



Thorverton C of E Primary School

Newsletter

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4th May 2018

Dear Parents,

From Mr Jolliffe

At the start of this week we had two events taking place that enabled children to develop new skills and learn in a new environment. Year 3 had their first residential visit at Escot and took part in lots of different outdoor activities; many thanks to Mrs Harris and the staff team who led this visit. At the end of the residential visits for this year we will review all the different venues before making decisions about next year. Year 4 also took part in a combined federation event at Cheriton Fitzpaine, creating fantastic large-scale canvases in the style of American artist James Rizzi. This was led by a local artist, Cara Patterson, and the results are very impressive! The four canvases will be displayed in the schools so do come and admire the work that Year 4 did together this week.

From Mrs Parkes

This week the classes have been busy, with everyone engaging in their topics.

Year 3 Residential

From the reports from the children and staff, the Year 3 residential was “amazing”. They spent two days and one night at Camp Wild at Escot and took part in many exciting activities and challenges. The Death Slide, animals and zip wire have been mentioned as highlights, along with the Anglo-Saxon village experience. You will be able to hear all about the trip on Friday, 11th May at 3pm when the children will lead an assembly about their experiences.



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Class 3 at the 'Welcome Café'

Class 3's topic, 'Time Traveller', involves looking at various subjects relating to time. One aspect is how life experiences and our local community have changed over the last century. To find out more about this, Class 3 went to the WI's 'Welcome Café' this week, where the children talked to members of the community about their lives, village life over the past few decades and local history. The WI ladies and gentlemen welcomed the children with drinks, cakes and biscuits. We hope the adults had as interesting a time as the children did. Thank you, Judy, for arranging our visit and making Class 3 so welcome.



Year 4 Collaborative Art Project

The children in Year 4 went to Cheriton Fitzpaine at the beginning of the week and, with the help of a local artist, completed four colourful banners depicting the USA and linked to their topic of 'Roadtrip USA'. Working in mixed groups from across the federation, they used works of art and photos to inspire their great pieces. These banners will be touring the schools, so please watch out for them soon.

Class 1 Sports Mornings at Lords Meadow



Class 1 have enjoyed their Lords Meadow experience over the past two weeks and look forward to another eight sessions every Friday this term. Every week the children do swimming, gymnastics and ball sports.

Every Friday they will need swimming costume or trunks and a towel in a separate bag. They should come to school in their PE kit. They also need a bottle of water and a snack. It really helps the children and staff if the children come prepared every Friday morning for the sports sessions.



Gardening Club

The gardening club have worked really hard over the last two weeks planting and weeding. The area around School House has been transformed! We look forward to eating the produce in the autumn and enjoying the flowers in the summer. My thanks go to Tom Walling and Alex Fice whose vision is being realised!

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.



PTFA Meeting, 8pm, Thursday, 10th May 2018, Thorverton Arms

Everybody is welcome to come along to the next PTFA meeting, especially if you are interested in getting involved in the summer fair this year. They will also be discussing the idea of a PTFA recipe book. Come to the meeting and share your ideas, offer help and enjoy a social evening.

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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 Parkees

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