



# Thorverton C of E Primary School

## Newsletter

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13<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Dear Parents,

### From Mr Jolliffe

This year we have gained a great deal from working collaboratively and from sharing teachers' expertise and experience across four schools. I am very pleased that we will also be working with Silverton Church of England Primary School in the autumn and that this will enable us to share our learning with another local school; one way we will be doing this is through developing forest school learning with them. This partnership is an exciting opportunity and the governors and leadership team are looking forward to this opportunity to build on existing good practice and to improve outcomes for children in all the schools.

Over the last few weeks I have read every child's report and these should have come home yesterday for you to share with your child. Children who have been assessed at key points in their learning (at the end of Reception, Year 2 and Year 6) have all worked incredibly hard and should be very pleased with their results. At the end of Key Stage 2, our results are an improvement on the last two years and the members of Year 6 and their teachers and TAs should be congratulated for their work this year. I hope you enjoy reading about what your child has achieved this year and celebrating their success.

### Federation Assembly

Our summer Federation assembly will take place on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> July in the morning and will be held at Newton St Cyres school. We will be holding the assembly in the morning and children will be back at school for lunch as usual. During the assembly we will be saying goodbye to our Year 6s and to staff who are leaving at the end of the year. After many years of class teaching and more recently teaching music, Mr Curtis will be retiring this year, as will Miss Angell, who has worked at both Cheriton Fitzpaine and Newton St Cyres with the youngest children in the school. Both have given a huge amount to the schools and we are very grateful for all that they have contributed over the years. We are also very grateful to Mr Morrish who has looked after the school office at Cheriton Fitzpaine this year and wish him well for the future.

### From Mrs Parkes

As we come to the final two weeks of term we have a very busy calendar. Please take a look at all the dates at the end of this newsletter. The highlights next week will be our thank-you tea for the people who come into school to volunteer, our Key Stage 2 production of Super Stan on Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday evening, and Sports Day (weather permitting!) on Thursday afternoon.

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The following week we have a special trip for the Year 6 leavers to Haven Banks and the bowling alley followed by a barbecue on Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and our whole school trip to Paignton Zoo on Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> July. Please return the permission slips and payment to the office by the end of next week. We still need some parent volunteers for our trip to Paignton Zoo so please do offer to help if you can. Finally, we have the leavers' service and PTFA barbecue on the last day of term, Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> July.

### Transition Day

We had our transition day on Wednesday and all the children enjoyed visiting their new classes, working with their peers and finding out about what it will be like next year from their teachers. They are all looking forward to the exciting challenges the new school year will bring.

The children in Year 6 have now been to visit their secondary schools and, again, are really excited, if a little nervous, about September. They are ready to move on and we wish them well.

### Super Stan Tickets on Sale



We still have tickets available for our Key Stage 2 performance of 'Super Stan'. We will be putting on the show in the Memorial Hall at 2pm on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> July and at 6.30pm on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> July. **Please make sure that your child is at the Memorial Hall by 6.15pm at the latest.** Thank you. Tickets cost £3 per adult and £1 per child. From Monday we will be selling spare tickets on a first-come-first-served basis.

### Guitar Assembly

On Thursday the children who have been learning to play the guitar with Ginnie Cutler gave us a lovely performance in assembly. It was great to see how proficient the players have become over the past year.



### Virtual Reality Show

On Tuesday Paul from PS Productions came into school to give the children in Class 3 a show all about the excitement and dangers of virtual reality. It was a unique presentation about how children should control their use of online devices and how this can affect them. Paul talked about being careful about who children talk to online, as they may not be who they seem. He also spoke to the children about how they should behave when on the internet. The children found it a very informative and interesting afternoon.

### Reports

Yesterday all the children were given their reports and official test results for Years 2 and 6 as well as the phonics results for Year 1 children. I hope that you were pleased with your child's report and results. They have all worked very hard and these reports really reflect this. Thank you for all the support you have given your children over the course of the year in so many ways to make their year successful. A massive thank you too, to all the staff teams who work tirelessly to support all the individual children with their specific talents and needs, helping them to develop emotionally and socially as well as academically.

If you wish to discuss your child's report please let your class teacher know. We will be around on Monday after school to have a chat if you wish.

### Holidays in Term Time

We have had a number of requests for term-time holidays that have come in on the day the holiday is being taken. We really need at least 10 days' notice so that we can process this request and give parents our decision. Please ensure that you do this by completing a holiday form which can be obtained from the office.

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### Progress Cups

Please would you return the Class 2 and 3 progress cups to the office as soon as possible.

### After-school Clubs

There will be one more session of Football Club on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> July after school. All the other after-school clubs have finished now.

### Top Table



This week Mr Biggins enjoyed his lunch at Top Table in the company of Indiana, Harley, Charlie, Freddie G., Arabella and Jessie.

### Sports Day Menu, Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> July 2018

On Sports Day, Abby will be cooking a special sporting menu. There will be a hot sausage roll or veggie sausage roll with wedges and carrot and cucumber sticks or sliced roast chicken bap or a cheese bap with carrot and mayonnaise. For dessert there will be apple wedges and grapes, oatly slice or ice lollies.

### 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.

### Drumming Assembly, Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> July, 3pm

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



### PTFA Summer Fair

Thank you all for supporting the PTFA summer fair last Friday. It was a great afternoon's fun. They raised £365 for their funds, which help towards coaches for the school trip, the Year 6 trip and so much more. Class 3 raised £77 with their inventive stalls. Well done everybody!

### Safeguarding Training for Volunteers

We take our responsibility to keep children safe in school very seriously and this includes making sure that anyone who volunteers to help in school is trained appropriately to recognise the risks posed to children and what to do if they have concerns. A new version of the document, Keeping Children Safe in Education, is due to be published in September 2018, and contains some important updates. If you volunteer regularly (ie three times in any 30-day period) then you will need to attend the federation's training course in order to be able to continue helping in school, if you have not already done so in the last three years. Two new sessions have been arranged for the new school year, which are;

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**Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> September from 1.30 to 3.25pm at Cheriton Fitzpaine**

**Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> September from 7.30 to 9.30pm at Newton St Cyres**

Please book a place via the school office at Newton St Cyres (email [newtonadmin@exevalleyfederation.org.uk](mailto:newtonadmin@exevalleyfederation.org.uk) or ring 01392 851267).

### **Year 6 Exit Questionnaire: Report from Governors**

This term all year 6 pupils from each of the schools within the federation have had the opportunity to share their opinions on their time at primary school with Heads of Schools and governors. Pupils were asked questions about their safety, behaviour management, the curriculum, target setting and feedback, sports and arts provision and residential. They were also asked to share their lasting memories and make suggestions for improvements that schools could consider to further improve the experiences of future cohorts.

Pupils responded very positively to the questions and gave examples of how they felt safe in school and how they felt they all had someone they could talk to if they needed support. They felt that their teachers were interested in them as individuals and supported the needs of each member of the class in their personal and academic needs. Pupils felt that bullying was not really an issue and that if any bullying behaviour did occur it would be dealt with effectively by a member of staff. Pupils clearly enjoyed the residential, especially those that had a practical or sporting focus and embraced the opportunity to make friends and get to know others within the federation. They also enjoyed their school musicals and other musical performances throughout the year.

They made useful suggestions as to how schools might improve their provision. These included: more sporting opportunities for all; more subjects being taught such as cookery and Spanish; pupils being involved in organising fund-raising events; suggestions about how their school environments could be improved, such as more quiet spaces and planting some trees for shade.

They ended with a one-word summary of their time in school and these were overwhelmingly positive: "Family", "Exciting", "Amazing", "Really good", "Enthusiastic", "Kind", "Challenging", "A roller coaster", "Enjoyable", "Fun", "Unexpected", "People care"

Alison Golby, Co-opted Governor

### **Thorverton Fun Day, Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

Remember the Fun Day tomorrow. There is still time to enter the competitions: see Focus for details and bring your entries down to the Memorial Hall by 10am tomorrow morning. There will also be plenty of stalls and events for children and adults.

### **Family Service, Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

Everybody is warmly invited to come along to the family service in Thorverton Parish Church this Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> July at 10am. The church will be open from 9.30am for refreshments and a children's activity.

## *Collective Worship Dates*

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

Leavers' Service in the Church

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## *Diary Dates*

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

Tuesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> July, 2pm	Key Stage 2 production
Wednesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> July, 6.30pm	Key Stage 2 production
Thursday, 19 <sup>th</sup> July, 1.30pm	Sports Day
Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup> July, 1.30pm	Reserve Sports Day
Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Federation assembly
Monday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Year 6 trip to Haven Banks, bowling & barbecue
Tuesday, 24 <sup>th</sup> July, 3pm	Drumming performance
Wednesday, 25 <sup>th</sup> July	Whole school trip to Paignton Zoo
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**

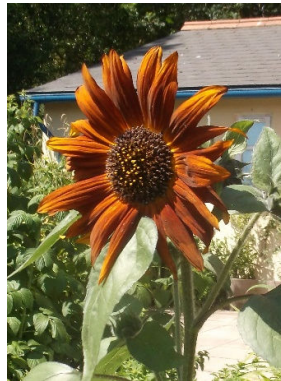
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May (SATS 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> May)

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

With best wishes,

*Sarah Parkes*

Head of School



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