



Thorverton C of E Primary School

Newsletter

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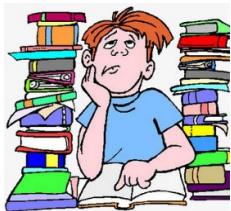
18th May 2018

Dear Parents,

From Mr Jolliffe

This week has seen all our Year 6 children taking on the challenge of their end-of-Key-Stage-2 assessments. I have been really impressed with the children's approach to these tests and their determination to do as well as they can throughout the week. Many teachers, and parents, question the wisdom of subjecting children in primary schools to this level of testing, but I know that all the teachers do everything that they can to make this week as stress-free as possible, with lots of breaks and treats along the way. Now Year 6 can look forward to their final few weeks in primary school and to their residential visit to Brixham in a few weeks' time.

Today marks the end of an era for Newton St Cyres School as the old school closes its doors for the last time this afternoon with an assembly to say goodbye to a building that has served its community since 1877. However, the new school is now completed and we will be moving everything over to Station Road next week, ready to open the new school on 4th June. On Friday, 22nd June, the school will be holding its opening ceremony and a summer fair afterwards. Parents of any of the federation schools will be welcome to come and see the new school at the end of the day.



From Mrs Parkes

SATs

Well done Year 6! You have been amazing this week! All your hard work has paid off. You deserve a well-earned, restful weekend. We are so proud of you.

Community Links – Visit by our Local Police

PCSO Paul's visit to school on Tuesday lunchtime was of great interest. Many of the children tried on the uniforms, sat in the police car and chatted to Paul



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about his role in the force and in the community. They were able to have a go with the speed camera and stinger, as well as the rescue rope.

Gardening Club Donation

I would like to say a huge thank you to June and Michael Lee for their kind donation to Gardening Club from their Gas Up charity day. We have spent some of the donation on paint for the wooden borders and fences around the vegetable garden and we will be investing in a new wheelbarrow with the rest of the money. Thank you, Tom, for organising these items. On Thursday gardening club had an industrious hour painting the wooden borders of the vegetable beds. It all looks very smart now. Jim Greig has kindly given us plenty of wood chips, so next week gardening club will be sprucing up the paths in the garden with fresh wood chips. Thank you, Jim, for the wood and Tom and Alex for going up to collect a couple of trailers full of the chippings for us.

Royal Wedding Lunch

To celebrate tomorrow's royal wedding Abby cooked a delicious royal menu today and we all sat outside in the sunshine and enjoyed our lunch in a street party atmosphere. Thank you to Karen, Mandy and Miss Finch as well as Abby for all your hard work.



Top Table

This week Phoeynx, Regan, Jacob, Layton, Rebecca and Willow enjoyed their lunch at Top Table with Miss Holmes and Mrs Parkes.



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.

Year 3 Arts Project

While Year 4 are away on their residential visit, Year 3 will be taking part in a creative arts day at Thorverton Memorial Hall. This will take place on Friday, 8th June (tbc) and will be led by Cara Roxanne, who is a local artist. The children will be making masks around the theme of 'Heroes and Villains' and should have a great time.

Free School Meals

The government has recently changed the criteria for children to be able to receive free school meals. If parents are in receipt of Universal Credit, Income Support, Income-based Jobseekers Allowance, Income-related Employment and Support Allowance, Child Tax Credit (provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income no higher than £16,190) and some other benefits, your children are entitled to free school meals. Schools also receive extra funding for any children on free school meals, so it is important that you apply for free school meals even if your children are in school years Reception, Year 1 or

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Year 2. You have to apply on line at <https://new.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/school-meals> and follow the link to the citizen portal. You can also ring the Education Helpline on 0345 1551019.

PTFA Meeting, 8pm, Monday, 21st May 2018, Thorverton Arms

Everybody is welcome to come along to the PTFA meeting on Monday, 21st May, especially if you are interested in getting involved in the summer fair this year. There will also be discussions around the idea of a PTFA recipe book. Come to the meeting and share your ideas, offer help and enjoy a social evening.

Taster Day at Chulmleigh Community College, Friday, 29th June 2018

For parents and children thinking about secondary schools for September 2019, there will be a Year 5 taster day at Chulmleigh Community College from 9am to 2.45pm on Friday, 29th June. To book a place please register online at www.chulmleigh.devon.sch.uk.

Collective Worship Dates

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

Diary Dates

Wednesday, 23 rd May	Kwik Cricket Festival
Wednesday, 6 th – Friday, 8 th June	Year 4 residential to New Barn, Dorchester
Wednesday, 6 th June	Year 6 Life Skills workshop
Tuesday, 11 th – Friday, 15 th June	Year 6 residential to Grenville House, Brixham
Wednesday, 18 th July, 1pm	Sports Day
Thursday, 19 th July, 1pm	Reserve Sports Day

Term Dates

Summer term 2018

Monday 16th April to Friday 25th May (SATS 14th to 17th May)

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

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With best wishes,

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