



Thorverton C of E Primary School

Newsletter

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23rd March 2018

Dear Parents,

From Mr Jolliffe

Over the last two days I have been attending a Diocese of Exeter conference for senior leaders, focusing on mental health and well-being in schools. The mental health of children and young people is in the news at the moment with many explanations being given for the exponential rise in low mood, anxiety and depression in children. We have been working with the Early Help for Mental Health team from Virgincare for some time now and are now also working with the AccEPT clinic at Exeter University to support children with specific needs. However, mental health and wellbeing is part of our PSHE curriculum and over the last two days I have seen some new resources that will help us to develop this further. There is also a possibility of organising a workshop for parents to help to support their children's mental health. I am hoping to get this set up in the coming months so that we can work together more effectively to ensure that all our children are supported in the best way possible to manage the challenges of becoming young adults in the future.

Federation Assembly

Our spring term Federation assembly will take place on Thursday, 29th March at Cheriton Fitzpaine. The children from Brampford Speke, Newton St Cyres and Thorverton will be taken by bus to Cheriton Fitzpaine and each school will be sharing some of the Easter or spring songs that they have been learning recently for their own Easter services or spring concerts. We will be returning to schools in time for lunch as usual so there is no need for children to bring packed lunches on this occasion.

From Mrs Parkes

Easter Service

The children performed beautifully at our Easter service in the church on Wednesday. The service concentrated on three days of Easter from Good Friday to Easter Sunday seen from Mary's point of view. The children read a mixture of old and new poems and readings, including some pieces that they had written themselves, some of which were extracts from Mary's diaries. Songs and music complemented the readings and the instrumentalists performed brilliantly.

School Council Easter Baking Competition

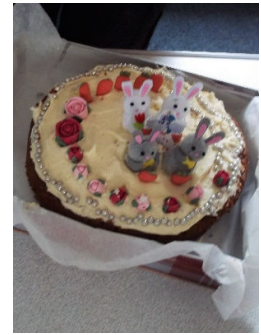
We had some beautiful cakes made for the School Council's Easter Baking Competition. Bunnies, chicks and eggs were everywhere! So much care and design went into them. The School Council representatives had a

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wonderful time judging the cakes, which were judged on appearance and taste. The winners were presented with an Easter egg and everyone who made a cake was given a small prize, too.

The sale at the end of the day raised a very generous £58.30 for the School Council. The children haven't yet decided what they will spend it on. We will let you know. Thank you so much all of you who made these great cakes and those of you who helped the young master bakers and thank you everyone who bought them.



Welcome to Mr Aggott

I would like to welcome Mr Aggott to Thorverton. He is a trainee teacher carrying out teaching practice as part of his degree course with us. He will be in Class 2 until July and we hope he enjoys his time with us.

Class 2's Trip to Roman Exeter



Yesterday Class 2 enjoyed an informative trip to Exeter to find

out more about the Romans. They were given a tour of the Roman sites by a Redcoat Guide and then had time to explore more at the museum.

6 Nations Tag Rugby Tournament

Last Friday the tag rugby team played a match in the 6 Nations Tournament against Landscore. It was an exciting match ending in a draw.

Today the team have played games against the other schools in the Federation and taken part in the finals at Newton St Cyres.

Well done to all the players and thank you to the parents who have helped transport the children on both occasions. A huge

thank you to Jonathan and Dickie for coaching the children and to Mrs Barron for all her work in arranging these games.



Progress Cups

If you received a Progress Cup last term, please would you return it to me or the office as soon as possible?

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Child-Parent-Teacher Interviews, Monday, 26th March 2018, 3.40 to 6pm

The teachers are available on Monday between 3.40 and 6pm to talk to parents about children's progress and targets for the rest of this year. Please sign up on the lists on the classroom doors if you haven't yet seen your child's teacher. If you are unable to make this date, please see the teacher to arrange another time.

Courage

Our value for collective worship and assemblies for the first half of the summer term is COURAGE. It can take great courage to do something new or challenging and we sometimes call this 'stepping out of our comfort zone'. Sometimes just small steps are needed but they can take us to new and exciting places! We will be learning about some characters from the bible who showed courage, as well as stories taken from contemporary life. We will be asking the children to set themselves 'small step' challenges and share them in class or assembly.

"Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is the little voice at the end of the day that says, "I'll try again tomorrow." Mary Anne Radmacher

PTFA Disco, Friday, 23rd March, 5 to 6.30pm

The PTFA children's disco is this evening in the school hall. It will be for all ages from 5 to 6.30pm. Please pay at the door and also leave your contact details. Parents are welcome to stay, especially parents of children in Class 1. There will be a tuck shop, so children might want to bring along some pocket money for drinks and sweets.



PTFA Second-hand Uniform, Book and Toy Sale, Tuesday, 27th March 2018

On Tuesday the PTFA will be selling second-hand uniform, books and toys in the playground after school. Come along and get kitted out for the summer term and pick up some bargains!

PTFA Facebook Page

The PTFA have a NEW Facebook page to share our plans, events and activities with all parents, friends and supporters of the school. It's still work in progress but please 'like' and 'follow' our page and encourage your other Facebook friends to do the same so they can find out what's coming up! Search 'Thorverton School PTFA' on Facebook.

Residential Visits, Years 3 to 6

A few of you have not yet returned your slips to let us know whether your child will be going on the residential trips or not. We now need to confirm numbers with the venues, so if you have not returned your reply slip please do so as soon as possible. If you don't have one, please ask for another copy in the office.



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.

Music Tuition

Mrs Heather Kershaw has vacancies for lessons after Easter on descant recorder for children in Year 2 and above and piano/keyboard for children in Year 3 and above. Please contact the school office or Mrs Kershaw direct on heather@kershaw25.eclipse.co.uk or 01392 860419.

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Diary Dates

Monday, 26 th March	Parent-teacher-child interviews
Tuesday, 27 th March, 3pm	Drumming assembly
Tuesday, 27 th March, 3.30pm	PTFA second-hand sale in the playground
Wednesday, 28 th March, 3pm	Guitar assembly
Thursday, 29 th March	Federation assembly at Cheriton Fitzpaine School
Thursday, 29 th March	Last day of spring term
Monday, 16 th April	First day of summer term
Wednesday, 18 th – Friday, 20 th April	Year 5 residential to Barton Hall
Monday, 30 th April – Tuesday, 1 st May	Year 3 residential to Escot
Saturday, 5 th May	Exmoor Challenge (for Year 6)
Wednesday, 6 th – Friday, 8 th June	Year 4 residential to New Barn, Dorchester
Tuesday, 11 th – Friday, 15 th June	Year 6 residential to Grenville House, Brixham

With best wishes,

Sarah Parkes

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