



Thorverton C of E Primary School

Newsletter

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19th January 2018

Dear Parents,

From Mr Jolliffe

Residential visits are a fantastic opportunity for children to work and learn together away from school and home. When we ask our leavers about their fondest memories of their time in primary school, invariably memories of residential visits feature as children recall their achievements and enjoyment of their time away. This year we have revised the residential visit programme to make sure there is a good variety of activities across the four years, starting with one night away for Year 3 at Escot and ending with three nights at Brixham for Year 6. A brochure and all the information about residential visits will be published next week and will be sent home to every child in Key Stage 2 across the Federation. We have tried very hard to keep the costs of these visits to a minimum, however, I appreciate that these visits represent a significant cost to families, especially when more than one child is involved. We do have access to some funding to enable every child who wants to, to go away with their school in the summer so please do talk to me or to your child's Head of School if you would like help in this way.

From Mrs Parkes

Exmoor Challenge

This year we are again entering the Exmoor Challenge. The event is on Saturday, 5th May 2018 starting at Dulverton School and is for children in Year 6. We will be having a number of practice walks and map reading exercises over the next term. I would like to know who is interested in being in a team, so please could you complete the slip at the end of this week's newsletter if your child is interested. Please note, the team can only be made up of children from Year 6.

We will also be entering a team in the Exe Valley Challenge (for children from Years 4, 5 and 6) and will send out more information about this event nearer the time.

Breakfast Club



The first Breakfast Club session took place on Thursday this week. The select group enjoyed a hearty breakfast and games before school. If you would like your child to attend this half term, we still have spaces so please come and let me, Katharine or Vanessa know. Each session will cost £4 and £12 for the three remaining sessions until half term. Please bring your payment to the office in cash or by cheque payable to Devon County Council.

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Top Table

Mr Martin enjoyed his lunch at Top Table on Monday in the company of Amelia, Emily, Evie, Eliza, Emma and Hannah.

PTFA

Second-hand Uniform Sale, Friday, 19th January, 3.30pm

Remember the second-hand uniform sale after school today. Each item will cost £1.

Donations of good condition uniform gratefully received by members of the PTFA.



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.

Safeguarding Training

We take our responsibilities for keeping children safe at school and beyond very seriously and offer regular training sessions for parents and volunteers to attend. If you volunteer to work with children on a regular basis or could be on your own with school children at any time, then you need to have completed this training. The next courses will be held next Thursday, 25th January 2018 at 9.00am at Newton St Cyres and repeated on the same day at 7.30pm at Brampford Speke. Please let your child's school office know as soon as possible if you are intending to come to either session.

Family Service, Thorverton Parish Church, Sunday, 21st January 2018

Everybody is very welcome to come along to the family service in Thorverton Parish Church this Sunday. The church will be open from 9.30am and the service will start at 10am.

Bradninch Football Club New Members Wanted!

Bradninch Football Club Under 10 team (School Year 4 and 5) are looking for additional players. We are a Charter Standard Club and all our coaches are CRC checked and have FA Coaching Qualifications. We train on Thursday evenings at Cullompton Leisure Centre astro pitch 6.30-7.30pm during the winter and at Kensham Park, Bradninch from April, also on Thursdays 6-7pm. The club are currently building brand new toilet and changing facilities, and this is a fantastic, friendly team. If you're interested, please contact Chris on [07807 784604](tel:07807784604) or email snowy.plant@yahoo.co.uk.

Saints Southwest Half-term Soccer Schools and Multi-sport Camps

Saints Southwest will be running their popular soccer schools and multi-sport camps during February half term in Paignton, Dawlish, Lapford, Ottery St Mary, Plymouth, Crediton, Langport, Exeter, Dartmouth, Chulmleigh, Taunton, Kingsbridge, Newton Abbot and Okehampton. Ages 7-12 can attend 10am-3pm. Ages 4-6 can attend 1.30pm-3pm. For more details and to book please visit www.saintssouthwest.co.uk or call 01803 206350.

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Collective Worship Dates

Friday, 9th February, 3pm

Class 1 assembly

Diary Dates

Tuesday, 6th February, 3pm

Class 3 open afternoon

Monday, 12th – Monday, 19th February

Half-term holiday (19th February is a non-pupil staff training day)

Friday, 16th March, 2.30pm

Class 2 open afternoon and celebration assembly

Thursday, 29th March

Last day of spring term

Wednesday, 18th – Friday, 20th April

Year 5 residential to Barton Hall

Monday, 30th April – Tuesday, 1st May

Year 3 residential to Escot

Saturday, 5th May

Exmoor Challenge (for Year 6)

Wednesday, 6th – Friday, 8th June

Year 4 residential to New Barn, Dorchester

Tuesday, 11th – Friday, 15th June

Year 6 residential to Grenville House, Brixham

With best wishes,

Sarah Parkes

Head of School

Year 6 Exmoor Challenge, Saturday, 5th May 2018

My child would like to take part in the Exmoor Challenge and will be able to complete the practice walks and map reading exercises.

Signed Date

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