

# Thorverton C of E Primary School Newsletter

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4<sup>th</sup> 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, 11<sup>th</sup> 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.



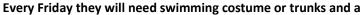
# **Year 4 Collaborative Art Project**

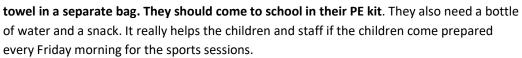
The children in Year 4 went to Cheriton Fitzpaine at the beginning of the week and, with the help of a local artist, completed four colourful banners depicting the USA and linked to their topic of 'Roadtrip USA'. Working in mixed groups from across the federation, they used works of art and photos to 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.







# **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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#### **Governor News**

Thank you to all those parents who completed the Parent Questionnaire last week. We really value your feedback. Governors have already started to analyse the responses and will be producing a report which we will share with parents in due course.

The Resources Committee met this week in Thorverton. This week discussion focused on financial matters and in particular the Exe Valley Federation budget for 2018/19. The EVF governors are fortunate to have the support of a Federation business manager who provides detailed advice and support in relation to the EVF finances. The lead governor for finance is also a member of the Resources Committee. Overseeing the financial performance of the federation and ensuring its money is well spent is one of the key responsibilities of the governors. The draft budget for 2018/19 will go before the full board of governors at their next meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> May. The Resources Committee also discussed the progress being made towards combining the EVF and Brampford Speke websites and the steps being taken to ensure that the EVF complies with the new data protection regulations. The next meeting of the Resources Committee is on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June.

# **Parking**

Thank you to those of you who have thought about where you park since last week. However, we are still worried about the safety of children in the Bury, especially in the mornings. The public car park at the top of Bullen Street 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. Please see me if you would like to help with a walking bus from the Memorial Hall car park at 8.40am any day of the week. The PTFA are aware of the safety issue around school and are going to discuss it at their meeting on Thursday. Please do go along if you would like to be involved in trying to solve this ongoing problem.

# Collective Worship Dates

Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> May, 3pm Year 3 residential assembly

# Diary Dates

Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> May Exmoor Challenge (for Year 6)

Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> – Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> June

Year 4 residential to New Barn, Dorchester

Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> – Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> June

Year 6 residential to Grenville House, Brixham

# Term Dates

# Summer term 2018

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May (SATS 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> May) Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June to Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> July

# Autumn term 2018

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October (Staff Development Day 3<sup>rd</sup> September) Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October to Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December (Staff Development Days 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> October)

# Spring term 2019

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February (Staff Development Day 7<sup>th</sup> January)

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With best wishes,

Sarah Parkes

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