



Thorverton C of E Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

From Mr Jolliffe

Next week many of our children will be taking SATS or other assessments in school. Of course these assessments are important and we would always encourage children to do their best and try to show how much they have learned during their time in school. However it is important to remember that they are only one part of the way that teachers assess children's progress and that emotional well-being is every bit as important as measuring academic progress. Much of what we do in primary schools is to do with supporting children's emotional development and that isn't measured by the DfE! If your child is anxious about assessments, please re-assure them that they should do the best they can but not to worry about them, there are more important things in life!

From Mrs Parkes

Exmoor Challenge

Last Saturday Sam, Erin, Will, William and Milo walked 16 miles across Exmoor, as they took part in the Exmoor challenge, navigating their way and checking in at each checkpoint. There were over 100 teams taking part. They completed the walk in just under seven hours, which is one of the fastest times we have had. Well done all of

you! I was very proud of their team effort, enthusiasm and support that they gave each other. It is always a bit nerve racking for me as they disappear off and always a real relief when they finally finish. Their feet ached a bit at the end and I am sure they slept well that night, but they still all had a smile on their faces!! What an excellent effort.



Zach Squash Champion

Last weekend Zach V. took part in the junior national squash championships in Surrey. He did brilliantly! His team of six members representing Devon came fourth overall. Well done Zac!

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Top Table

On Tuesday, Neve E, Jaime, Charlotte, Levi, Sam and Oliver S enjoyed their lunch at Top Table in the company of Mr Martin.

KS2 SATs



Next week the Year 6 children will be taking their SATs. They have worked really hard to prepare themselves and I am sure that they will do their best next week. Good luck to all of you. You are all amazing!

Class 3 Sports Mornings, from Friday, 12th May

Class 3 will be starting their sports sessions at Lords Meadow next Friday morning. The sessions will include swimming, gymnastics, tennis, netball and football. The nine-week block will culminate in some cross-federation competitions.

Drumming Assembly, Tuesday, 9th May, 3pm

Parents and families of those children learning to play the drums are very welcome to come along to enjoy the rhythms at the drumming assembly on Tuesday.

Athletics Club

Tammi is very sorry, there will be NO Athletics Club after school on Wednesday next week.

NSPCC workshop

On Monday, 15th May at 9.30am there will be a workshop for parents on online safety at Newton St Cyres School. Please come along. This is a subject that we should all be informed about so that we have the knowledge to keep our children whilst online. The hour-long workshop will help parents and carers understand their child's online world and build confidence to have those important conversations that can help keep children safe online. Please let the school office know if you would like to go along.

Parent Questionnaire

In the next two weeks our annual parent questionnaire will go live. The Federation leadership team is starting to think about development planning for next year and your views are really important in forming our ideas. As soon as the questionnaire is ready we will let you know; please do take a few minutes to complete it so that your views can be heard and understood. Paper copies will also be available from the school offices if you prefer to complete the questionnaire in that way.

New Governor for the Exe Valley Federation

The Federation board of governors is delighted to welcome a new member, Elly Babbedge, who is joining the governing body this month. Elly brings with her a wealth of experience: she worked for many years as a primary school teacher, delivered training for Devon as a National Strategies Literacy Consultant, and has worked with headteachers and their teams to improve school performance. Elly is now retired and living in Cheriton Fitzpaine; she is already known to members of the school there as a volunteer, and has also written a book about the area.

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Cadbury Fun Run, Saturday, 6th May, 2.30pm

The Cadbury Fun Run is tomorrow afternoon, starting at Fursdon Coach Hall. If you don't fancy running round the 4-mile route, you can just walk it and enjoy the views. There will be the usual magnificent Cadbury tea on offer at the end. Registration starts at 1.30pm for the run to start at 2.30pm. Adults cost £5, children and dogs £2, with all proceeds going to Oxfam and Cadbury Church.

Gardening at Thorverton Recreation Ground, Sunday, 7th May, 11am to 1pm

The Parish Council are looking for volunteers to come along and help with some gardening at the Rec next Sunday. Just turn up or email the clerk to the Parish Council on thorvertonpc@gmail.com if you have any queries.

Thorverton Gas-Up, Sunday, 7th May 2017

Everyone is welcome to attend the 2017 Thorverton Sunnymead Gas-Up, to be held this Sunday, 7th May. The site is on the Raddon Road, just past the playing fields. There will be a good display of vintage and classic vehicles, along with stalls, live music, ice cream, skittles and a children's bouncy castle. Entry is by donation, with proceeds going to the Devon Air Ambulance and Thorverton Surgery.

Thorverton Arts Festival, Tuesday, 9th to Saturday, 13th May 2017

Come and enjoy the pieces of art work which will be on display and for sale in the Church during Arts Week. There will also be the usual refreshments available. The Church will be open all day from 10am that week.

Collective Worship Dates

Tuesday, 9 th May, 3pm	Drumming assembly
Friday, 9 th June, 3pm	Year 3 residential assembly
Friday, 16 th June, 3pm	Year 5 residential assembly
Friday, 23 rd June, 3pm	Year 6 residential assembly
Friday, 30 th June, 3pm	Class 1 assembly
Wednesday, 26 th July	Leavers' service in church

Diary Dates

Friday, 12 th May	Class 3 start sports sessions at Lords Meadow
Monday, 15 th May, 9.30am	Online safety workshop for parents at Newton St Cyres School
Friday, 19 th May	Class 1 cake stall
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
Friday, 9 th June	Class 2 cake stall
Friday, 23 rd June	Bag 2 School collection

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Wednesday, 28 th June, 3pm	Class 3 open afternoon
Friday, 30 th June	Class 3 cake stall
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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