



Thorverton C of E Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

From Mr Jolliffe

Last weekend a group of children from across the federation took part in the Exmoor Challenge. Despite it being the hottest day of the year so far, they all worked extremely well together to complete the course and should all be very pleased with their achievements; congratulations to you all and thank you to the parents and Heads of School who supported them.



This week the new building at Newton St Cyres has been completed and is now ready for occupation; the car park is due to be tarmacked next week and then it really is finished! The move will be taking place during the week beginning Monday, 21st May and the children will be starting in their new building after half term. On Friday, 22nd June we are holding the official opening and afterwards, holding a summer fair. Parents of all the federation schools are welcome to come to the fair (after school) and see the new building for themselves.

From Mrs Parkes

Exmoor Challenge

Our teams from Year 6 competed in the Exmoor Challenge on a very hot Saturday last week. Both teams did really well. They persevered in the heat and their team work and support for each other was exemplary. The girls almost carried Harriet over the line after she had twisted her ankle! The boys' team came 17 out of 26 and the girls 20 out of 25. Well done to all of you! You were amazing!



A local reporter/photographer covered the event extensively and his numerous photos, together with a brief report, can be found at

<https://www.devonlive.com/news/devon-news/gallery/exmoor-challenge-2018-1537502> .

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Community Links



As part of our focus on diversity and the community, PCSO Anna will be visiting school with PCSO Paul at lunchtime next Tuesday to chat informally to the children about their role in the community. They will bring their van for the children to explore and some equipment and uniform for them to try on. PCSO Paul will be taking over from PCSO Anna soon when she goes on maternity leave. I am



sure the children will enjoy this drop-in visit, as it will give them a chance to find out more about what the police do in our community.

Royal Wedding Lunch, Friday, 18th May 2018



To celebrate the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle, Abby will be cooking a Royal Wedding lunch next Friday. We hope the sun will shine so that we can have a street party lunch outside in the playground. The menu will be Golden battered fish filet with chips and peas or Majestic macaroni cheese with ruby jewels of tomato and a crunchy topping of cheese or a Right Royal wrap with strips of chicken breast in a lemon and garlic mayonnaise with lettuce. The Crowning Glory is a meringue nest

with whipped cream, studded with gems of fresh fruit.

Top Table

This week Keoni, George M, Molly, Isla, Zac V and Harry W enjoyed their lunch at Top Table with Miss Holmes.



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.

Free School Meals

The government has recently changed the criteria for children to be able to receive free school meals. If parents are in receipt of Universal Credit, Income Support, Income-based Jobseekers Allowance, Income-related Employment and Support Allowance, Child Tax Credit (provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income no higher than £16,190) and some other benefits, your children are entitled to free school meals. Schools also receive extra funding for any children on free school meals, so it is important that you apply for free school meals even if your children are in school years Reception, Year 1 or Year 2. You have to apply on line at <https://new.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/school-meals> and follow the link to the citizen portal. You can also ring the Education Helpline on 0345 1551019.

PTFA Meeting, 8pm, Monday, 21st May 2018, Thorverton Arms

The PTFA meeting has been postponed to Monday, 21st May. Everybody is welcome to come along to the 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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Sunnymead Gas Up, Sunday, 13th May, 10am to 4pm



The annual "gas up" takes place this Sunday at Sunnymead, Thorverton, from 10am to 4pm. There will be displays of vintage and classic machines, including tractors and cars, along with refreshments, live music and a range of side shows. All proceeds will go to the Devon Air Ambulance, along with a donation to the school gardening club.

East Devon Arts Festival, Thorverton, Tuesday, 15th to Saturday, 19th May 2018

This annual exhibition and sale of art and craft takes place in the church in Thorverton next week. The exhibition is open during the week from 10am to 8.30pm and on Saturday from 10am to 4.30pm. The arts festival kitchen is also renowned for its delicious homemade meals and cakes which will be on sale all week.

Collective Worship Dates

Thursday, 26th July, 2pm

Leavers' Service in the Church

Diary Dates

Wednesday, 6th – Friday, 8th June

Year 4 residential to New Barn, Dorchester

Tuesday, 11th – Friday, 15th 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

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