



Thorverton C of E Primary School

Newsletter

School Lane, Thorverton, Exeter EX5 5NR

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21st September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

From Mr Jolliffe

Every year the leadership team and governors analyse the impact of last year's Federation Development Plan and pool ideas for the new FDP. We incorporate the themes from the annual Parent Questionnaire and the views of staff and children and then I write up the plan, ready for the new school year. A summary of the 2018/19 Federation Development Plan is now on the school websites and a paper copy will be coming home to each family during the next few weeks. I hope you will find this interesting and useful in helping everyone to share the aims and objectives of the federation for the coming year. There will also be an insert with photographs of all the governors in the summary and the school with which each governor is linked. We are planning to hold school reviews next year, which will be an opportunity for you to meet the link governors for your child's school.

From Mrs Parkes

Harvest Festival, Thursday, 27th September 2018 at 2pm in the Church

We have been practising hymns and songs for our Harvest Festival next week. You are all welcome to join us in the church on Thursday, 27th September at 2pm. We would like to ask you for donations of food to pass on to people who are not as fortunate as ourselves. This year we will be sending your donations to St Petrock's in Exeter, a charity that supports homeless people in and around the city. They ask for packaged food (like tinned food, jars of coffee, jam etc, breakfast cereals and biscuits) and cleaning items and toiletries for their centre. Please see the attached sheet for a full list.



Harvest Lunch, Thursday, 27th September



On Thursday Abby will be cooking a delicious Harvest Lunch for us all. There will be roast chicken with cranberry sauce and gravy or Homity pie (made with fresh leeks, onions and mature cheddar cheese) served with garden carrots, fresh cabbage and roasted potatoes, followed by homemade apple pie with custard sauce. We are looking forward to sharing our harvest lunch with some visitors from the village community.

On Wednesday the menu will be pizza or quorn stir fry and noodles with salad and potato wedges followed by lemon drizzle cake, rather than the usual gammon roast.

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Cheriton Fitzpaine and District Ploughing Match

Thorverton have won the ploughing match cup again! Well done to all the children who entered the competitions. The judges were very impressed with the beautiful handwriting by children in Class 3 and the huge variety of cooking, drawing and craft entries. Well done to Zac Mildon who wone the cup for the most points of all the people show entered the competitions!



Parking Near School



I would like to remind everybody to use the car park at the top of Bullen Street or the Memorial Hall car park which the committee kindly let us use before and after school. Our neighbours in School Lane need to access their driveways at all times and, understandably, don't want their entrances blocked by parked cars. Please also do not use their driveways for turning round. The village car parks are only a couple of minutes' walk away from school. The Thorverton Arms have also asked us to remind parents and carers that their car park is for visitors to the pub only, unless you have specifically asked Stephen or Allison if you may use the car park on a particular occasion. Allison would also like to ask if anyone can help identify the owner of a small silver BMW with the registration number RX52 NNW, which has been parked in their car park for several days and does not belong to any guests.

Top Table

Miss Holmes enjoyed her lunch at Top Table on Monday in the company of Bonnie M., Daisy, Freddie G., Finley, Olly C. and Aaron.



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.

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 Update

Sheryl Margesson, lead governor for SEND (Special Education Needs and Disability) and Inclusion and Elly Babbage, our School Improvement Committee Chair met with the federation SEND co-ordinators last week. The federation SEND information for the website was reviewed and updated; discussion took place on the identification of pupils with SEND and how the schools were supporting them and how progress and attainment was recorded, monitored and reported. It was a valuable and productive meeting and the Governors are grateful to the staff for their time and efforts.

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Drum Kits Wanted

Do you have a spare drum kit at home that you or your children are no longer using? Two federation schools would love to have a drum kit for children to use for lessons and as part of the school bands. If you have an unused drum kit that you would be willing to give (or sell) us, please let us know. Thank you very much.

PTFA AGM, Monday 24th 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.



Exe Valley Schools Federation Recipe Book – Recipe Ideas Wanted



The PTFAs from the Federation Schools have joined together in an exciting joint venture to create a recipe book full of yummy recipes contributed by the children, their families and friends. Once printed the books will be available to buy to raise money for the school – the perfect Christmas gift for all. We sent you an information sheet and form at the end of last year. If you would like another one please come to see Katharine or Vanessa in the office. Simply create your recipe, fill in the form and send it back to us, either to the school office in paper form or via email to

thorvertonPTFA@exevalleyfederation.org.uk. Please remember that the recipe must be your **own idea** to ensure we are compliant with copyright rules. We look forward to seeing your fantastic foodie ideas. Thank you.

QE Year 5 and 6 Open Week

QE in Crediton welcomes all visitors to come along to their Open Week events for September 2019 admissions. Their open days and evening are the best way to experience everything that QE can offer your child. It is a great opportunity for prospective parents and students to explore the school, to gain a true feel of the culture that allows their students to make great progress and to find out valuable information from a range of their teaching and support staff and student ambassadors.

The school hopes to see you but don't worry if you can't make the events, just call them on 01363 775871 to arrange a visit at a convenient time for you.

Open Evening, 25th September, 6 to 8pm

The Barnfield Campus welcomes visitors between 6pm and 8pm to meet the teaching staff and to see the dedicated Year 7 and 8 campus. Various activities will be available and the Principal, Rupert Poole, will give a presentation at 6.15pm, repeated at 6.45pm.

Tours, 24th and 25th September, 10.30am to 12pm or 1.30 to 3pm

The Barnfield Campus welcomes visitors to join in at any time between 10.30am and 12pm or 1.30pm and 3pm. This is a great opportunity to see the school in action, where students and staff will be pleased to offer you a guided tour.

Coffee Morning for Parents with Toddlers and Babies, Mondays, 9 to 11.30am, Thorverton Arms

This promises to be a great meeting place for young families every week. Refreshments will be available and toys, books and play mats will be on offer for the children – or bring your own!

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Collective Worship Dates

Thursday, 27th September, 2pm Harvest Festival in Church

Diary Dates

Wednesday, 3rd 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, 29th October** (the Monday after half term) and **Friday, 30th November 2018**. We do apologise for any confusion this may cause.

Term Dates

Autumn term 2018

Monday 3rd September to Friday 19th October (Staff Development Day 3rd September)

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

Spring term 2019

Monday 7th January to Friday 15th February (Staff Development Day 7th January)

Monday 25th February to Friday 5th April (Staff Development Day 25th February)

Summer term 2019

Tuesday 23rd April to Friday 24th May (SATS 13th to 16th May)

Monday 3rd June to Thursday 25th July

Autumn term 2019

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

Monday 28th October to Thursday 19th December (Staff Development Day 29th November)

Spring term 2020

Monday 6th January to Friday 14th February (Staff Development Day 6th January)

Monday 24th February to Friday 27th March

Summer term 2020

Tuesday 14th April to Friday 22nd May (Staff Development Day 14th April)

Monday 1st June to Thursday 23rd July

With best wishes,

Sarah Parkes

Head of School

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