



# Thorverton C of E Primary School

## Newsletter

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5<sup>th</sup> February 2016

Dear Parents,

### Class 1 Visit to the Weekes' Farm



Class 1 had a wonderful morning visiting Tracy Weekes' farm near Silverton. The children fed and held the lambs and saw how huge the cows are. They enjoyed exploring the farm machinery, including sheep scales and a tractor with wheels bigger than themselves, and looking at different grains. Many thanks to Tracy and her husband for having us and showing us their farm.



### E-safety Day, Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> February 2016

We have put some information on the Federation website about this, including a link to documents on safer internet use for parents to read. The link is under "other information" on the main Federation page of the website. Children will be learning about being safe while on the internet next week in school. We are also in the process of arranging a parent information session in one of the Federation schools. Here are some useful websites for information: [www.nspcc.org](http://www.nspcc.org), [www.childnet.com](http://www.childnet.com), [www.getsafeonline.org](http://www.getsafeonline.org).

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### **Class 2 at End-ball Rugby Tournament**

Here are some photos from the end-ball rugby tournament that Class 2 took part in at Exeter College last week. The Thorverton teams played brilliantly, two of them coming joint first in their groups.



### **Uniform**

I would just like to remind everybody that our school uniform does not include hoodies, jogging bottoms or jeans, walking boots or trainers. Smart school trousers or skirts and blue or black shoes, please. Long hair should also be tied back. I would also like to remind you that children should have a PE kit in school every day.

### **Healthy Snacks**

We like to promote healthy eating in school. It would be great to see all the children enjoying fruit or healthy snack bars as a snack rather than crisps and chocolate bars.

### **Exmoor Challenge and Exe Valley Challenge Practice Walk, Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> February**

Thank you to everybody who has returned the slips for the walk on Sunday. We will be walking about eight miles and some of the way will be muddy. As the weather forecast is for showers, please make sure you have waterproofs with you. We will be meeting outside the Thorverton Arms and will start walking at 10am.

### **Chinese New Year Lunch, Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> February**

To celebrate the Chinese New Year in school, Abby will be cooking a special Chinese lunch on Monday. There will be Chinese style chicken and rice or vegetable noodle wrap and rice served with fried vegetables and bean shoots and followed by mandarin jelly and ice cream. The children have been making special Chinese masks this week to wear at lunchtime on Monday.

### **Top Table**

This week's Top Table children were Eliza, Greg, Ollie Hawke, Oli Gould and Leon who enjoyed their lunch with Mr Martin and Miss Farnhill.

### **PTFA Cake Stall, Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> February, 3.30pm in School**



The PTFA have decided to give the Saturday market cake stall a rest and run cake stalls in school. The first stall will be this Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> February at 3.30pm and will be organised by Class 1. Of course, even if your child is not in Class 1, you are welcome to do some baking to help raise funds! Look out for the cake stall after school on Thursday and bring some money to purchase some cakes or biscuits.

### **University of Exeter Great Hall Concert, Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

Just a reminder that you can book tickets for the Crediton Learning Community performance of "Back by POPular Demand" at the Northcott Theatre box office, online at [www.exeternorthcott.co.uk/book-tickets](http://www.exeternorthcott.co.uk/book-tickets) or by phone on 01392 493493.

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### **Parking Outside School**

Please don't park on the yellow zig-zag lines outside school when picking up and dropping children off. The village car park is at the top of Bullen Street and the Memorial Hall committee kindly let us use their car park in Silver Street.

### **Chinese New Year Celebrations at Exeter University, Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> February 2016**

This is a free event for local families and students to discover all about Chinese New Year. The celebrations will take place in Exeter city centre and in The Forum on the Streatham campus. 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.

### **Half-term Fun for Children at Bernaville Nurseries, Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February**

Look out for the leaflet in your children's bags about this free event.

### **Evening at the Races, Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> February**

This is a fundraising event in aid of Thorverton Cricket Club, which is being held at the Lamb Inn, Silverton from 7.30pm on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> February.

### **Hunterswood Riding School**

is running half-term activities at its pony club and livery yard in Yeoford. Please see the poster on our noticeboard for more details.

### **Thorverton Pre-school Ladies' Fashion Show, 1<sup>st</sup> March**

Travelling Trends will be hosting a fashion show at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

### **Message from Thorverton Toddlers Group**

The parents at the Toddler Group are looking for large bean bags or cushions to make a quiet reading corner, baby walkers and high chairs. If you have any of these items in good condition please see Amy Crebo.

## *Collective Worship Dates*

Friday, 12 <sup>th</sup> February, 3pm	Class 3 assembly
Friday, 26 <sup>th</sup> February, 3pm	Class 2 assembly
Friday, 4 <sup>th</sup> March, 3pm	Class 1 assembly
Tuesday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> March, 2pm	Easter service in church

## *Diary Dates*

Sunday, 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Exmoor Challenge practice walk
Monday, 15 <sup>th</sup> February to Monday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> February inclusive	Half-term holiday (Monday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> February is a non-pupil teacher-training day)

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Monday, 7 <sup>th</sup> March, 6pm	Class 2 & 3 in CLC Great Hall concert, "Back by POPular Demand"
Thursday, 10 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, 15 <sup>th</sup> March, 3.45 – 6pm	Parent-child-teacher interviews
Thursday, 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Term ends
Monday, 11 <sup>th</sup> April	Summer term begins
Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> to Monday, 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 4 Residential to Beam House
Friday, 6 <sup>th</sup> to Sunday, 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5 Residential to Barton Hall
Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup> to Monday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Year 6 Residential to Grenville House
Monday, 11 <sup>th</sup> to Tuesday, 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 3 Residential to Escot House

With best wishes,

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