



Thorverton C of E Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

From Mr Jolliffe

In the week after half term we will be launching the new federation website. The existing federation website and Bramford Speke's website will be combined in the new version and each school will have its own area of the site as well as the shared areas for policies, term dates and reports. Many thanks to Gemma Poulton who has worked incredibly hard on bringing the website together and doing a lot of the technical work behind the scenes. When the new site is up and running we will send out an email to everyone so that you can go and have a look.

Today is the last day of this half term and children come back to school on Monday, 3rd June. I hope you have a good bank holiday and half term week and enjoy some more lovely weather.

Consultation on Re-federation to Include Silverton C of E Primary School

There is still plenty of time to have your say about the proposed change of the federation to include Silverton C of E School from 1st September this year. You can email any comments to the consultation email address, **federationconsultation1@gmail.com** or write, c/o the Clerk to the Governors at your child's school or handed in to the School Office at any of the five schools addressed to 'The Chair of Governors'. Written responses should be addressed to the Chair of Governors of your school and must be received by Tuesday, 18th June at 3.30pm.

PE and Sports Premium Grant

Every year the government gives us over £16,000 per school to use to enhance our sports and outdoor learning provision. The annual report on how the PESPG is used and the impact that this has had, has now been written and may be found on the federation website.

From Mrs Parkes

It's half term again already! We have squeezed so much into the five weeks since the Easter holidays. This week Year 2 children have sat their SATs tests and all worked really hard to do their best. Well done all of you, you are amazing.

Class 1 at Lords Meadow

This week has been Class 1's last sports morning at Lords Meadow. Thank you to Tammi Vukusic and her Exeter College students for all their hard work with the groups. The children have really enjoyed their sessions doing

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swimming, ball sports and gymnastics. Next term Mr Biggins is planning some outdoor experiences for the class to do to follow on from these sessions. Watch this space!

Class 1 Science Morning

On Thursday, Class 1 had a fantastic science morning with Sally and Baden from the Exeter Met Office carrying out weather-related experiments. The children enjoyed making clouds in bottles, tornado tubes, seeing the effects of air pressure on marshmallows and using an anemometer to measure wind speed. They also had a good time blowing bubbles into the wind and lying on their backs to cloud watch. A big thank you to Sally and Baden for such an interesting and fun morning!



Kwik Cricket Tournament

On Wednesday, a group of 10 children, girls and boys from Years 4 to 6, travelled to Ottery St Mary to take part in a kwik cricket tournament with the hope of qualifying for the Kwick Cricket County Finals. The children breezed through the group stages with the greatest amount of runs of all 20 teams involved. Thorverton advanced to the final round where they looked to have thrown it away after losing some runs to catches and good bowling. However, our excellent bowling and fielding sealed us the victory, winning by 21 runs. A massive thank you to Tammi Vukusic for securing our spot in the tournament, sorting transport, umpiring and coaching us to victory. Also, a thank you to the parents for coming to support and providing ice lollies that were crucial to our



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victory. Finally, a mention to Mr Martin who did a sterling job at umpiring from the position of square leg – hopefully he will be available for the final!



Class 2 and 3 Production, Monday, 8th and Tuesday, 9th July 2019

The children in Classes 2 and 3 have now been given their parts for our production of 'Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits', which we will be performing on the evening of Monday, 8th July and the afternoon of Tuesday, 9th July in the Memorial Hall. The children are really excited and have their scripts. Please help them to start learning their words over the half-term break.

After-school Clubs

We will be offering a selection of after-school clubs again after half term. There will be no clubs in the first week. We will send out the letter and tick list after the holiday and you will need to sign up again.

Drumming Assembly

On Tuesday afternoon we were treated to a great performance by Tony Price's drum pupils. What amazing rhythms!

Tempest Photographer, Wednesday, 19th June 2019

The Tempest photographer will be coming into school on Wednesday morning, 19th June, to take group photos of the children (Year 6 leavers and class groups).

Exe Valley Challenge, Sunday, 30th June 2019

We will be entering a number of 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 5 and 6. After half term we will start practising for the walk. If you have not yet returned the permission slip and your child would like to take part in this event, please do so by Monday, 3rd June, as we need to make up the teams.

Reminder About School Uniform and PE Kit

I would just like to remember everybody that we expect all children to be in the correct school uniform every day, including black leather shoes. The correct PE kit is also important. The children should have this in school every day.

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. These can be sent digitally via email to the office

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(thorvertonadmin@exevalleyfederation.org.uk) or paper copies for us to scan in. We will be very careful with them and return any originals to you.

Progress Cups

If your child received a Progress Cup for last term, please could you return it as soon after half term as possible. Thank you.

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.

Top Table

On Monday Harry T-S, Leo, Edwin W, George M, Arabella and Jessie H enjoyed their lunch at Top Table in the company of Mr Biggins.



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.

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. If you would like to run a stall please contact the PTFA at Thorvertonpta@exevalleyfederation.org.uk.



Auction in Aid of SW Neonatal Unit, Saturday, 1st June 2019, Exeter Inn

On Saturday, 1st June after the rugby final, the Exeter Inn will be hosting an auction in aid of the South West Neonatal Unit. A rugby ball signed by the Exeter Chiefs team is up for auction. This promises to be an exciting evening at the Exeter Inn, so come along and put in a bid.

New Cemetery

The Parish Council's Heritage Lottery Fund grant bid has been successful and the geophysical survey will take place between 10th and 22nd June. For anyone interested please contact Alison Marshall, Clerk to Thorverton Parish Council at thorvertonpc@gmail.com.

Village Tidy Up Day, Saturday, 6th July 2019

The Parish Council is organising a village tidy up on 6th July. Please come and help out!

Sciencedipity Workshop in Tiverton, 31st May 2019

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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.

Thor Fest, Saturday, 7th September

Put the date in your diaries! Thor Fest is back this year!

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, 27 th – Friday, 31 st May	Half-term holiday
Monday, 3 rd June	Marine Foundation visit to Class 2
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
Monday, 8 th July, evening and Tuesday, 9 th July, afternoon	Class 2 and 3 production of Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits

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:

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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)

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

I wish you all a lovely half-term break and hope you get to do lots of the things you enjoy doing. See you all again on Monday, 3rd June.

With best wishes,

Sarah Parkes

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