



Thorverton C of E Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Message from Mr Jolliffe

At the end of my first half term here I would just like to say how much I have enjoyed getting to know the children and families of the schools in the Exe Valley Federation and hope that there will be many more opportunities to talk to parents and other family members in the weeks ahead.

In the last couple of weeks Mrs Harris, Mrs Parkes and Mrs Thorne and I have been working with other colleagues to put together a new vision statement and strategic plan for the Federation and would very much like your input into this at the start of next half term, so I will let you know some dates when you will be welcome to come and talk to me over a cup of tea or coffee. I would very much like to hear your ideas for the future in person as well as through the parent questionnaire which we will be sending out just after the break.

If helping form the strategic direction of the Federation is something you would be interested in doing in a more hands-on way, then there will be a vacancy for a parent governor from Thorverton on the governing board from the beginning of April, as Mrs Kim Knox comes to the end of her term of office. Being a governor is a great way to understand more about how the schools work and is very interesting ... and challenging at times! If you might be interested in this role please do arrange to talk to me. We are particularly interested in hearing from anyone with accountancy or legal skills.

In the meantime I hope you have a lovely half term break and look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Tuesday, 23rd February.

Tag Rugby Tournament

We kicked off our local primary schools Six Nations tournament yesterday with a match against Stoke Canon at home. It was a hard fought game on a slippery, muddy pitch, which ended in a 6-all draw. Well done to all the players. I would like to thank Mr Akhurst from Newton St Cyres for coming along to referee the game. Our next match in the tournament will be against Brampford Speke after half term.



PTFA Cake Sale

Class 1's cake sale was a great success yesterday. They raised over £30 for the PTFA. Thank you to all the parents who baked such a lovely array of cup cakes and thank you to everyone who bought cakes.

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Chinese New Year Lunch and Top Table

Isla, Jess, Rebecca, Harriet, William Davie and Milo enjoyed their special Chinese lunch on the Top Table this week. They were joined by Miss Holmes.

School Gates

In order to increase the safety of the school site, after half term we will be closing the little gate at 9.05am, so if you arrive late please come into school through the main gate. Over the next few weeks we will be reinstating the intercom and magnetic lock on the main gates.

University of Exeter Great Hall Concert, Monday, 7th 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 or by phone on 01392 493493.

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.

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.

Sainsbury's Vouchers

We are collecting these Active Kids vouchers, available from Sainsbury's when you spend more than £10 on shopping. They will enable us to collect sports and cooking equipment for the school. The collecting box for the vouchers will be in the school hall.

Collective Worship Dates

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

Diary Dates

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, 10 th and Tuesday, 15 th March, 3.45 – 6pm	Parent-child-teacher interviews
Thursday, 24 th March	Term ends
Monday, 11 th April	Summer term begins

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Friday, 15th to Monday, 18th April

Friday, 6th to Sunday, 8th May

Friday, 20th to Monday, 23rd May

Monday, 11th to Tuesday, 12th July

Year 4 Residential to Beam House

Year 5 Residential to Barton Hall

Year 6 Residential to Grenville House

Year 3 Residential to Escot House

Have a lovely half-term break.

With best wishes,

Sarah Parkes

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