



Thorverton C of E Primary School

Newsletter

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22nd January 2016

Dear Parents,

This week Class 2 took part in rugby end-ball tournament organised by Exeter College. Sports students from the College have been coming into school to teach the children a form of tag rugby called end ball. It was great for the children to be able to put their skills into practice at the tournament. They did brilliantly, two of the Thorverton teams came joint first in their groups and the third team also did really well. Everybody had a great day. Well done, Class 2.

After-school Singing Club, Mondays

Miss McClune and Mrs Parkes will be running a singing club after school on Mondays, starting this Monday, 25th January. The group will be singing a variety of fun songs, modern and more traditional. If you would like to come to the club you are welcome to bring some ideas of songs you would like to sing. Parents, please sign and return the slip included with this newsletter, giving your permission for your children to take part.

Federation Residential Trips

I would just like to give you advance notice of the dates for the Federation residential trips this year. We will be sending out letters with more details of the venues and prices in the next couple of weeks.

Year 4: Friday, 15th to Monday, 18th April to Beam House near Torrington

Year 5: Friday, 6th to Sunday, 8th May to Barton Hall, near Torquay

Year 6: Friday, 20th to Monday, 23rd May to Grenville House, Brixham

Year 3: Monday 11th to Tuesday, 12th July to Escot

University of Exeter Great Hall Concert, Monday, 7th March 2016

Once again, this year the children in Classes 2 and 3 will be taking part in a Crediton Learning Community concert at the Great Hall. The theme of the concert is "Back by POPular Demand". The children are busy practicing the songs already. We have emailed out a letter today with all the information, including how to obtain tickets for the performance.

Dinner Money

There is quite a lot of dinner money outstanding and I would just like to remind you that meals should be paid in advance. We accept payment in cash or cheque (payable to Devon County Council) to the school office or online via the School Gateway system. This is easy to use once you have set yourself up. Here is the link, which is also on our website: www.schoolgateway.com.

PTFA Film Night, 29th January, 6pm

Back by popular demand, the PTFA are organising another fun film night for children next Friday, 29th January. There will be hot dogs, a cone of popcorn and a drink, as well as a seat in the "Class 3 Cinema" to

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see "Home" - all for £5 each. Children are welcome to wear their pyjamas and bring a bean bag to sit on. Doors will open at 6pm, starting with hot dogs and popcorn, and the film will start at about 6.30pm. Please come into the office to sign up and pay for the film night (and please let us know if your child would prefer a vegetarian hot dog).

PTFA Diary Dates

Thursday, 21st April: **Spring Family Bingo**, Thorverton School Hall, doors down 6.30pm. Refreshments, including pasties and sausage rolls, for sale. All welcome.

Date to be confirmed in the summer term: **Summer Fayre**, 2pm, school field, inviting any interested stall holders, £5 each. Please contact Julie Davie or Pippa Eyles.

Friday, 30th September: Thorverton PTFA **Pledge Auction**, inviting any pledges from local businesses and individuals who may like to support the school. Tickets on sale in due course, £5 to include chili jacket potatoes.

Planning Permission for Farm Buildings

I would just like to remind you that there is still time to object to the planning application for a grain store and large cattle shed near Yellowford Farm. This has been submitted to Mid Devon District Council. If this barn were to be built, the amount of large articulated agricultural vehicles and articulated lorries servicing the farm unit using School Lane would significantly increase. This would increase risk to children, parents and staff at school as well as in the village as a whole. There is a poster on our noticeboard with more information on how to object to this planning application which would adversely affect us. Go online to www.planning.middevon.gov.uk before 24th January.

Athletics Event at Riverside Leisure Centre, Exeter, Saturday, 30th January

The Southwest Athletics Academy is hosting the last of their season's sportshall events at the Riverside Leisure Centre in Exeter on Saturday week. There will be running, jumping and throwing activities using specialised indoor equipment. The event is open to children aged 4 to 14 years. See our noticeboard for more information.

Chinese New Year Celebrations at Exeter University, Saturday, 13th February 2016

This is a free event for local families and students to discover all about Chinese New Year. The celebrations will take place from 3 to 6.30pm in The Forum on the Streatham campus. From 1pm there will also be a procession in Exeter city centre. Please see <http://www.exeter.ac.uk/internationalstudents/eventsoncampus/chinesenewyear/> for more information. The Royal Albert Memorial Museum is also organising a Chinese New Year trail in the museum to celebrate the start of the Year of the Monkey.

Thorverton Pre-school Ladies' Fashion Show, 1st March

Travelling Trends will be hosting a fashion show at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday, 1st March. Doors will open at 7pm and the show will start at 7.30pm. Travelling Trends sell brand name garments at bargain prices. Clothes can be tried on, purchased and taken home on the night and you can pay by cash and most major credit and debit cards. There will be a raffle and the bar will be open. Tickets must be bought in advance at £5 each from Sandra Keyte on 01392 860322, direct from Pre-school, or from the Saturday Market in February. All proceeds will go to the Pre-school.

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Collective Worship Dates

Friday, 12 th February, 3pm	Class 3 assembly
Friday, 26 th February, 3pm	Class 2 assembly
Friday, 4 th March, 3pm	Class 1 assembly
Wednesday, 23 rd March, 2pm	Easter service in church

Diary Dates

Friday, 29 th January, 6pm	PTFA film night
Monday, 15 th February to Monday, 22 nd February inclusive	Half-term holiday (Monday, 22 nd February is a non-pupil teacher-training day)
Monday, 7 th March, 6pm	Class 2 & 3 in CLC Great Hall concert, "Back by POPular Demand"
Thursday, 24 th March	Term ends
Friday, 15 th to Monday, 18 th April	Year 4 Residential to Beam House
Friday, 6 th to Sunday, 8 th May	Year 5 Residential to Barton Hall
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With best wishes,

Sarah Parkes

Head of Teaching and Learning

After-school Singing Club, Mondays, 3.30 to 4.30pm with Mrs Parkes and Miss McClune

I give permission for my child to take part in Singing Club after school on Mondays.

Medical conditions staff should be aware of

Emergency contact number

Signed Date

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