



Thorverton C of E Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

From Mr Jolliffe

In the Exe Valley Federation we are privileged to have an excellent group of governors, made up of representatives of all four schools. The role of a governor often goes unnoticed because a lot of their work takes place behind the scenes but they all play an invaluable role in supporting and challenging the leadership team of the federation. Each member of the board is responsible for a key area of school development and has responsibility for ensuring that part of the Federation Development Plan is completed during the year. They also spend many hours preparing for meetings and taking part in learning walks. For example, this week, four governors spent the whole day with the Brampford Speke staff preparing for their church school inspection, which is due later this term. I am enormously grateful to Jackie Enright, the Chair, Gemma Poulton, vice Chair, and all the other governors, for all the time and energy that they give to this important strategic role. There is more information on the school websites about each of the governors, and details about how to contact them if you wish to do so. Alternatively, any governor can be contacted via the school offices.

From Mrs Parkes

Tracy at Pre-school

We had a very special assembly on Thursday. Tracy Weekes has been running Pre-school in Thorverton for 20 years. She has been such an amazing asset to the pre-school and school for all this time and we are so grateful to her for her dedication and passion when working with the children and staff. During the assembly children spoke of their memories of Tracy and staff expressed their gratitude to her. A big THANK YOU to Tracy from us all and we hope that she continues to work here for another 20 years (well, maybe not that long! But we don't want to lose her yet!).



Class 3 Sports Mornings



Today Class 3 have enjoyed their first session of sports at Lords Meadow Leisure Centre along with Year 5 and 6 children from the other schools in the Federation.

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They enjoyed mixing with their peers and taking part in a variety of activities, including swimming, netball, hockey and gymnastics.

Breakfast Club



We have had some interest in the Breakfast Club and this will now run from next Thursday, 18th January. Each session will cost £4 and £16 for the four sessions until half term. If you would still like to enrol your child in the Breakfast Club for this half term, please let me, Katharine or Vanessa know by Thursday and bring your payment in cash or by cheque payable to Devon County Council.

Top Table

I enjoyed my lunch at Top Table on Monday in the company of Etienne, Ashton, Archie W and Louis.



PTFA

Meeting, Thursday, 18th January, 8pm, Exeter Inn

Everybody is very welcome to come along to the next PTFA meeting at the Exeter Inn. Come and help support the school, meet new people and enjoy a drink.

Second-hand Uniform Sale, Friday, 19th January, 3.30pm

There will be a second-hand uniform sale next Friday after school, either in the playground or in the school hall, depending on the weather. Each item will cost £1. Donations of good condition uniform gratefully received by members of the PTFA.



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.

Thorverton Bridge Closure

It looks like Thorverton Bridge will continue to be closed for most of next week. The works depend on the weather. Pedestrians and cyclists will still be able to cross the bridge during the road closure.

Diary Dates

Monday, 12 th – Monday, 19 th February	Half-term holiday (19 th February is a non-pupil staff training day)
Thursday, 29 th March	Last day of spring term
Wednesday, 18 th – Friday, 20 th April	Year 5 residential to Barton Hall
Monday, 30 th April – Tuesday, 1 st May	Year 3 residential to Escot
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

With best wishes,

Sarah Parkes

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