



# Thorverton C of E Primary School

## Newsletter

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15<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Dear Parents,

### From Mr Jolliffe



This week I have been with the Year 6s at Grenville House in Brixham, enjoying the excellent weather and great range of outdoor and water-based activities. It has been a real pleasure to work with all the Year 6s from across the federation this week and to see them growing in confidence and gaining new skills. Many thanks to Charlie and Kate Kay from Bigfoot who led the evening session on Wednesday evening on transition to secondary school. This was a really helpful workshop for preparing the children for the next stage of their educational journey. Many thanks too, to all the staff who gave up their time

and energy to make this, and all the other visits this year, so enjoyable.

### From Mrs Parkes Year 6 Residential

The children in Year 6 have been having a great time at Grenville House, Brixham, taking part in various water sports, like paddleboarding, kayaking, canoeing and coasteering. There will be a Year 6 Residential Assembly next Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June, at 3pm when you will be able to find out more about the trip.



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### Kwik Cricket Festival

A group of children took part in the finals of the Devon County Kwik Cricket Festival on Tuesday in Newton Abbot. We took children from Years 4 and 5 who were playing against much older children. They made it to the semi-finals but were narrowly beaten. Well done team! We will be entering again next year. Once again, I would like to thank Tammi Vukusic for arranging for our school to take part in this tournament and for providing a minibus to transport the children there and back. The children were a credit to the school in every way.

### Year 5 Art Day

Today, all the Year 5 children from Newton St Cyres and Thorverton Schools have got together at Cheriton Fitzpaine School for a collaborative art workshop. As with the other art workshops, Alison Golby has kindly organised this and obtained funding for the project, for which we are very grateful. The children spent the day with Cara Roxanne, a local artist, using ink and glass to make glass panels inspired by grass and nature. I look forward to seeing what they have produced. These creative pieces will be on display in the two schools.



### Top Table



This week Etienne, Harry L, Evie, Jaime, Harriet and Da-Xia enjoyed their lunch at Top Table with Mrs Parkes and Mr Biggins.



### 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.

### Governor News

The Resources Committee met this week in Brampford Speke where governors were joined by Heidi Last the new Business Manager for the EVF. Governors reviewed the latest budget monitoring information and summaries prepared by the Business Manager. In addition, governors received updates from the Executive Head in relation to premises (planned repairs etc), the ongoing development of a new EVF website (to include Brampford Speke) and the steps being taken to comply with the General Data Protection Regulations by the EVF. The Executive Head also reported to governors that (apart from Newton St. Cyres who have been busy moving schools) all children in the EVF have now taken part in a practice of the new "Safe Inside" procedure. All the children and staff coped very well. The governor responsible for overseeing personnel matters within the EVF outlined the contents of her report which will be presented to the next full governing board meeting on

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10<sup>th</sup> July. The report covers a range of matters relating to members of staff including staffing structures, the performance management cycle and continuing professional development. Finally, the parent and community links governor provided an update on the analysis of the Parent Questionnaire. The detailed findings in relation to each school will be discussed by governors at their annual strategic analysis and planning meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> June. Governors will report to parents (via the newsletter) on the key findings/recommendations shortly after this meeting.

### **Finance Governor**

An exciting opportunity has arisen. The Exe Valley Federation Governing Board has a vacancy for a Finance Governor on their Resources Committee. If you or someone you know is interested and would like to find out more, please contact the Chair of Governors, Jackie Enright, at [jenright@exevalleyfederation.org](mailto:jenright@exevalleyfederation.org). As governors, we aim to make a difference to every child.

### **Allchurches Trust**

Thorverton and Brampford Speke Church of England schools have recently been supported by a grant from Allchurches Trust. Thanks to this grant, we will be able to purchase new songs and backing tracks and other resources to support collective worship in both schools. Allchurches Trust is one of the UK's largest grant-making trusts benefitting churches, charities and communities.

### **PTFA Social including a Buffet, TONIGHT, from 7.30pm**

This evening the PTFA are having a social evening at the Thorverton Arms from 7.30pm. Come along for a drink and a chat and find out a little bit about what the PTFA do. There will be a buffet!



### **PTFA Summer Fair, Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018, 3.30 to 6pm**



Everyone is welcome at the school Summer Fair on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> July from 3.30 to 6pm. We will have lots of lovely stalls including cakes, skittles, toys and books, face painting, plants, refreshments and more. If you can help out at the fair please speak to Georgia or a member of the PTFA. We will also be looking for donations of cakes, toys and books and raffle prizes... If you or someone you know would like a stall to sell your wares (£5 donation) please get in touch!

### **Family Service, Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> June**

Everybody is warmly invited to come along to the family service in Thorverton Parish Church on Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> June (Fathers' Day). The church will be open from 9.30am for refreshments and children's activities and the service starts at 10am.

### **Rewe Village Fete, Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018, 12 midday to 4pm**

A Viking Re-enactment Society will be giving a display of Viking life and battle tactics at Rewe Village Fete on Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> June. Go along and have fun finding out more about the Vikings!

## *Collective Worship Dates*

Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2pm

Leavers' Service in the Church

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## *Diary Dates*

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| Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> June, evening   | PTFA social evening, Thorverton Arms            |
| Wednesday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> June   | Tempest photographer in school for group photos |
| Friday, 6 <sup>th</sup> July, 3pm  | Class 1 open afternoon and assembly             |
| Friday, 6 <sup>th</sup> July, 3.30 – 6pm   | PTFA summer fair                                |
| Wednesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> July   | Transition Day                                  |
| <b>Please note the change of dates for the Key Stage 2 production and Sports Day</b> |   |
| <b>Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2pm</b>  | <b>Key Stage 2 production</b>                   |
| <b>Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> July, 6.30pm</b>                                       | <b>Key Stage 2 production</b>                   |
| <b>Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> July, 1.30pm</b>  | <b>Sports Day</b>                               |
| <b>Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> July, 1.30pm</b>  | <b>Reserve Sports Day</b>                       |
| Wednesday, 25 <sup>th</sup> July   | Whole school trip                               |
| Thursday, 26 <sup>th</sup> July, 4.30 – 6pm  | PTFA end-of-term barbecue on the school field   |

## *Term Dates*

### **Summer term 2018**

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)

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April (Staff Development Day 25<sup>th</sup> February)

### **Summer term 2019**

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May (SATS 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> May)

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June to Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July

With best wishes,

*Sarah Parkees*

Head of School

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