



Thorverton C of E Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

From Mr Jolliffe

Welcome back to school! I hope you have had a great Easter holiday and enjoyed the sunshine and good weather we have had in Devon. All the children have settled back into school really well this week and have been getting on with new learning projects. As always in the summer term, there are lots of things to look forward to, including residential visits for Years 3 to 6, lots of sports activities and being able to play outside on the school fields. It should be a great term for everyone!

Start of the School Day

The school day starts in all three Exe Valley Federation schools at 9.00am and children should be in their classrooms, ready to learn at this time. Registers are returned to the school offices by 9.10am and children who arrive after that will be marked as late. If you do arrive late at school for any reason, please make sure that the office staff know that your child has arrived and that their lunch arrangements are sorted out. Children who arrive after registers close at 9.20am will be recorded as absent. Attendance data is reported to you at the end of the year with your child's school report and is monitored by Heads of School and Mr Jolliffe. If your child's attendance drops significantly, further action may be taken by schools to work together to bring about an improvement. Please help your child make the most of their learning time by being at school in good time every day. Thank you.

From Mrs Parkes

I would like to wish you a warm welcome back to school. I hope that you all had some time in the holiday to relax and enjoy the wonderful weather. As always, we have a busy term planned. Class 1's topic will be 'Space' this half term and 'The Scented Garden' next half term. Class 2 will be studying 'The Blue Abyss' and Class 3 will finish their 'Beast Creator' topic before moving on to 'A Child's War' in the next two weeks. A parents' 'How to Help' letter will be sent to you next week with more details. Sports mornings at Lords Meadow this term will be for Class 3. These sessions will start on 12th May and continue until the end of the summer term. Our collective worship value this half term is 'Service' and the children will be focussing on what this really means, it's effect on them when they are served or when they serve someone in a variety of ways.

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Before and After School Routine

Just a reminder of the routines that we have at the beginning and end of the day. Please would you ensure that all children are in school between 8.45 and 9am. Class 1 children should be delivered to the class room. Please do not allow your children to play on the play equipment before or after school, as the equipment is not monitored by staff and during the school day we have a clear routine and set number of children who can be on it at any one time. This cannot be implemented after school. The safety of the children is paramount, so thank you for your cooperation in this.

Veda

We said our farewells to Veda in the last week of term with a special assembly, tea party and a presentation at the Federation assembly. We were all very sad to see her leave but we know that she will be in touch. Veda left a present for the children of several picnic blankets that we can use on the field or at sports events. We are really grateful for these and they will be well used. Veda has sent her own thank you to everybody.

A Very Big Thank You to Everyone from Veda

What a wonderful afternoon I had on Wednesday, 29th March. It started with a school assembly with all the children in Class 1 saying such nice things about me, then Class 2 singing the song 'Grandma' to me, substituting 'Veda' for 'Grandma', and, finally, Class 3 who had written limericks which were very funny and welcome after the emotions of the first two!

For anyone who didn't come to the assembly, the gifts I received were a Radley wrist watch, a Dartington glass vase, a huge bouquet and a canvas picture of a tree on which all the children had put their finger prints, such lovely presents that I can keep and remember all my happy years working at the school. I also had a gift from the staff of a silver necklace and matching earrings with topaz stones, they all know I like my bling! Thank you to everyone who contributed to these lovely gifts and to all the parents who came to the assembly and joined me for a cup of tea after.

My afternoon didn't finish then, as from 4.30 there was another tea party with previous work colleagues, governors, parents and pupils gathered together with staff from across the Federation. I was so pleased to see everyone, although it was very emotional.

Then, just to round off the week, I was invited to the Federation end-of-term assembly at the Memorial Hall on Friday, 31st, where at the end of the service I was presented with a beautiful bouquet.

I felt very special and thank everyone involved for everything they contributed to making this such a special time for me.

Love, Veda.

After-school Clubs

These will start next week, with the exception of Singing Club, as Miss Holmes will be on the residential trip with the children in Year 4. That will start on Thursday, 4th May. Also, **KS1 Multi-sports Club will finish at 4.30pm and not 5pm** every week.

Collective Worship Dates

Tuesday, 9 th May, 3pm	Drumming assembly
Friday, 30 th June, 3pm	Class 1 assembly
Wednesday, 26 th July	Leavers' service in church

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Diary Dates

Tuesday, 25 th April	Class 3 Parents' evening
Sunday, 23 rd April	Exmoor Challenge practice walk
Wednesday 26 th – Friday 28 th April	Year 4 residential to Beam House, Torrington
Saturday, 29 th April	Exmoor Challenge
Monday 22 nd – Tuesday 23 rd May	Year 3 residential to Camp Wild, Escot
Thursday, 25 th May, 3pm	Class 2 open afternoon
Monday, 29 th May – Monday, 5 th June	Half-term holiday (Monday, 5 th June is a non-pupil day)
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
Wednesday, 28 th June, 3pm	Class 3 open afternoon
Wednesday, 26 th July	Last day of summer term
Tuesday, 5 th September	First day of autumn term (Monday, 4 th September is a non-pupil day)
Mon, 23 rd Oct – Weds, 1 st Nov	Half-term holiday (Mon & Tues, 30 th & 31 st Oct are non-pupil days)
Friday, 15 th December	Last day of autumn term

With best wishes,

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