



Thorverton C of E Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

From Mr Jolliffe

This has been a very busy week for the performing arts across the Exe Valley Federation. Over the last term all our Year 3 and 4 classes have been working with the Paddleboat Theatre Company to learn techniques such as mime, freeze-framing, movement, creating sound effects and presenting short dramas. They also had an opportunity to write short, descriptive sections of poetry that the actors then turned into the three tableaux that made up the final show. For the last three weeks, the children (in mixed school groups) worked with an actor to develop these pieces, with a final performance at the Phoenix Arts Centre in Exeter on Wednesday this week, which was a great success and was well supported by parents. Every child took some role in the production. Overall, a fantastic experience, and Katy, Michael, Stuart and Hattie were excellent hosts, building an immediate rapport with the children and always conducting themselves professionally. Many thanks to Mrs Alison Golby for organising this event, which was part of a programme of artistic and musical events that the Federation has taken part in this year.

Then on Thursday night the Year 5 and 6 classes took part in the Crediton Learning Community's Great Hall event, singing and performing together under the guidance of Mr Andrew Curtis. This is a great opportunity for every child to take part in a large-scale event and to perform in front of a big audience of parents and staff from the CLC schools. I thoroughly enjoyed the performance of songs from Mamma Mia! and the great costumes that the children had made. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make both these events such a success and particularly to the children who were such good ambassadors for the Federation.

Federation Assembly, Friday, 31st March 2017

At the end of this term we will be holding a Federation assembly as usual and the children from all three schools will be going to Thorverton to celebrate their learning from this year and to sing Easter songs and learn more about the Easter story. We will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Veda Dymond, who is leaving Thorverton School after 30 years of service. She has made an amazing contribution to the school and to the community and will be very much missed from the school office. On Wednesday next week the children, parents and community at Thorverton will be saying thank you to Mrs Dymond at the end of her last working day, but we will also be saying goodbye to her at our Federation assembly. There is no charge to parents for the cost of transport for the Federation assembly and we will be back at our own schools in time for lunch.

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From Mrs Parkes

Class 3 at the Great Hall

Yesterday evening the children performed their Mamma Mia songs fantastically. They were an amazing group of energetic singers and dancers who looked great in their tie dye 70s gear. Thanks must go to Miss Finch and Mr Curtis for all their hard work. We were all very proud of the children.



Class 2's Paddleboat Performance

The Federation drama sessions with the Paddleboat Company culminated this week in a splendid performance at the Phoenix in Exeter. Miss Holmes was very proud of the children, not only for their behaviour, but also for their participation in a production of such a high quality.

Open Afternoon in Class 2

It was great to see so many parents at our open afternoon in Class 2 on Tuesday. The children showed their parents their work and got them involved in some of the activities that we have been doing this term, such as food tasting, biscuit decorating and naming body parts on a drawing of a skeleton.



Red Nose Day



We have sold all of our red noses – thank you so much for your support. The children are looking great today in their red clothes, too. A few children even dressed in fancy dress. Thank you for supporting this important charity.

Class 1's Sports Mornings at Lords Meadow

Today was the last session of sports mornings at Lords Meadow for Class 1. The children have thoroughly enjoyed their sessions and have gained in confidence in swimming and multi-sports. Thank you to all of the Exeter College students and Tammi for organising and running these sessions.

Tag Rugby Tournament



Our tag rugby team played Bramford Speke last Friday in the local Six Nations Tournament. Thorverton won 10 – 6. We also played a friendly match, which we drew. The finals, played on Wednesday at Stoke Canon, were a very close thing. Thorverton did really well coming second to Landscore. Well done to the team, they

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were fantastic! The children were a credit to the school, demonstrating superb sportsmanship. Thank you to Dickie, Jonathan and Mrs Barron for all their hard work at training sessions and in organising the matches.

Top Table

On Monday Miss Holmes enjoyed her lunch at Top Table in the company of George, Etienne, Charlotte, Jessie, Rebecca and Emma.

Veda's Goodbye Assembly, Wednesday, 29th March 2017, 2.45pm

We would like to invite current parents to a special assembly on Wednesday afternoon, 29th March at 2.45pm to wish Veda a happy retirement. Each class will celebrate Veda's time in school in their own special way. Afterwards, we will be serving tea for the parents and the children will go back to class. You will be able to pick them up as usual at 3.30pm.

After school, from 4pm to 6pm we will be having a tea party for present and past colleagues and past pupils.

Dinner Money and Other Payments

We would be very grateful if you would pay any debts early next week as the Business Manager is doing the accounting for the end of the financial year and needs all payments to be made.

Head Lice

We have had sightings of head lice reported to us again. Please make sure that long hair is tied back. If you find any lice in your children's hair, please treat over the weekend before sending them back to school on Monday.

Governors' Resources Committee Meeting

The Resources Committee met on 15th March at Cheriton Fitzpaine; each term we meet at different schools within the Federation, so governors get the opportunity to see our schools in action. At each resources meeting governors discuss the Federation budget monitoring report (our profit and loss report) with Pauline Woodbridge, our School Business Manager, to ensure our expenditure stays within our budget. Our discussions covered the effectiveness of our debt collection, the full use of Sports Funding, and economical maintenance of school buildings and equipment. The Federation's service level agreements (particularly those relating to ICT) were reviewed and new fencing was agreed for NSC to control risk to children in the playground. This month a new three-year draft budget is being prepared for approval at our Full Governors meeting in April. This budget will drive all future expenditure for the next three years. The next Resources meeting will be held in May at Newton St Cyres.

Family Service in the Parish Church, Sunday, 26th March 2017

Everybody is welcome to come along to the Mothering Sunday family service in Thorverton Parish Church this Sunday, 26th March. The service starts at 10am and the church will be open from 9.30am.

Pre-school Next Term

From the summer term, Pre-school will be open five days a week from 9am to 3.15pm. Anyone with a child rising two who would like to register for sessions please drop in for an information and application pack.

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Bird Box Making at Thorverton Memorial Hall, Saturday, 8th April 2017, 9.30-11.30am

Come and make a bird box for the recreation ground wildlife garden. This is a free event with materials and tuition kindly provided by Ann and Jerry Parkinson. For more information please contact the Parish Clerk, Alison Marshall, on 01392 861228 or thorvertonpc@gmail.com.

Collective Worship Dates

Wednesday, 29 th March, 2.45pm	Special assembly
Thursday, 30 th March, 9.30am	Easter service in church
Friday, 31 st March	Federation assembly in the Memorial Hall, Thorverton

Diary Dates

Tuesday, 28 th March	Class 1 at Cheriton Fitzpaine for Poetry Day
Friday, 31 st March	End of spring term
Thurs, 20 th & Fri, 21 st April	Class 3 Parents' evenings
Wednesday 26 th – Friday 28 th April	Year 4 residential to Beam House, Torrington
Monday 22 nd – Tuesday 23 rd May	Year 3 residential to Camp Wild, Escot
Wednesday 7 th – Friday 9 th June	Year 5 residential to New Barn, Dorchester
Friday 9 th – Monday 12 th June	Year 6 residential to Grenville House, Brixham

With best wishes,

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