



Thorverton C of E Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Message from Mr Jolliffe

Since the Exe Valley Federation was formed four years ago, Mrs Marian Beresford has been the Chair of Governors and under her leadership the governors have developed the strategic direction of the three schools. However Marian has now decided to stand down as Chair and, having worked incredibly hard for the benefit of everyone in the Federation, take a well-earned break. I am very grateful indeed to her for everything that she has done and for the huge commitment and dedication she has shown to improving outcomes for the children of the Exe Valley. As Vice Chair, Mrs Jackie Enright, will lead the Governors until their next meeting when an election will take place for the role of Chair. I am very grateful to her too, for stepping into this role at an exciting and challenging time in education and look forward to working with her and the governing board to shape the future direction of the Federation.

Easter Service

Everybody is welcome to come to our Easter service in the church on Tuesday, 22nd March at 2pm. Each class will recount a part of the Easter story and we will be singing hymns. There will also be instrumental pieces by some of the children. Please come back to school after the service for tea and biscuits and a chat with Mr Jolliffe and myself. You will be free to take your children home from 3.15pm.

Sport Relief

Children will be selling Sport Relief wrist bands for £1 each before and after school from Monday. The School Council will be devising a concourse round the school grounds involving different sporting activities during school time on **Wednesday, 16th March**. All children will be asked to contribute 50p to complete this course to raise money for the charity.

Federation End of Term Assembly and Lunch

On Thursday 24th March all the children in the Exe Valley Federation will be meeting at Cheriton Fitzpaine School for an end of term assembly and lunch. There won't be any cost for this event and a school lunch will be provided for all the children at the usual cost of £2.40. Our school cooks will be preparing a range of options for a 'school packed lunch' on the day instead of a hot meal. It would really help us if as many children as possible could have a school lunch that day to save having to take and keep track of packed lunch boxes. We will be returning to school before the end of the day so pick up will be at the normal time.

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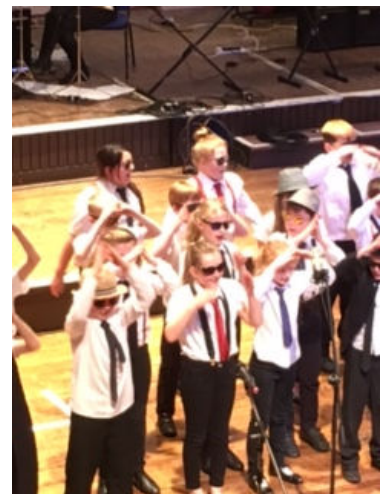
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University of Exeter Great Hall Concert



The musical performance on Monday evening at the Great Hall was wonderful. The theme of the evening was “Back by POPular Demand”. Children from Classes 2 and 3 at Thorverton pulled all the stops out with their magnificent performance of songs by Madness and looked great in their costumes. Thank you to the parents for providing these.

Mr Jolliffe writes: Congratulations to all the children from the three schools who took part in singing some lovely songs at the Great Hall of Exeter University on Monday evening. It was great to see you all looking so confident and performing so well in front of a large audience. Many thanks too, to the staff who looked after them and all the parents who came to support us.



Visit by Devon and Somerset Fire Service

On Wednesday afternoon members of Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service came to visit Classes 1 and 3 to talk to the children about safe practices and to highlight the consequences of unsafe behaviour at home, in school and within the community. The children learnt 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. The children even had the opportunity to dress up in a fire fighter’s uniform, too.

Exmoor Challenge Practice Walk

Last weekend Miss Holmes joined some children in Years 4 to 6 from across the Federation for a walk around Newton St Cyres. Lucy, Chloe, Will and Daisy were there from Thorverton for the rather muddy and hilly

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walk. Miss Holmes was impressed with the determination of the children and how they kept together to support each other. Thank you to those parents who also came along. The next practice walk for the Exmoor Challenge will be on Sunday, 20th March around Dulverton. We will send out more details next week.

Class 2 Visit Exeter Museum

Yesterday the children and staff in Class 2 enjoyed a very successful trip to a weather exhibition at Exeter Museum, which tied in with this term's topic. The exhibition included interactive displays, a history of weather science and forecasting, weather equipment and art displays. There was also an opportunity for the children to make a video of themselves as television weather forecasters.



Goodbye

Today we say goodbye to our two students, Miss McClune and Miss Hastings, from Exeter University, who this term have been very competently completing their teaching practice in Classes 3 and 2. We wish them well at their next schools, in their final exams in the summer and in their future careers. We will miss them.

Top Table

This week Mr Martin had the pleasure of sharing lunchtime at top table with Neve and Olivia from Class 1, Ollie Coe and Henry Squire from Class 2 and Erin and Kaia from Class 3. It was lovely to have such good company.

Parent-Child-Teacher Interviews, Tuesday, 15th March

If you haven't already seen your child's class teacher, please sign up for a time on the lists on the classroom doors for Tuesday after school. If you can't come on Tuesday please do speak to the class teacher to arrange another time to come in.

After-school Clubs

On Tuesday, 15th March there will be **no Key Stage 1 Hockey Club** because of parents' evenings.

Singing Club with Miss McClune has finished. Thank you to all the singers who came along for the short time we held the club. Miss McClune really enjoyed singing songs by Taylor Swift and Disney songs and putting the children's ideas into practice. Keep on singing!

PTFA Meeting, 8pm, Monday, 14th March 2016

Everybody is welcome to come along to the meeting on Monday, 14th March at 8pm in the Exeter Inn.

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Head Lice

Please would you check children's hair for head lice over the weekend, as there have been a few reported sightings during the week. If you find any head lice or their eggs please treat the children before sending them back to school. **Please make sure that all children with shoulder-length or longer hair have it tied back.**

Art and Forest Camp, 5th – 8th April 2016

Sara Burnand and Laurie Bowles are running an art and forest camp at Marsh Farm, Cheriton Fitzpaine, during the Easter holidays. Please see the poster in our noticeboard or www.artandforestcamp.co.uk for more details.

Activities at Haven Banks Outdoor Education Centre, 28th March – 8th April

New courses at Haven Banks for 8 – 16 year olds include rock climbing, artificial caving and bushcraft to name but a few. Activity days start from £43 and five days of activity cost £145. All information is available online at www.haven-banks.co.uk.

Arsenal Soccer Schools Easter Soccer School

Please see the poster on the noticeboard for more information about these football training days at Exeter Arena during the holidays.

Collective Worship Dates

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

Diary Dates

Monday, 14 th March, 8pm	PTFA meeting, Exeter Inn
Tuesday, 15 th March, 3.45 – 6pm	Parent-child-teacher interviews
Wednesday, 16 th March	Sport Relief activities in school
Thursday, 24 th March	Federation assembly and lunch at Cheriton Fitzpaine School
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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