



Thorverton C of E Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

From Mr Jolliffe

I have really enjoyed my time at Newton St Cyres over the last two weeks and am very grateful to the staff and children for making it such a good time. I am sure they are looking forward to having Mr Akhurst back next week!

On Tuesday, 7th March we are having a Federation review, conducted by Mrs Gill Winston, who works for Babcock LDP. The review has been commissioned by the governors and Federation leadership team as part of our self-evaluation programme and enables us to work with an external adviser to explore strengths and opportunities across the three Exe Valley Federation schools. Mrs Winston will be visiting all three schools during the day and spending time with governors and the leadership team during the afternoon.

Governors' Learning Walks

The governors would like to thank all the children who talked them this week about their learning and shared their experiences of school life with them. Thank you, too, to all the staff and children who prepared for the visits and talked to governors in their classrooms. The feedback from all the visits has been very positive and the governors commended all three schools for the work they are doing.

From Mrs Parkes

This week all our after-school clubs have got off to a great start.



Gardening Club

The children did an amazing job of clearing the winter leaves, planting a tree and preparing the safety surface for our new play equipment.

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Fencing Club

I spent some time dodging the fencing foils on Monday at Fencing Club. The children picked up the 'lunge' quickly and really looked the part.



World Book Day



We all had a fantastic day yesterday celebrating World Book Day. We started with an assembly led by Miss Holmes where children had to answer quiz questions, decorate biscuits, write poems and make models, all in the theme of their characters. Teachers then spent some of the day sharing and reading the children's books, and generally promoting the love of reading. Miss Holmes' class had a Roald Dahl themed afternoon with some more exciting activities. What a great day.



Bikeability

The group of children in Year 6 who took part in the Bikeability have now finished their road safety training. The weather wasn't kind to them but they fought their way through the wind and rain to successfully completing their Level 2 award.

Top Table

On Monday Emily, Bonnie, Charlie, William F, Oliver S and William D had their lunch at Top Table with Miss Holmes.

Class 1 Forest School Afternoon, Monday, 6th March 2017

Class 1 will be having fun in the forest on Monday afternoon. Please send the children into school with warm outdoor clothes, waterproofs and welly boots so they can change for the afternoon.

Class 3 Special Days, Tuesday, 7th and Wednesday, 8th March 2017

This Tuesday Mr Martin will be organising an Ancient Egyptian Day in Class 3. Children are encouraged to bring in appropriate clothes to wear for this day.

For Wednesday, Mr Martin would like the children in Class 3 to bring in fancy clothes to wear to an Oscar ceremony which will be taking place in the class.

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Children should come to school on both days in normal school uniform and can change into their costumes later in the day.

Class 2 Forest and Beach Trip, Thursday, 9th March 2017

Just a reminder that the postponed Class 2 trip to Forest and Beach at Kingsbridge is this coming Thursday. If you haven't already done so, please return the completed permission slip and the £5 contribution towards the cost of the trip as soon as possible. Children should come to school that day in comfortable, warm clothes, waterproofs and sturdy footwear that they don't mind getting dirty. They should also bring a packed lunch and plenty to drink. The coach will be leaving school at 9.15am and returning to school at about 5.30pm.

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. The children in Class 3 should have brought home a letter earlier this week with more details. Please return the permission slip next week so we know how many children and parents will be joining me.

Exmoor Zoo Visit Class 3, Monday, 13th March 2017

A zoologist from Exmoor Zoo will be visiting Class 3 on Monday afternoon, 13th March. He will be bringing in a variety of small animals and mini beasts as part of the new topic, "Beast Creator". You will receive an email about this, including asking for a voluntary contribution of £4.50. If your child has any allergies to animals, please let us know.

Head Lice

We have had more reported sightings of head lice. Please check your children's heads and treat them if necessary before sending the children back to school. Children with long hair should always have it tied back.

Scarlet Fever

There is a case of scarlet fever in pre-school and in school. The symptoms of scarlet fever usually take two to five days to appear after infection and they include a sore throat, headache, high temperature (38.3C/101F) or above, flushed face and swollen tongue. The distinctive pink-red rash develops 12 to 48 hours later. The incubation period is between one and seven days. It is recommended that your child sees a GP as soon as possible if you think your child has scarlet fever. Although the illness usually clears up after about a week, your GP will be able to confirm a diagnosis and recommend appropriate treatment. More details are available at: <http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Scarlet-fever/Pages/Symptoms.aspx>.

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

Remember the Pre-school will be holding a fundraising cake and book sale at the Memorial Hall tomorrow, Saturday, 4th March from 10am to 12 midday.

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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Art & Forest Camp, 3rd to 7th April

Sara Burnand and Laurie Steen Bowles will be running an art and forest camp at the beginning of the Easter holidays for children aged 5 to 13 years, 9.30 - 5.30 each day. It will be held at Marsh Farm, Cheriton Fitzpaine, Crediton, Devon EX17 4BD. Activities will include splashing in streams, building a giant Earth Nest, whittling wood, creating beautiful paintings, drawings, collage and sculpture and toasting marshmallows round a campfire. See the poster on our noticeboard and contact Sara on saraburnand@googlemail.com for more information and details of costs.

Collective Worship Dates

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

Diary Dates

Tuesday, 7 th March	Class 3 Egyptian Day
Wednesday, 8 th March	Class 3 Oscar ceremony
Thursday, 9 th March	Class 2 Paddleboat Forest and Beach trip to Dartmouth
Saturday, 11 th March	Exmoor Challenge practice walk
Monday, 13 th March	Exmoor Zoo come to Class 3
Tuesday, 14 th March, 3pm	Class 3 open afternoon
Wed, 15 th & Thurs, 16 th March	Parents' evenings
Tuesday, 21 st March, 3pm	Class 2 open afternoon
Thursday, 23 rd March, evening	Class 3's performance at the Great Hall, Exeter University
Friday, 24 th March	Comic Relief
Friday, 31 st March	End of spring term
Wednesday 26 th – Friday 28 th April	Year 4 residential to Beam House, Torrington
Monday 22 nd – Tuesday 23 rd May	Year 3 residential to Camp Wild, Escot
Wednesday 7 th – Friday 9 th June	Year 5 residential to New Barn, Dorchester
Friday 9 th – Monday 12 th June	Year 6 residential to Grenville House, Brixham

With best wishes,

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