



Thorverton C of E Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

From Mr Jolliffe

Part of my role as Executive Headteacher is to work with other schools and organisations beyond the Federation. This enables me to keep up to date with what is happening in the wider educational world and try to discern future developments that may affect us in the coming years. This week I have been to a Dartmoor Teaching School Alliance forum meeting and met with other Headteachers and MAT leaders from the former Crediton Learning Community group. Both sessions were very interesting and informative and I came away with ideas to work on in the coming months. The Teaching School Alliance also provides training for teachers and support staff and is led by practitioners so is very much rooted in current classroom practice. Alongside the other organisations that we work with, DTSA gives us ways to continue to collaborate with other schools to ensure that the Federation continues to thrive and move forward.

From Mrs Parkes



It has been a busy week in all the classes with some very exciting learning going on in the run up to the final week of these topics.

I spent a very productive afternoon in Class 2, creating a huge Iron Man from junk. He is two metres tall, complete with electric battery packs, push buttons and even a spare battery so he doesn't run down. If you get a chance come in and see him please. The children in Class 2 are very proud of him.

In Class 3 there has been a food theme this week. The children have been creating frozen planet drinks and marshmallow igloos, which they enjoyed drinking and eating at the end of the session.

Class 3 are looking forward to sharing more of their learning with you at their **Class 3 Open Afternoon on Tuesday, 6th February at 3pm.** Please do come along.



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The space topic in Class 1 has really inspired the children. They have looked really carefully at the different planets in our solar system and created some lovely art work from these. I am sure we will see more of what they have been doing at their **Class 1 Assembly on Friday, 9th February at 3pm.**



Sciencedipity

Next Thursday, Ruth from Sciencedipity is coming into school to work with Classes 2 and 3 on some interesting science activities related to this half term's topics. We thought this would be a lovely way to end the two projects. In Class 2 Ruth will be looking at a variety of metals and doing some experiments with the children. In Class 3 the children will examine animal adaptations and investigate different materials to see how good they are at insulating. I am sure all the children will have a great time at the same time as finalising their learning in both topics.

Crediton Learning Community Concert, The Great Hall, Exeter University, 7th March 2018, 7pm

Just a reminder that tickets for 'Pop of Colour', the concert in the Great Hall in Exeter, are available at <https://exeternorthcott.co.uk/calendar/pop-of-colour/> or direct from the Northcott Theatre box office. Get your tickets early as they sell out very quickly!

Top Table

Bella G, Neve, Charlie, Riley, Ethan and Sully enjoyed their lunch at Top Table on Monday in the company of Mr Biggins.



Chinese New Year Lunch, Tuesday, 6th February 2018

Abby will be cooking a celebratory Chinese New Year lunch next Tuesday. The menu choice will be Chinese crunchy chicken with sweet chilli sauce dip or quorn stir fry, both served with noodles and vegetables. The dessert is mandarin jelly.

Lateness

I would like to remind everybody that school starts at 9am with registration. Children should therefore be in the classroom, ready for registration by 8.55am at the latest. Just recently, I have noticed several children arriving after 9am. This has a detrimental effect on all the children's learning, as the late arrival in the classroom disturbs everybody else and does not allow your child, when late, to settle easily into the school day.

Head Lice

Unfortunately, head lice have been spotted again. Please check your child's hair over the weekend and if necessary treat before sending your child back to school on Monday. Please make sure all long hair is tied back. This does make it more difficult for the head lice to spread.



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.

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Parking



I would just like to remind everybody not to park or turn round in School Lane when you are dropping off and collecting your children from school. We are worried about safety when the road gets congested. Please use the car park at the top of Bullen Street or the Memorial Hall car park in Silver Street, which the Memorial Hall committee kindly let parents use at the beginning and end of the school day.

Multi-sports Club

There will be no multi-sports club after school on Monday, 26th February.

Family Service, Thorverton Parish Church, Sunday, 18th February 2018

Everybody is warmly invited to the family service in the church on Sunday, 18th February. The church will be open from 9.30am for refreshments and a children's activity and the service starts at 10am.

Bradninch Football Club New Members Wanted!

Bradninch Football Club Under-10 team (School Year 4 and 5) are looking for additional players. We are a Charter Standard Club and all our coaches are CRC checked and have FA Coaching Qualifications. We train on Thursday evenings at Cullompton Leisure Centre astro pitch 6.30-7.30pm during the winter and at Kensham Park, Bradninch from April, also on Thursdays 6-7pm. The club are currently building brand new toilet and changing facilities, and this is a fantastic, friendly team. If you're interested, please contact Chris on [07807 784604](tel:07807784604) or email snowy.plant@yahoo.co.uk.

Saints Southwest Half-term Soccer Schools and Multi-sport Camps

Saints Southwest will be running their popular soccer schools and multi-sport camps during February half term in Paignton, Dawlish, Lapford, Ottery St Mary, Plymouth, Crediton, Langport, Exeter, Dartmouth, Chulmleigh, Taunton, Kingsbridge, Newton Abbot and Okehampton. Ages 7-12 can attend 10am-3pm. Ages 4-6 can attend 1.30pm-3pm. For more details and to book please visit www.saintssouthwest.co.uk or call 01803 206350.

Collective Worship Dates

Friday, 9 th February, 3pm	Class 1 assembly
Wednesday, 21 st March, 9.30am	Easter service in the church

Diary Dates

Tuesday, 6 th February, 3pm	Class 3 open afternoon
Monday, 12 th – Monday, 19 th February	Half-term holiday (19 th February is a non-pupil staff training day)
Monday, 26 th Feb – Thursday, 1 st Mar	Bikeability cycle training for Year 5
Friday, 16 th March, 2.30pm	Class 2 open afternoon and celebration assembly
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
Saturday, 5 th May	Exmoor Challenge (for Year 6)

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Wednesday, 6th – Friday, 8th June
Tuesday, 11th – Friday, 15th June

Year 4 residential to New Barn, Dorchester
Year 6 residential to Grenville House, Brixham

With best wishes,

Sarah Parkes

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