



Thorverton C of E Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

From Mr Jolliffe

I am delighted to be able to tell you that Mr and Mrs Akhurst have had a baby boy, called Freddie James. He was born on Monday, 20th February and weighed 8lbs. Mrs Akhurst and Freddie are now home and they are all getting used to being a family! Mr Akhurst will be on paternity leave until Monday, 6th March, which means that I will be based at Newton St Cyres during this time. However I will be visiting both Thorverton and Cheriton Fitzpaine during the week and can always be contacted via the school offices at any of the schools.

Governors' Learning Walks

Over the course of the next week pairs of governors will be accompanied by Heads of School on learning walks at all three schools. Governors will be joining in with lessons and talking to children in class about their learning. The learning walks will be focusing on the impact of the Cornerstones curriculum resources that we have been using since October. Governors will also be talking to small groups of children, with the Heads of School, but if you would prefer your child was not involved in this part of the day, please let your child's Head of School know by the start of next week.

Federation Review

On Tuesday, 7th March we will be conducting a Federation Review of all three Exe Valley schools. This will be led by an external adviser and will include spending time in each classroom and talking to children about their learning. Governors and the Federation Leadership Team will all be involved in the Review, which we have commissioned ourselves as part of our self-evaluation. We will be using the findings of the review to start to formulate the next Federation Development Plan and will be asking for your thoughts on this in the coming weeks.

From Mrs Parkes

Welcome back to school. I hope you all had an enjoyable half-term break. We have come back to a very busy term with lots of exciting opportunities. Class 2 will be travelling to "Forest and Beach" on Thursday, 9th March as part of the Paddleboat Project. Class 3 are now perfecting their performance for the concert at the Great Hall on the evening of 23rd March. Class 1's Goblins topic promises to be an exciting experience, encompassing journeys to different worlds and music to accompany them. They will also be carrying on with their sports mornings at Lords Meadow.

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World Book Day, Thursday, 2nd March

Next week is World Book Day. It would be great if all children come in to school dressed as a character from a fiction book and bring that book in to share with the class. We would like the children to be really imaginative so ask that no sports strips (eg football, rugby) are worn this year. The children will each receive a £1 World Book Day voucher to spend on a book of their choice. These can be used from 27th February to 26th March.

Play Equipment Update

The new Zenith 2 is almost ready for use. We just need to lay the new safety surface and until then please make sure the children don't use it before and after school.

Top Table

On Tuesday Mr Martin enjoyed his lunch at Top Table in the company of Harry L., Noah, Eliza, Anna, Will H., and Oli G.

Exmoor Challenge Practice Walk, Saturday 11th March

Children in Years 5 and 6 are welcome to come along to our next Exmoor Challenge practice walk, which I will be leading from Thorverton. Meet outside school at 9am on Saturday, 11th March. We will send out a letter with permission slip next week with more details on the length and route of the walk.

Residential Trips

Just a reminder to parents of children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 to return the reply slips and pay the deposit for the residential trips. Please also let us know if your child will not be going, as we need to confirm numbers.

Head Lice

We have had one reported sighting of head lice. Please check your children's heads and treat them if necessary before sending the children back to school.

Parent Governor

Being a parent governor is an interesting and challenging opportunity to find out more about the Exe Valley Federation and to work with the Federation Leadership Team to shape our strategic direction for the future. If you would be interested in this role, please speak to Mr Jolliffe, Mrs Harris or Mrs Parkes to find out more.

Pre-school Cake and Book Stall, Saturday, 4th March

The Pre-school will be holding a fundraising cake and book sale at the Memorial Hall on Saturday, 4th March from 10am to 12 midday. They are very grateful for donations of any second-hand books (for adults as well as children).

Pre-school are also asking for any spare jam jars for another fundraising project.

Road Closure

The road between School Lane and Willow Park will be closed from 10th to 17th March for repairs to be carried out to the tarmac.

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Collective Worship Dates

Friday, 24th March, 3pm Class 1 assembly
Thursday, 30th March, 9.30am Easter service in church

Diary Dates

Monday, 27th Feb – Friday, 3rd March Bikeability training for Year 6
Thursday, 2nd March World Book Day
Thursday, 9th March Class 2 Paddleboat Forest and Beach trip to Dartmouth
Saturday, 11th March Exmoor Challenge practice walk
Tuesday, 14th March, 3pm Class 3 open afternoon
Wed, 15th & Thurs, 16th March Parents' evenings
Tuesday, 21st March, 3pm Class 2 open afternoon
Thursday, 23rd March, evening Class 3's performance at the Great Hall, Exeter University
Friday, 24th March Comic Relief
Friday, 31st March End of spring term
Wednesday 26th – Friday 28th April Year 4 residential to Beam House, Torrington
Monday 22nd – Tuesday 23rd May Year 3 residential to Camp Wild, Escot
Wednesday 7th – Friday 9th June Year 5 residential to New Barn, Dorchester
Friday 9th – Monday 12th June Year 6 residential to Grenville House, Brixham

With best wishes,

Sarah Parkes

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