



Thorverton C of E Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Message from Mr Jolliffe

Over the next couple of weeks I would like to invite parents to come and meet me and have the opportunity to talk about the future development of the three schools in the Exe Valley Federation and hear any suggestions you have about what we should be thinking about for the next five years. There will be three opportunities to do this, one at each school, starting at Newton St Cyres next Wednesday, 9th March at 9.15am, then at Cheriton Fitzpaine on Thursday, 10th March at 10.30am. I will be at **Thorverton on Monday, 14th March at 2.45pm**. I hope you will be able to join me for a cup of coffee and a biscuit at one of these occasions and look forward to talking to you then.

Class 2 Assembly

Last week we were treated to a magical shadow puppet show from Class 2. They retold the story of 'A Winter's Child' with some very creative and well-made puppets. They even had limbs and heads that moved. The time and effort that had gone into making them was clear to see. The show was very ably narrated by a number of the class members. It really brought the story to life. Well done Class 2!

World Book Day



We celebrated World Book Day in style yesterday. Children and staff came in to school with a favourite book and dressed as a character from that book. We had a great variety of wonderful costumes and enjoyed

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plenty of activities based on books and reading. Every child talked about their book, the older children wrote book reviews and Class 2 created maths problems using their stories as an inspiration. One child in each class was presented with a prize for their costume and for how well they knew their chosen book and for their work in preparing themselves for the day. After much deliberation, prizes went to Evie in Class 3 who came dressed as Gangster Granny, Ben in Class 2 who was Boris Bunsen Bean from Fantastic Mr Fox and William Fice in Class 1 who was Moon-Face from The Enchanted Wood. We are preparing a display and a book of activities which will be ready for you to see in the library on parents' evening. Also, the children were given a special £1 World Book Day book token yesterday, which children can use to purchase a book at participating bookshops before 27th March 2016.

Tag Rugby Match

Yesterday our tag rugby team played in another match in the Crediton Learning Community's Six Nations Tournament, this time at Haywards School. We played a friendly match and did well, and drew 7 all in the final match against Haywards. Well done everybody and thank you to the parents who helped transport the children to Crediton and back. Here is the team dressed in the French colours, as we are representing France in the tournament.



Top Table

This week I had the pleasure of sitting with Marshall, John, Willow, Lucy, Jak and Louis as well as Mr Biggins at top table. We had a lovely time eating and chatting. Well done all of you for being such good company.

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

Just a reminder that the Crediton Learning Community performance of "Back by POPular Demand" takes place on Monday at the University of Exeter's Great Hall. The children in Classes 2 and 3 who are involved will be at the Great Hall for a practice on Monday morning. Those children not taking part will stay in school and have lessons. In the evening please drop your children off at the Great Hall between 6.15 and 6.30pm. Our school will be in seminar room 8, and the children will have seen where this is at the rehearsal in the morning. At the end of the performance at about 9pm we will bring the children to meet you in the foyer at the main entrance.

Visit by Devon and Somerset Fire Service, Wednesday, 9th March

On Wednesday afternoon members of Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service will be visiting Classes 1 and 3 to promote safe practices and highlight the consequences of unsafe behaviour at home, in school and within the community. Pupils will learn about the role of the fire service, the dangers of matches, lighters and candles, how to make an emergency 999 call and the consequences of hoax calls, how to plan a safe escape route from home in case of fire, the importance of smoke alarms and what to do if clothing becomes involved in fire. If you feel that you would prefer your child not to take part in this "Staying Safe" presentation please come and see me or Veda or Katharine in the office.

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Parent-Child-Teacher Interviews, Thursday, 10th and Tuesday, 15th March

Parent-child-teacher interviews are being held on the above dates between 3.40 and about 5.40pm. Please sign up for a time to see your child's teacher on the lists on the classroom doors. This is an opportunity for you to come in and discuss your child's progress so far and targets for the rest of the school year. We encourage the children to attend the meeting with you. If you can't make either of the dates please do speak to the class teacher to arrange another time for you to come in.

After-school Clubs

On Thursday, 10th March there will be no Art and Craft Club and on Tuesday, 15th March there will be no Key Stage 1 Hockey Club because of parents' evenings. Forest School will still take place.

Remembrance Tree

Sadly, over the past few weeks we have had a number of bereavements within the school community and we feel that it is important to recognise and remember the big part in our lives people we lose have played. We have decided that the small cherry tree at the top of the field is going to become our remembrance tree. Over the next few weeks, all members of the school community will be given a chance to write a short message about or to someone they have lost and hang it from the tree if they would like. We feel that this then provides a place of comfort, reflection and remembrance within the school grounds.

Collective Worship Dates

Tuesday, 22nd March, 2pm Easter service in church

Diary Dates

Monday, 7 th March	Class 2 & 3 in CLC Great Hall concert, "Back by POPular Demand"
Wednesday, 9 th March	Visit by Fire and Rescue Service to Classes 1 and 3
Thursday, 10 th March	Class 2 visit to Exeter Museum
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
Friday, 15 th to Monday, 18 th April	Year 4 Residential to Beam House
Friday, 6 th to Monday, 9 th May	Year 5 Residential to Barton Hall
Friday, 20 th to Monday, 23 rd May	Year 6 Residential to Grenville House
Monday, 11 th to Tuesday, 12 th July	Year 3 Residential to Escot House

With best wishes,

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