



Thorverton C of E Primary School

Newsletter

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6th July 2018

Dear Parents,

From Mr Jolliffe

This year all the children from across the federation have taken part in an extended PE and sports activity morning at Lords Meadow Leisure Centre in Crediton. This has been possible because of our partnership with Exeter College, which has been led by Tammi Vukusic. She has supervised groups of students supporting the PE, games and swimming activities and this has made a huge difference to the success of Friday mornings. So, on behalf of everyone who has benefitted from her input and expertise, I would like to say a huge thank you to Tammi for all her support this year. A big thank you, too, to all the parents who have given up their time to help move children from one activity to the next, get children changed and collect lost property at the end of the sessions. Again, we couldn't do it without you!

Next year we will continue to work with Tammi and Exeter College at Lords Meadow. We are intending to continue to use coaches for gym and swimming, allowing the Exeter College students to focus on outdoor games. We are also going to increase our commitment to competitive sports through the Crediton Learning Community Sports Partnership, which is run by QE. This will mean that each class has at least one opportunity each year to play against other local schools, as well as some opportunities for the most able children to stretch their learning in this area. We are also looking at using the PE and Sports Premium Grant to help fund some of the sporting activities on residential visits for Years 3 to 6.

I am very pleased that we have been able to give every child an opportunity to take part in PE, swimming and sports activities this year and am looking forward to developing this further in the coming school year.

Annual Reports

The children will be bringing home their annual reports on Thursday, 12th July. If your family circumstances mean that you would like an additional copy of your child's report, please let your child's school office know before Thursday so that additional copies can be made available. Thank you.

From Mrs Parkes

Super Stan Tickets on Sale from Monday, 9th July 2018



From Monday you will be able to buy tickets for our Key Stage 2 performance of 'Super Stan'. We will be putting on the show in the Memorial Hall at 2pm on Tuesday, 17th July and at 6.30pm on Wednesday, 18th July. Tickets will cost £3 per adult and £1 per child. We will initially limit tickets to three per family. Nearer the time, if there are any spares, we will let you know and sell them on a first-come-first-served basis.

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Exe Valley Challenge



On Sunday, a group of five Year 6 children took part in the Exe Valley Challenge in Exeter. The route took them from

Isca College to the Quay and along the river and back again. The weather was not kind; however, the children walked brilliantly and came in 21st out of 73 teams. Well done!



Class 1 Trip to Killerton

Yesterday Class 1 went on a trip to Killerton Gardens. They had a great time looking at the variety of different plants, naming them and painting water colours of some of them. They had fun collecting and comparing pine cones. Rolling down the hill was also a highlight! Thank you to all the parents who kindly transported the children there and back and helped us to have a lovely day.

Eco Club

Last week Tom Walling came and talked to Eco Club about flooding in Devon and how we can protect our homes. The children found this a really interesting topic. They went on to build Lego houses which they then flooded. Many thanks to Tom for coming into school to talk to the children.

Year 5 Harry Potter Day at QE

Some of the children in Year 5 enjoyed a fun-packed Harry Potter day at QE this week. These activity days are a good opportunity for the children to find out about QE and meet children from other feeder schools before they move up at the end of next year.



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Class 3 Teach PE to Pre-school

Today Class 3 became PE teachers. They spent this morning teaching the children at Pre-school the skills they need for their Sports Day. Each pair of Class 3 children taught a small group of children skills such as running through the ladder and hoops, dribbling a ball, scoring a goal and jumping over small hurdles. The Class 3 children were really good with their Pre-schoolers, even adapting their approach if the children didn't quite get what they were asking. Well done Class 3 teachers-in-the-making! Many, many thanks again to Tammi for her time and bottomless enthusiasm!



Virtual Reality Show

On Tuesday, PS Productions will be coming to school to perform a play for Class 3 called 'Virtual Reality'. This play tells the story of an 11-year-old boy who is given a laptop. Using the laptop, he discovers a whole new world, not the real world, but 'Virtual Reality'. The play is a contemporary fairy tale of how certain social media sites and video games can affect the young mind, without the child realising the impact it has on school and home life.

After-school Clubs

Next week will be the last week for after-school clubs. The week after there will be so much going on, including 'Super Stan' and Sports Day, that we feel next week will be a good time to stop. Thank you to all the staff and volunteers who have run a club this year. This gives the children some wonderful extra opportunities for learning and fun.

Top Table



This week Mr Martin enjoyed his lunch at Top Table in the company of Eliza G., Bella G., Levi, Riley, Freddie H. and Sully.

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.



School Meal Price from September 2018

The price of a school lunch will be going up in September from £2.40 per meal to £2.50 per meal. The weekly price will then be £12.50.

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Guitar Assembly, Thursday, 12th July, 9.10am



The children who have been learning the guitar with Ginnie Cutler will be giving a short performance on Thursday, 12th July at 9.10am. Parents and families of the players are very welcome to come along and enjoy the concert.

Drumming Assembly, Tuesday, 24th July, 3pm

There will be a drumming performance by the drumming pupils on Tuesday, 24th July at 3pm. Parents and families of those children involved are warmly invited to come along to enjoy the playing.



Governor News

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. As Governors, we aim to make a difference to every child.

Thorverton Fun Day, Saturday, 14th July 2018

The Thorverton Memorial Hall are having a Fun Day on Saturday, 14th July. As well as plenty of stalls and events for children and adults, there will be a home craft competition. There are plenty of classes for children to enter, for example: drawing or painting a picture or writing a poem, baking and making a model or decorating a jar. There will be prizes of money, sweets and certificates. Adults are also encouraged to enter the competitions with their best baking, flower arrangements, photographs, poems etc. If you would like a copy of the full list and entry form for the home craft classes, please come into the office and we will print one off for you. Please take your entries to the Memorial Hall on Friday, 13th July or before 10am on Saturday, 14th July.

Collective Worship Dates

Thursday, 26th July, 2pm Leavers' Service in the Church

Diary Dates

Tuesday, 10 th July	Virtual Reality show for Class 3
Wednesday, 11 th July	Transition Day
Thursday, 12 th July, 9.10am	Guitar performance
Friday, 13 th July	Kwik Cricket Festival at Sandford

Please note the change of dates for the Key Stage 2 production and Sports Day

Tuesday, 17th July, 2pm	Key Stage 2 production
Wednesday, 18th July, 6.30pm	Key Stage 2 production
Thursday, 19th July, 1.30pm	Sports Day
Friday, 20th July, 1.30pm	Reserve Sports Day
Tuesday, 24 th July, 3pm	Drumming performance
Wednesday, 25 th July	Whole school trip
Thursday, 26 th July, 4.30 – 6pm	PTFA end-of-term barbecue on the school field

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Term Dates

Summer term 2018

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

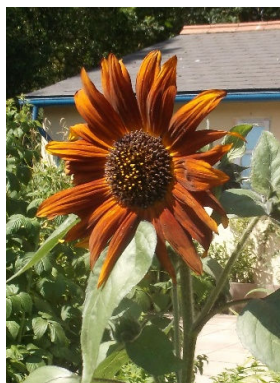
Tuesday 23rd April to Friday 24th May (SATS 13th to 16th May)

Monday 3rd June to Thursday 25th July

With best wishes,

Sarah Parkes

Head of School



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