



# Thorverton C of E Primary School

## Newsletter

School Lane, Thorverton, Exeter EX5 5NR

01392 860374

14<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Dear Parents,

### From Mr Jolliffe

Over the coming months we will be updating the federation websites and incorporating Brampford Speke into the Exe Valley Federation website. Each school will continue to have its own section of the website, but it will be easier to see the federation-wide information on the front page and should save duplication. Over the next few weeks Gemma Poulton, who is the vice Chair of Governors, will be taking photographs in the four schools, in preparation for the new website being constructed. Gemma has done a huge amount to research new website formats and I am very grateful to her for all the work she has done on this. In the meantime we will continue to use and update the existing websites so do continue to use them to keep up to date with what is happening in your child' school.

### From Mrs Parkes

It has been really enjoyable teaching Class 3 this week and spending time at Lords Meadow Leisure Centre with many of the children from the top classes in the federation. I also spent some time in Class 1 this week getting to know the new children – they are really settling in well.

### Sciencedipity



Today Ruth from Sciencedipity has been in school giving the children in Classes 2 and 3 a special science day. Class 2 became scientists from NASA, testing Martian soil samples for the morning. The children collected different soil samples from around the school grounds and tested whether the samples were acid or alkali.

*e-mail: [thorvertonadmin@exevalleyfederation.org.uk](mailto:thorvertonadmin@exevalleyfederation.org.uk)  
website: [www.thorverton-ce-primary.devon.sch.uk](http://www.thorverton-ce-primary.devon.sch.uk)*

*LEA: Devon County Council, County Hall, Topsham Road, Exeter EX2 4QG*



In the afternoon Class 3 investigated chemical reactions, created precipitates, colour changes in indicators and explored the properties of bicarbonate of soda along with lots of other mini experiments. A real favourite was the Mentos and fizzy reaction!



**Harvest Festival, Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 2pm in the Church**

At Gardening Club this week we harvested the onions and carrots. What an amazing crop! The children went home with food for dinner and the rest is being used by Abby for the children's lunches.



We are looking forward to our Harvest Festival in two weeks' time.

On Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm we will be celebrating our Harvest Festival in the Church. You are all welcome to join us.

**Thankfulness**



As we wrote last week, our value for this half term is 'Thankfulness'. I have attached to this newsletter an activities sheet for our value this term. It has some fun activities for you to do with your child.

*e-mail: [thorvertonadmin@exevalleyfederation.org.uk](mailto:thorvertonadmin@exevalleyfederation.org.uk)  
website: [www.thorverton-ce-primary.devon.sch.uk](http://www.thorverton-ce-primary.devon.sch.uk)*

**LEA: Devon County Council, County Hall, Topsham Road, Exeter EX2 4QG**

## Top Table

Mrs Parkes enjoyed her lunch at Top Table on Monday in the company of George S., Harley, Louis, Edwin W., Anna and Da-Xia.



## Peanut Allergy



We have a child in school with a peanut allergy, so we would ask you please not to provide your children with any snacks or packed lunch items containing nuts of any sort. Thank you for your understanding.

## Price of School Meals from September 2018

The price of a school lunch is now £2.50 per meal. The weekly price is £12.50.

## Paper Copy of the Newsletter

We usually email the newsletter to parents, guardians, governors and friends of the school (this week Class 1 will receive a paper copy as our problems with the internet have slowed down the entering of data on the computer). However, if you would prefer to always receive a paper copy please let Katharine or Vanessa know in the office and we will put you on the list.

## Governor News

It was back to school for the governors of the Exe Valley Federation this week with the annual conference and AGM at Newton St. Cyres on Tuesday evening. At the AGM the governing body is mainly concerned with housekeeping and administration for the year ahead, including agreeing the terms of reference for the full governing board and each of the two committees (Resources and School Improvement). The re-election of the Chair (Jackie Enright) and Vice-Chair (Gemma Poulton) of Governors was also agreed and the annual cycle of business for the governing board was discussed. Full details of the membership of the board can be found on the EVF website, and the EVF schools will be including photographs and biographies of all governors via newsletters soon.

After the close of the AGM, the governors together with the Executive Head and Heads of School reflected on some of the successes of last year in the federation and the challenges and opportunities to come in this academic year. There is much to be proud of and an exciting year ahead!

## Exe Valley Federation Governors

Do you have business experience? Are you looking to broaden your work skills and career? Have you always wanted to give back to the community? Now you can by becoming a governor with the Exe Valley Federation. The Governing Body works together as a team to set the direction of the Federation, to ensure value for money, and to hold senior leadership to account. It's a great way to develop strategic thinking whilst being supported by teamwork, mentoring and training.

If you or someone you know has business experience and would like to find out more about joining the EVF as a Governor, please contact the Chair of Governors Jackie Enright at [jenright@exevalleyfederation.org](mailto:jenright@exevalleyfederation.org) or by phone on 01392 851852.

***As Governors we aim to make a difference to every child.***

## Safeguarding Training for Volunteers

We take our responsibility to keep children safe in school very seriously and this includes making sure that anyone who volunteers to help in school is trained appropriately to recognise the risks posed to children and what to do if they have concerns. A new version of the document, Keeping Children Safe in Education, is due to

*e-mail: [thorvertonadmin@exevalleyfederation.org.uk](mailto:thorvertonadmin@exevalleyfederation.org.uk)  
website: [www.thorverton-ce-primary.devon.sch.uk](http://www.thorverton-ce-primary.devon.sch.uk)*

*LEA: Devon County Council, County Hall, Topsham Road, Exeter EX2 4QG*



be published in September 2018, and contains some important updates. If you volunteer regularly (ie three times in any 30-day period) then you will need to attend the federation's training course in order to be able to continue helping in school, if you have not already done so in the last three years. There is still time to book onto the second session next week, which is on:

**Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> September from 7.30 to 9.30pm at Newton St Cyres**

Please book a place via the school office at Newton St Cyres (email [newtonadmin@exevalleyfederation.org.uk](mailto:newtonadmin@exevalleyfederation.org.uk) or ring 01392 851267).

#### **PTFA AGM, Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 8pm at the Exeter Inn**

Please come along to the first PTFA meeting of the new school year – all parents are very welcome! It would be fantastic to see any new parents to the school. This is a great way to meet other parents, make new friends, have an evening out and help raise funds for the school.

#### **Harvest Festival Service, Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

Everybody is invited to the village's Harvest Festival service in Thorverton Parish Church this Sunday. The church will be open from 9.30am for refreshments and children's activities and the service will start at 10am.

#### **Cheriton Fitzpaine and District Ploughing Match, Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

Many of the children have completed an entry for the ploughing match competitions and these have been given to Julie Davie to display there. Let's hope our school does well this year! Please do go along to Huxham Barton, near Stoke Canon, if you can on Sunday. This is always a great day out.



### *Collective Worship Dates*

Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2pm Harvest Festival in Church

### *Diary Dates*

Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October Tempest photographer in school

#### **Term Dates**

An error has crept into the dates of our Staff Development Days this autumn. There will be staff development days on **Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> October** (the Monday after half term) and **Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018**. We do apologise for any confusion this may cause.

### *Term Dates*

#### **Autumn term 2018**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October (Staff Development Day 3<sup>rd</sup> September)

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October to Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December (**Staff Development Days 29<sup>th</sup> October and 30<sup>th</sup> November**)

#### **Spring term 2019**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February (Staff Development Day 7<sup>th</sup> January)

*e-mail: [thorvertonadmin@exevalleyfederation.org.uk](mailto:thorvertonadmin@exevalleyfederation.org.uk)*

*website: [www.thorverton-ce-primary.devon.sch.uk](http://www.thorverton-ce-primary.devon.sch.uk)*

**LEA: Devon County Council, County Hall, Topsham Road, Exeter EX2 4QG**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April (Staff Development Day 25<sup>th</sup> February)

**Summer term 2019**

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May (SATS 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> May)

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June to Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July

**Autumn term 2019**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October (Staff Development Days 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> September)

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October to Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December (Staff Development Day 29<sup>th</sup> November)

**Spring term 2020**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February (Staff Development Day 6<sup>th</sup> January)

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March

**Summer term 2020**

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May (Staff Development Day 14<sup>th</sup> April)

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June to Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

With best wishes,

*Sarah Parkees*

Head of School

*e-mail: [thorvertonadmin@exevalleyfederation.org.uk](mailto:thorvertonadmin@exevalleyfederation.org.uk)  
website: [www.thorverton-ce-primary.devon.sch.uk](http://www.thorverton-ce-primary.devon.sch.uk)*

*LEA: Devon County Council, County Hall, Topsham Road, Exeter EX2 4QG*