



Thorverton C of E Primary School

Newsletter

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27th April 2018

Dear Parents,

From Mr Jolliffe

In the next few weeks the leadership team and the governors will be starting to think about the future direction of the Exe Valley Federation as we plan for the next school year. It is really important to know your views about the schools and how you feel they are working and that is why the Parent Questionnaire is so important to us. It really does help us to focus on areas for development next year and to prioritise particular aspects of our work in the coming 12 months.

I am very grateful to the 30 or so parents who have taken the time to complete the Questionnaire already but that means that there are lots of families that we haven't heard from yet. We will leave the Parent Questionnaire open until 9.00am on Saturday morning, 28th April, so there is still time to complete it by clicking on the link below. Please do take this opportunity to let us know what is working well and what we can develop further in the coming year. Thank you.

<https://goo.gl/forms/XwmNUMkvX9ijtca42>

From Mrs Parkes

There are lots of exciting things going on at the moment. Year 5 really enjoyed their residential last week and have prepared a great assembly to share their experiences with us. The children who are doing the Exmoor Challenge enjoyed their practice walk last Saturday. They are more confident with their map-reading skills and have had a taste for how long the walk actually is. Next week Year 3 are off to Escot Camp Wild for their two-day residential trip; and Year 4 will be involved in a creative arts project for those two days at Cheriton Fitzpaine. I look forward to hearing about the ventures next week.

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.



Parking



This week I met with some members of the community to discuss the traffic in Thorverton at peak times. We are very worried about the safety of children in the Bury, especially in the mornings, when the road outside the pub and shop gets very blocked, not only with delivery

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vans, visitors to the pub and residents' parked cars, but also with parents dropping their children off to school. As you know, there is the public car park at the top of Bullen Street, which is only a couple of minutes' walk away; and the Memorial Hall kindly allow parents to use their car park on Silver Street. This is also only a couple of minutes' walk away from school. Would anybody be interested in starting a walking bus from the Memorial Hall car park at 8.40am any day of the week? Please see me if you would like to help with a walking bus.

Queens Badminton Club, Saturday 28th April, 8.30am to 10am, Lords Meadow Leisure Centre Sports Hall

Come along and have a go at the fastest racket sport in the world! If you're interested in finding out more about badminton and Queens Badminton Club then this is your chance. Open to all primary aged children - all equipment provided, just bring a drinks bottle and wear comfortable/sports clothing. Fully qualified coaches will be leading the fun-filled session where children will have a chance to learn new techniques, experience game-play and practise their newly acquired skills. The event is on Facebook, 'Free Badminton Session for Primary Aged Children'. If you require any more information please get in touch with Kate Povey on 01363 860208 or kate@littleemlett.co.uk.

Diary Dates

Monday, 30 th April – Tuesday, 1 st May	Year 3 residential to Escot
Monday, 30 th April & Tuesday, 1 st May	Year 4 Collaborative Art Project at Cheriton Fitzpaine Village Hall
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

Term Dates

Summer term 2018

Monday 16th April to Friday 25th May (SATS 14th to 17th May)

Monday 4th June to Thursday 26th July

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 and 30th October)

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

With best wishes,

Sarah Parkes

Head of School

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