



Thorverton C of E Primary School

Newsletter

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17th May 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

From Mr Jolliffe

This week all of our Year 6 children have been taking their end of Key Stage statutory assessment tests in English and maths. I am always impressed with the mature and sensible way they approach these challenges, which are often the first experience our children have had of taking exams. While these tests are important in demonstrating what children have learned in Key Stage 2, they are not the whole story; SATs don't measure how much children have taken on new challenges with determination and resilience, learned to work with each other to reach a common goal or support each other through challenging times. However, I know that each and every one of our Year 6s have shown these characteristics and this is what will equip them for the next stage of their education, every bit as much as the knowledge they have gained along the way.

From Mrs Parkes

Here is a photo of Jack Andrews handing over his generous donation for the school last week.



This week has been very busy with SATs for the children in Year 6. They all started each day with a continental breakfast of cereal, croissants, pains au chocolat, toast, bagels and fruit. It's amazing how much they can eat! All of the children have worked so hard and have all done their very best. This is all we can ask for.

Now our focus shifts to the production and end of year events. We will let you know the dates for the Key Stage 2 production next week once we have finalised these.

The Year 2 children have now started their SATs and I am sure they will do really well, too. These are marked internally by Miss Holmes and used as a guide for her teacher assessment at the end of the year.

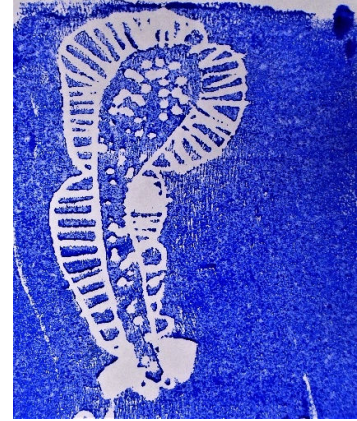
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Class 1's Nature Walk



This week Class 1 has been able to make the most of the sunshine. The children went on a nature walk to the Millennium Green where they looked at different types of trees, collecting natural materials for printing and rolling down the hill!



Thank you to the Organisers of the Gas Up

I would like to thank the organisers of Sunnymead Gas Up for their very kind donation of £30 towards our garden. We have spent some of the money already on compost for our pots and tubs.

Drumming Assembly, Tuesday, 21st May, 3pm

Parents and carers of the children who are learning to play the drums with Tony are invited to come along to their performance on Tuesday at 3pm.

Year 6 Photos Needed!

We are starting to collect photos for the Year 6 Leavers' Service at the end of term. Parents and families of children in Year 6, please have a look in your photo albums and send us some pictures of your children from their earliest years for the presentation.



Paperwork for the Residential Trips

We have sent out letters, kit lists and SOE3 consent forms to parents and carers of children in Years 4 and 6. If you have not already done so, please return the completed SOE3 forms to the office as soon as possible.

Exe Valley Challenge, Sunday, 30th June 2019

We will be entering three teams in this event, which is a seven- or ten-mile hike along the river and canal in Exeter. The teams will be made up of children in Years 4, 5 and 6. After half term we will start practising for the walk.

Top Table



On Monday Hinemoa, Imogen, Keoni, Regan, Da-Xia and Milly enjoyed their lunch at Top Table in the company of Miss Holmes.

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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.

Federation Value for Second Half of the Summer Term

The first half of the summer term has been very short so we may well be continuing with collective worship focusing on 'service' into the next half term. The final value for this year is truthfulness. We will be using stories from the bible, other traditions and contemporary life to explore the importance of telling the truth without exaggerating. We will be thinking about why we feel better inside if we tell the whole truth, remembering the promise that people make in court, 'to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.' We will finish the term by looking at the season of Trinity in the church's year and exploring how artists have depicted the truth of God as Trinity.

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.



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

If you haven't yet been along to the Arts Festival, it is really well worth a visit. The church is open today until 8pm and tomorrow until 4pm for the annual exhibition and sale of art and craft work. There are also home-made meals and refreshments on offer, too.

Message from Allison and Stephen Toogood at the Thorverton Arms

A new owner, Sheila Poupard, is taking over at The Thorverton Arms **today**. If you are in the habit of using the car park for drop-offs for school, please would you talk to Sheila **before** you use the car park, even if you are a regular customer who has had permission from the Toogoods to do so in the past. It would be most helpful if you didn't approach Sheila this afternoon because they will all be very busy organising the handover ready to be open this evening. Thank you.

Sciencedipity Workshop in Tiverton, 31st May 2019

Sciencedipity will be running a 'Rainbow Bathbombs and Unicorn Slime' workshop at the Old Heathcoat School Community Centre in half term. Please see the website www.sciencedipity.co.uk/slime-science/ for more information and to book a place.

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.

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Collective Worship Dates

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| Tuesday, 21 st May, 3pm | Drumming assembly |
| 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

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| Wednesday, 22 nd May | Kwik Cricket Tournament |
| 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 |
| Sunday, 30 th June | Exe Valley Challenge |
| 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

Term Dates 2019 to 2021 subject to agreement by governors:

Devon County Council have published the term dates until the end of 2021 and we have allocated our staff development days for the next two years. These dates have to be confirmed by the governors but we wanted to let you know what they are going to be to help you plan holiday dates:

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

Autumn term 2020

Thursday 3rd September to Friday 23rd October (Staff Development Days 3rd and 4th September)

Monday 2nd November to Friday 18th December (Staff Development Day 27th November)

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Spring term 2021

Monday 4th January to Friday 12th February (Staff Development Day 4th January)

Monday 22nd February to Thursday 1st April

Summer term 2021

Monday 19th April to Friday 28th May (Staff Development Day 19th April)

Monday 7th June to Friday 23rd July

With best wishes,

Sarah Parkes

Head of School

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