very fast time and came ninth overall in the boys' category. The girls' team also did really well. They had a few challenges along the way but managed to come in just in time in a really respectable 23rd position in a larger category of girls' teams. Well done all of you, you deserve that medal!

e-mail: thorvertonadmin@exevalleyfederation.org.uk

website: www.thorverton-ce-primary.devon.sch.uk

LEA: Devon County Council, County Hall, Topsham Road, Exeter EX2 4QG



Jack Andrews' Donation

We welcomed Jack Andrews into our school this week. He has just celebrated his 90th birthday. Many of you will know him from the village, as he was born and brought up here. He attended the school, as did his children, grandchildren and now some of his great grandchildren. We had a lovely tea at break time and he chatted to a number of children during his visit. Jack kindly asked the guests at his birthday party to donate money to the school instead of giving him presents. He raised an amazing £300 for the school funds. We are so grateful for this donation and we intend spending it on some outdoor equipment for all of the children to use. We want Jack to come back and see the equipment in use once it's here. Again, thank you so much, Jack.

Cadbury Fun Run

On Saturday several families from school took part in the annual Cadbury Fun Run. Zac M came second overall, beating all the other 160 children and adults with the exception of his brother. 160 people took part and he completed the 4 miles in 33 minutes and 19 seconds. Well done Zac!



Dinner Money Payments

Thank you to all of you who keep up to date with payments for school meals, trips and residential. It really helps us in the office and helps the federation finances run smoothly. Heidi Last, the Business Manager, really doesn't like sending out reminder letters, but some families have run up quite large debts recently and she has had to send out some reminder letters. Please do come and see Vanessa or Katharine in the office or me if you have a query regarding any payments. If you temporarily find it difficult to pay for something, please come and let us know so that we can set up a plan together.

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. Year 4 and 5 children will be bringing home invitation cards today. The dates for the meetings are as follows: **Tuesday, 21st May at 6.00pm at Newton St Cyres School and Thursday, 23rd May at 4.00pm at Cheriton Fitzpaine School.** If you would like to

*e-mail: thorvertonadmin@exevalleyfederation.org.uk
website: www.thorverton-ce-primary.devon.sch.uk*

LEA: Devon County Council, County Hall, Topsham Road, Exeter EX2 4QG

come to one of the introductory meetings, please let your child's school office know by Friday, 17th May so that we can make the necessary arrangements. Thank you.

Governor News

Resources Committee

The Resources Committee met last week at Newton St. Cyres School to discuss a full range of financial and other resourcing matters. As well as the usual budget update from the Federation Business Manager and questions from Governors on the detail of the budget reports, Governors also discussed Pupil Premium funding, income from catering and associated issues, student teacher resources and pupil numbers in the EVF. There are currently 330 pupils on roll across the four schools in the EVF.

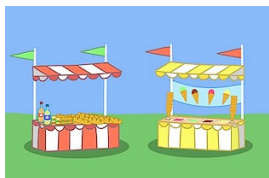
Governors also discussed the results of the 2019 Parent Questionnaire and considered the key themes which will be taken into this year's strategic review held in June. As well as the views of parents, the Governors of the EVF and the senior leadership team ask all staff to complete a questionnaire on an annual basis. The leadership of the EVF takes very seriously its responsibility to ensure the well-being of its staff to enable them to carry out their roles to the best of their ability while supporting them to manage their workloads effectively. It is in the interests of both the staff and the children of the EVF that the right balance is achieved. The Governors and the Executive Head are currently actively engaged in considering these issues.

Finally, Governors discussed the progress of the consultation (which began on 29th April) to consider expanding the EVF to include Silverton School from September. We hope that as many of you as possible took the opportunity to attend the consultation meetings held on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. However, if you were not able to attend either meeting and have any comments or concerns you would like to raise, you may do so by writing to the Chair of Governors of the EVF via email (federationconsultation1@gmail.com) or in writing via your school office c/o the Clerk to Governors by 3:30pm on Tuesday, 18th June. Alternatively, you may make an appointment to speak to Mr Joliffe via your school office.

School Improvement Committee

The governors' School Improvement Committee met on Tuesday, focusing mainly on the curriculum. In the spring term, we collected information from pupils, parents and staff about teaching and learning in "non-core" subjects like modern languages, art, music and drama. This information will feed into the federation's development plan, so that we can continue to improve provision in these subject areas, as well as keeping up high standards in Maths and English. The committee also made plans for the Year 6 exit interviews, so that we can learn from our oldest pupils as they look back on their time at primary school.

PTFA Summer Fayre, Tuesday, 2nd 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. There will also be a competition for the children to enter – see details in the email sent out earlier this week and on paper in the children's book bags.

Sunnymead Gas Up, Sunday, 12th May 2019

The Sunnymead Gas Up takes place this Sunday from 10am to 4pm. There will be plenty of vintage and classic exhibits to see, along with refreshments, stalls and a draw. New for this year will be a miniature steam train offering children's rides. Entry is by donation, with all money raised going to the Devon Air Ambulance. The site is on the Raddon Road, just past the recreation field.

*e-mail: thorvertonadmin@exevalleyfederation.org.uk
website: www.thorverton-ce-primary.devon.sch.uk*

LEA: Devon County Council, County Hall, Topsham Road, Exeter EX2 4QG

East Devon Arts Festival, Thorverton Church, Tuesday 14th to Saturday, 18th May 2019

Come along to Thorverton Church and enjoy the exhibition of art and craft work, maybe even buy yourself something. There will be excellent home-made meals and refreshments on offer, too. This is an event for all the family.

Tennis at Newton St Cyres Tennis Club, Saturday, 11th May 2019

Newton St Cyres Tennis Club are running a taster session on Saturday, 11th May. More information can be found on their website www.newtonstcyrestennisclub.co.uk.

Thorverton Kids Club

The Kids Club will be starting on Thursday afternoon, 6th June, 4 to 6pm continuing every week right through to Christmas. Please see the flyer attached to the newsletter with more information.

CredFest 19, 1st to 23rd June 2019

CredFest is a three-week celebration of Crediton's community, with lots of activities for all ages. Please find the full programme at www.credfest.co.uk.

Collective Worship Dates

Friday, 14 th June, 3pm	Year 4 residential assembly
Friday, 21 st June, 3pm	Year 6 residential assembly
Friday, 12 th July, 3pm	Year 3 residential assembly
Thursday, 25 th July	Leavers' service in church

Diary Dates

Monday, 13 th – Thursday, 16 th May	SATs
Monday, 27 th – Friday, 31 st May	Half-term holiday
Wednesday, 5 th June – Friday, 7 th June	Year 4 residential to New Barn, Dorchester
Tuesday, 11 th June – Friday, 14 th June	Year 6 residential to Grenville House, Brixham
Wednesday, 26 th June	Sports Day
Thursday, 4 th July – Friday, 5 th July	Year 3 residential to Plymouth Aquarium and Camp Wild Escot

Term Dates

Summer term 2019

Tuesday 23rd April to Friday 24th May (SATs 13th to 16th May)

Monday 3rd June to Thursday 25th July

e-mail: thorvertonadmin@exevalleyfederation.org.uk

website: www.thorverton-ce-primary.devon.sch.uk

LEA: Devon County Council, County Hall, Topsham Road, Exeter EX2 4QG

Autumn term 2019

Tuesday 3rd September to Friday 18th October (Staff Development Days 3rd and 4th September)

Monday 28th October to Thursday 19th December (Staff Development Day 29th November)

Spring term 2020

Monday 6th January to Friday 14th February (Staff Development Day 6th January)

Monday 24th February to Friday 27th March

Summer term 2020

Tuesday 14th April to Friday 22nd May (Staff Development Day 14th April)

Monday 1st June to Thursday 23rd July

With best wishes,

Sarah Parkes

Head of School

*e-mail: thorvertonadmin@exevalleyfederation.org.uk
website: www.thorverton-ce-primary.devon.sch.uk*

LEA: Devon County Council, County Hall, Topsham Road, Exeter EX2 4QG