



Thorverton C of E Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

From Mr Jolliffe

At the end of a busy half term it has been great to see the children enjoying the sunshine this week and making the most of the school playing fields. It was a pleasure for me to join Year 3 at Escot earlier in the week for their first residential visit and to see the children working so well across the three schools. One of the leaders there commented that it was impossible to tell which school the children came from because they were so well integrated. Having the opportunity to work with other children in this way is one of the benefits of the Federation and one of the ways that children from Brampford Speke would benefit from joining the Federation. Straight after half term there will be meetings for parents to find out more about what this will involve. Parents of the existing EVF schools are welcome to come to either of the meetings at Brampford Speke (Tuesday, 6th June 2017 at 3.45pm and Wednesday, 14th June 2017 at 7.00pm) or to the meeting at Newton St Cyres School on Thursday, 15th June 2017 at 7.00pm. Please do come along and find out more about what will be involved and to ask any questions that you may have about this exciting opportunity.

From Mrs Parkes

Rev Katie's visit – Thy Kingdom Come Project

Rev Katie visited our school this week. She held a thoughtful and reflective collective worship to finish our value of Service, which she skilfully linked to Ascension Day. She has also worked with each class focusing on prayer. Each lesson focused on the importance of prayer to Christians and other faiths and the different types of prayer people write and



read. This is part of a country wide programme called 'Thy Kingdom Come' which Katie and the community are involved in. The children have all written their own prayer on a piece of bunting and these will be displayed in the Church and then will be hung in the classes.

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Year 3 Residential Trip to Escot



The year 3 children returned from Escot, tired but happy. They thoroughly enjoyed their time there, even doing the washing up. The swamp walk is always a favourite, and they also built shelters and learnt how to light a fire. There is always so much to do in the couple of days there that the children have little time to miss home. They mixed with all their peers from the other schools and, as you can see from the pictures, had a fantastic time.

Class 3 Trip to the Fleet Air Arm Museum

Class 3 had an awesome day out at the Fleet Air Arm Museum on Thursday. The children learnt lots about our World War II themed topic ('A Child's War') and took part in a mock air raid. The children also experimented with building wooden planes and tested them by launching them from a model aircraft carrier. They were also given a brilliant guided tour of the museum which included boarding several different aircrafts.



Football Tournament

Thorverton attended a football tournament at Lord's Meadow on Monday, where the team were proving to be a force to be reckoned with. The team, that included Milo, Erin, Olivia, Zach V, Greg, Harry, Sam and Will, won three games, drew one and were beaten in the quarter final by Sandford 1 – 0. A great effort all round! Many thanks to Mr Martin for his coaching expertise and for accompanying the children and to parents for helping with transport.

Class 2 Open Afternoon

To end their busy half term, Class 2 enjoyed sharing their work with parents in an open afternoon yesterday. They taught the parents how to edit web pages, track sharks and explore the Great Barrier Reef. Parents also got the chance to meet our Class pet tadpoles. Watch out for frogs after half term ...

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Class 2 Kingfisher Award Farm Visit

Yesterday, Class 2 spent the morning at Quicke's Farm for the start of their Kingfisher award scheme project. They enjoyed studying the plants and animals of hedgerows, and even made bread from wheat grown on the farm. We had perfect weather too. The ideas have now started to come together for this year's presentation picnic. Please keep the evening of 5th July 2017 free for this, more information nearer the time. We would welcome any donations of green wool or cardboard boxes for our display.



Gardening Club



I would like to thank the organisers of the Sunnymead Gas-Up and the Lee family for their recent donation to the gardening club. We have purchased some new trowels and hand-tools with the money and these have already proved to be very useful.

Top Table

This week Edwin, George, Ben, Greg and Archie K enjoyed their lunch at Top Table in the company of Mrs Parkes.

New Barn Residential Visit, 7th to 9th June 2017



Year 5 are going to New Barn Field Centre in Dorset on Wednesday 7th June. The coach will be picking up at Newton St Cyres at 9.10am, at Cheriton Fitzpaine at 9.30am and at Thorverton at 9.50am. Children will be back before the end of the school day at Newton and Cheriton and at approximately 3.45pm at Thorverton. If the coach is delayed, staff will let the school offices know and an email or text will be sent to all Year 5 parents to let them know when they expect to be back at school.

Grenville House Residential Visit, 9th to 12th June 2017

Year 6 are going to Grenville House in Brixham on Friday, 9th June. The coach will be picking up at Cheriton Fitzpaine at 9.30am, Newton St Cyres at 9.45am and at Thorverton at 10.10 am. Children will be back before the end of the school day in all three schools. If the coach is delayed, staff will let the school offices know and an email or text will be sent to all Year 6 parents to let them know when they expect to be back at school.



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Road Safety

I would just like to remind all the children to stay safe on the roads, especially when cycling and scooting. Please make sure your child wears a helmet and rides safely.



Summer Weather

In the sunshine please make sure your children have sunhats in school and that you have applied suntan lotion to them before school. It is also especially important in the hot weather that the children have a water bottle in school.

Staff Development Day

Monday, 5th June is a staff development day for all the staff of the Exe Valley Federation Schools. During the day staff will be developing their understanding of growth mindset and the importance of deliberate practice in mastering skills. Staff will also be undertaking further safeguarding training during the day, which will be held at Thorverton School. The second half of the summer term begins for children on Tuesday 6th June.

Parent Questionnaire

Many thanks to the parents who have completed the online or paper version of our annual parents' questionnaire. If you haven't had a chance to fill it in yet, we will leave the questionnaire open until the end of half term. Soon after that we will be analysing the results and identifying themes for the next Federation Development Plan. The leadership team and governors will be meeting in the first couple of weeks of next half term to bring together all the suggestions and ideas that staff, parents and children have made for the future development of the Federation. Please do take this opportunity to share your views on some important aspects of school improvement.

PTFA News

Last Friday Class 1 raised an amazing £82 with their cake stall. Thank you to everyone who baked for the stall and to everyone who bought and enjoyed the cakes!

School Summer Fair, Friday, 23rd June 3:30-6:30pm, School Field



All welcome! Please come along and join in the fun and support the school. If you would like to help in advance, we are collecting toys and books, yummy cakes to sell and raffle prizes. If you would like to help on the day to run a stall, set up/clear up we'd love to hear from you. Please leave any donations for the

stalls in the school office. Thank you for your support.

Collective Worship Dates

Friday, 9 th June, 3pm	Year 3 residential assembly
Friday, 16 th June, 3pm	Year 5 residential assembly
Friday, 23 rd June, 3pm	Year 6 residential assembly
Friday, 30 th June, 3pm	Class 1 assembly
Wednesday, 26 th July	Leavers' service in church

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Diary Dates

Monday, 29 th May – Monday, 5 th June	Half-term holiday (Monday, 5 th June is a non-pupil day)
Wednesday 7 th – Friday 9 th June	Year 5 residential to New Barn, Dorchester
Friday 9 th – Monday 12 th June	Year 6 residential to Grenville House, Brixham
Friday, 9 th June	Class 2 cake stall
Friday, 23 rd June	Bag 2 School collection
Friday, 23 rd June, 3.30-6.30pm	PTFA Summer Fair
Wednesday, 28 th June, 3pm	Class 3 open afternoon
Friday, 30 th June	Class 3 disco TBC
Wednesday, 26 th July	Last day of summer term
Tuesday, 5 th September	First day of autumn term (Monday, 4 th September is a non-pupil day)
Mon, 23 rd Oct – Weds, 1 st Nov	Half-term holiday (Mon & Tues, 30 th & 31 st Oct are non-pupil days)
Friday, 15 th December	Last day of autumn term

With best wishes for a relaxed and lovely half-term break,

Sarah Parkes

Head of School

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