



# Thorverton C of E Primary School

## Newsletter

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9<sup>th</sup> December 2016

Dear Parents,

### From Mr Jolliffe

This week has been full of Christmas events across the three schools and I have thoroughly enjoyed each and every one of them. At this time of year it is easy for children to get absorbed in all the excitement and so I have been particularly impressed with the way that all the children have thought about other children through the Christingle services that have taken place. By supporting the work of the Children's Society through these events, we can help children and families in very challenging circumstances and make a real difference to them throughout the year. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the collections at the Christingle services.

### From Mrs Parkes



Today the children took part in a Christingle service in the parish church in aid of the Children's Society. Reverend Katie Cross led the beautiful service; it was very special. This afternoon the children will be bringing home a Children's Society envelope: if you could spare some change to help this charity please place some into the envelope and send it back into school next week.

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## Pirates of the Curry Bean



This year's production of Pirates of the Curry Bean was fantastic, the children performed so well, their comic timing and delivery was spot on, having the audience laughing all the way through. I think their singing could have been heard all around the village! It is always so lovely to see the production develop over the few weeks. The children's confidence and enjoyment really grow and productions are always something they remember when they leave school at the end of Year 6. A big thank you must go to all of the staff involved who have put in so much of their own time to make the production the success it is. Well done to you all!



## Christmas lunch



Thank you Abby for a really delicious Christmas lunch yesterday! Abby, Karen, Mandy, Mrs Perryman and Miss Finch worked so hard all morning preparing the meal and then at lunchtime serving us. Christmas lunch was lovely and we all enjoyed it. The children waited patiently for their turn and were all very well behaved.

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### **Father Christmas**

After lunch a very special visitor came into school. Father Christmas was passing and thought he'd drop in with some presents for the children. His reindeer were naughty and played some tricks with the sacks of presents, but everybody received a lovely gift in the end. Thank you to the PTFA for donating the gifts.



### **Dick Whittington**

We were treated to a very raucous performance of Dick Whittington this week. It was a really traditional pantomime! There was lots of audience participation and the children really enjoyed this festive treat.



### **Top Table**

This week Mr Biggins enjoyed his lunch at Top Table with Rowan, George, Da-Xia, Jessie, Emma and Leon.

### **PTFA Christmas Fair, Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> December, 3pm**

The Christmas Fair will be on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> December in the school hall from 3pm. Class 1 will be making some small crafts to sell, Class 2 will be selling cakes that they have made and Class 3 will be hosting their home-made games. Preschool will also be there with a sweet stall. The PTFA will be selling refreshments and manning a chocolate tombola. The children love it if a parent or friend can be there to go round the fair with them.

### **Family Service in the Parish Church, Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> December**

Everybody is very welcome to attend this family service in Thorverton Parish Church. The service starts at 10am and the church will be open from 9.30am.

### **Service of Lessons and Carols, Thorverton Parish Church, 5pm, Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

You are all welcome to come to the traditional-style service led by Rev Katie Cross, with candlelit procession, seasonal Bible readings, prayers and choral music sung by the Thorverton Church Christmas Choir and you. Warming seasonal refreshments and mince pies will be served afterwards.

### **Crediton Youth Orchestra**

One of our governors is helping to set up a youth orchestra for seven to 18-year-olds in Crediton. If you have a child in KS2 who is learning to play a musical instrument and can read music, this would be an opportunity for them to take part in a youth orchestra. Please ask Veda or Katharine in the office if you would like more information. We have some information packs.

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### **DCC Admissions to Primary Schools, 2017/18**

The application facility for places in primary and junior schools for the 2017/18 academic year will open on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2016 and close at midnight on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2017. Parents are invited to apply between those dates and express three preferences via the online application facility at [www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline). Admissions cannot be made online after the closing date, hard copy forms will have to be requested via the Helpline 0345 1551019.

### **DCC Annual Consultation on Admission Arrangements**

Devon will run the annual consultation on admission arrangements between 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016 and 6<sup>th</sup> January 2017. You can view this on Devon County Council's website until 6<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at [www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements) and follow the link at the bottom of the page to "admissions policies".

## *Collective Worship Dates*

Wednesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> December, 2pm	Key Stage 1 Nativity in the church
Thursday, 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Federation assembly at Cheriton Fitzpaine School

## *Diary Dates*

Thursday, 15 <sup>th</sup> December, 3pm	PTFA Christmas Fair
Friday, 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas party
Friday, 16 <sup>th</sup> December	End of term
Wednesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2017	Spring term starts (Tuesday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> January is a non-pupil day)

With best wishes,

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