



# Thorverton C of E Primary School

## Newsletter

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20<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Dear Parents,

### From Mr Jolliffe

The last few weeks have been exceptionally busy but enjoyable across the federation. Cheriton Fitzpaine, Newton St Cyres and Thorverton have all been very busy rehearsing and performing plays and I have thoroughly enjoyed seeing each one of them. All the children who have been involved have really risen to the challenge and taken their roles very seriously. The result has been some very impressive acting and singing and a real sense of working together to entertain family members and friends of the schools. A huge thank you to all the staff and children who have been involved and to all the parents who have helped with costumes, learning lines and songs and supporting the children on the night.

This week we have also had an Ofsted inspection at Newton St Cyres, which at this time of year is particularly challenging. However, the children all rose to the challenge and really showed their excellent attitudes to learning to the inspector. A huge thank you to Mr Akhurst and all the staff at Newton St Cyres for all their work on Monday and Tuesday and for managing to juggle the inspection with the first performance of their play. Quite an achievement!



### From Mrs Parkes

This week has been really busy and the children have given their best in their performance at the Memorial Hall and at Sports Day. Well done everybody! Next week is our whole school trip to Paignton Zoo on Wednesday and our leavers' service and PTFA barbecue on Thursday before we all break up for a well-earned rest.

### The Amazing Adventures of Super Stan

On Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday evening the children in Classes 2 and 3 treated



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their parents, families and friends to tremendous performances of the show, The Amazing Adventures of Super Stan. These performances were the culmination of several weeks of rehearsals in school and practice at home. I would like to thank all the children, the staff and parents for your work on this production to make it such a success. When we see how so many children shine in a completely new light, we realise how worthwhile all the hard work has been. Here are some photos from the rehearsals.



### Sports Day

Sports Day yesterday was a huge success. Well done, children, for giving your best sporting efforts despite the heat! Everybody enjoyed the imaginative World Cup games to start off with. These were followed by the more traditional variations on sprints. Thank you to Alex and Veda for coming in to start the sprints and manage the scoring. Also, a huge thank you to the PTFA for providing very welcome refreshments for the afternoon.



### Thank You Tea

On Monday we hosted a tea party for the people who have helped the school over the year in so many ways, supporting us with listening to children read in the classroom, at sporting events, with after-school clubs and many other ways. Each class sang for the visitors, who thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon.

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### Miss Finch

I am pleased to let you know that Miss Finch will still be working at Thorverton next year. She will be working here one day a week, continuing to support Class 3 in the morning with English and Maths and carrying on with her ELSA work with individual children in the afternoon.

### Kwik Cricket Festival

Last Friday a group of children took part in a Kwik Cricket Festival at Sandford Cricket Club. The team played some great cricket, playing in five games during the day. A total of 17 teams from across Mid Devon took part and Thorverton came third. Well done! Thank you to the parents who drove the children to and from the festival and thank you, Tammi, for all your help.

### Top Table



This week Mrs Parkes enjoyed her lunch at Top Table in the company of Neve, Ettie, Isla, Charlotte, Aaron and Henry S.

### 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.



### Outstanding Payments

We ask that you complete any outstanding payments on Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July so that Vanessa can finish the year's book keeping on Wednesday. There are still quite a few payments for the school trip to Paignton Zoo outstanding. Please see Mrs Parkes, Katharine or Vanessa if you have any questions about this or any other payments.

### Thankfulness

Next term our value will be 'thankfulness'. In our collective worship (assemblies) we will be thinking about the people who help us and make a difference every day. We will be using some words from the bible, contemporary drama (led by the children) and some proverbs, including reflecting on a Vietnamese proverb, "When eating a fruit, think of the person who planted the tree." We will be linking our thinking on thankfulness to Harvest Festival and giving thanks for the food that we have to eat every day.

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## **Governor News**

Exe Valley Federation governors held our final board meeting of a busy year on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> July at Newton St Cyres. Our agenda and discussions included how we spend the PE and Sport Premium grant to improve sporting opportunities across the federation, and a presentation to governors from Rebecca Carpenter, the lead teacher for English, looking at greater depth in writing across the schools. We also looked back over the last academic year and reviewed our governance impact statement, which is available on the federation website at: [http://www.exevalleyfederation.co.uk/assets/governor%20impact%20statement%20final%20\(july%202018\).pdf](http://www.exevalleyfederation.co.uk/assets/governor%20impact%20statement%20final%20(july%202018).pdf). Just as we thought we had finished our governor work for the summer, Newton St Cyres got the call from Ofsted and five governors met with the inspector during her visit to the school. We hope you all enjoy the summer break and look forward to the new school year in September.

## **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.

## **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;

***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).

## **PTFA News**

### **Exe Valley Schools Federation Recipe Book – Recipe Ideas Wanted**

The PTFAs from the Federation Schools have joined together in an exciting joint venture to create a recipe book full of yummy recipes contributed by the children, their families and friends. Once printed the books will be available to buy to raise money for the school – the perfect Christmas gift for all. Please see the attached information sheet and form. Simply create your recipe, fill in the form and send it back to us, either to the school office in paper form or via email to [thorvertonPTFA@exevalleyfederation.org.uk](mailto:thorvertonPTFA@exevalleyfederation.org.uk). Please remember that the recipe must be your **own idea** to ensure we are compliant with copyright rules. We look forward to seeing your fantastic foodie ideas. Thank you.

## **Music Tuition**

Mrs Heather Kershaw has vacancies for lessons from September

- Descant Recorder for Year 2-aged children and above
- Piano/Keyboard for Year 3-aged children and above

Please contact the school office or her direct ASAP [heather@kershaw25.eclipse.co.uk](mailto:heather@kershaw25.eclipse.co.uk) 01392 860419.

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## *Collective Worship Dates*

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

Leavers' Service in the Church

## *Diary Dates*

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

Last day of term

## *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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