



# Thorverton C of E Primary School

## Newsletter

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8<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Dear Parents,

### From Mr Jolliffe

Welcome back to a new school year! It has been really good to see everyone coming back to school so full of enthusiasm and energy. Mrs Parkes and I have particularly appreciated the warm welcome that we have received from the children, staff and parents at Brampford Speke this week as we have been working there now that there are four schools in the Exe Valley Federation. A warm welcome back, too, to Mrs Tempest and Miss Scott Hake (Class 1 at Newton St Cyres), Mrs Parkes and Mrs Wright (Ash class at Cheriton Fitzpaine), all of whom have returned from maternity leave this week. It is lovely to have them back with us again.

There are lots of new and exciting things to look forward to this year as the four schools work together on new sporting, musical and creative projects. Construction of the new school at Newton St Cyres is finally under way, and we are working on improving the technology in all the schools. During the summer this year's Federation Development Plan was written and a three page summary of this document will be on the school websites very soon. This outlines our plans for the coming year and I hope will give you a sense of the priorities and direction of the Federation over this time. In an era of constant change in education and uncertainty about future funding and organisational structures, this plan enables us to ensure that we keep children's well-being and learning at the forefront of our thinking. Do take a moment to have a look at it and let me know if you have any comments or suggestions for further developments during the year.

### From Mrs Parkes

Welcome back to the autumn term. I hope you have had some time to relax and recuperate over the summer. The start of term has been fantastic. All of our new children have settled in really well already and the others have quickly got down to work in their new classes. It has been lovely to see the exciting opportunities and lovely work they have completed already.

As always, it will be a busy term with Sports Mornings at Lords Meadow starting in a couple of weeks and topics and trips being organised soon.



After School  
Clubs

You will receive a letter about the clubs that we will be offering this term. They will start next week, so please sign up as soon as you can.

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### Fizz Pop Science

We had a very exciting assembly on Thursday when Fizz Pop Science came to the school. There were explosions, smoke rings and a lot of information about air and its properties. It was very exciting! You will receive a letter explaining how to enrol in the club, which will be running on a Wednesday. If you would like your child to enrol please follow the instructions on the sheet. It is all done on line.



We will also be trialling a **breakfast club** on a Tuesday morning, which will be a multi-sports club open to all ages and which will run from 8 to 8.45am. Please sign up if you would like to use this facility.

### Topic Webs



You will be receiving a topic web from your class teacher very soon. Please support your child in any way you can in enriching their curriculum from home.



### Collective Worship Value

The value for this half term is generosity. We will be exploring this through worship, class discussion and demonstrating this value in our everyday lives in and out of school. We will be thinking about how we can show generosity towards each other, giving sacrificially to help other people, our motivation for being generous and how we can work together by giving time or energy to a shared project. The stories that are told in assembly will come from a range of sources, including traditional tales from around the world, contemporary writers and religious texts, including the Bible. You will also receive a home-school values sheet with ideas to explore this value at home. Please let us know if your child demonstrates this key Christian value at home or out and about.

### Nut Allergy

As we now have a child in school with a nut allergy, we would ask everybody to please not put nuts in any snacks or packed lunches.



### Student Teacher

Next week Will Kito will be coming in to school to spend time in each class before he starts his official teacher training.

### Music Lessons

Recorder, keyboard, drumming, guitar, brass and woodwind lessons will start next week.

### Safeguarding Training

We take our responsibility for keeping children safe in school very seriously and all the staff in the Exe Valley Federation receive regular training and updates on this important area of our work. If you volunteer regularly in school [every week or for more than 3 days at a time] then it is important that you attend child protection training in order to continue to volunteer in school. There will be two courses this term:

*Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 1.30pm at Newton St Cyres School*

*Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm at Brampford Speke School*

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If you have not attended safeguarding training for volunteers as yet, please let your child's school office know which course you will be attending. Thank you.

### **Mr Jolliffe's Timetable**

With the inclusion of Brampford Speke in the Exe Valley Federation, Mr Jolliffe has changed his weekly timetable to include time there as well as at the other schools. From next week he will be at Brampford Speke on a Monday morning, at Newton St Cyres on Tuesday, at Thorverton on Thursday morning and at Cheriton Fitzpaine on Friday morning. If you need to contact him at other times, the best way is to email him via your child's school office.

### **Governor Update**

The new governing board for the Exe Valley Federation has now been formed and will be meeting for the first time next week. There will be a total of 13 governors: two parent governors, three foundation governors (nominated by the Church of England), one local authority governor, two staff governors and five co-opted governors. Five former Brampford Speke governors have agreed to join the new board and bring with them a wide range of skills and expertise.

The governors have written an impact statement which explains what the board of the Exe Valley Federation have achieved during the last 12 months. This will be published on the school websites shortly. Do take a look to see the kind of strategic work that the governors have done in the last 12 months.

### **Cheriton Fitzpaine and District Ploughing Match, Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> September 2017**



This year's ploughing match will be held at Chapel Down, Crediton next Sunday. There will be plenty of classes for adults and children to enter, as well as all the ploughing competitions. All the children in each class will also be entering the junior classes, so Class 1 will be doing a picture of a clown, Class 2 will be baking cookies and Class 3 will be handwriting the Lord's Prayer.

### **Pre-school AGM, Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> September 2017, 7.30pm**

Next Thursday evening Pre-school will be holding their AGM at Pre-school. They will be electing a new Chairperson and Secretary. If you would be interested in either of these posts, please talk to Tracy or Pippa at Pre-school. Everybody is very welcome to attend the AGM.

### **Pre-school Job Vacancy**

Pre-school has a vacancy for a part-time Pre-school Assistant to work as part of their team. The successful applicant will need to hold a full and relevant childcare qualification and have experience in an early years setting. Hours are to be arranged during term time. If you are interested in this position please contact Thorverton Pre-school by email, [thorvertonpreschool@gmail.com](mailto:thorvertonpreschool@gmail.com) for an application pack. Application closing date is 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2017.

### **Exeter Children's Orchestra Open Day, Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

Anybody can come along with their instrument to the open day from 10am to 12 midday. Please contact Geraldine Baylis on [committee@exeterchildrensorchestra.co.uk](mailto:committee@exeterchildrensorchestra.co.uk) for more information or find their page on Facebook.

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## *Collective Worship Dates*

Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2pm Harvest Festival in church  
Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2pm Nativity and Carol service in church

## *Diary Dates*

Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October Tempest photographer in school  
Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> and Parent-child-teacher interviews  
Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> October  
Mon, 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct – Weds, 1<sup>st</sup> Nov Half-term holiday (Mon & Tues, 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> Oct are non-pupil days)  
Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> December Last day of autumn term

With best wishes,

*Sarah Parkes*

Head of School

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