



Thorverton C of E Primary School

Newsletter

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13th January 2017

Dear Parents,

From Mr Jolliffe

Now that everyone has settled back into the routine of school days, I would like to have the opportunity to meet with parents and to catch up with anything that you would like us to consider in the coming year, or anything that your children are particularly enjoying that you would like us to develop in the future. I am very happy to talk to parents on an individual basis at a time that is convenient for you, or to chat in the morning when I am at your children's school. I have also got some time in the week after next put aside for meeting parents and would love to chat to you over a cup of coffee and a biscuit at Thorverton on Monday 23rd January, Newton St Cyres on Tuesday 24th January and Cheriton Fitzpaine on Friday 27th January, all from 11.00am. I look forward to seeing you then.

From Mrs Parkes

Today Class 1 have had their first session of sports at Lords Meadow Leisure Centre along with their contemporaries from the other schools in the Federation. The children thoroughly enjoyed the challenges of swimming, ball games and gymnastics. Once again, thank you to Tammi and her students from Exeter College who are there every week to give the children a great sporting experience.

We have decided that you do not need to send your children in with school uniform as well as swimming and PE kits, as that seems to be a lot for their small hands to carry. However, please ensure that your child is wearing full Thorverton PE kit. This is a navy Thorverton jumper, white or navy T-shirt and black or navy shorts/jogging bottoms. The children can then stay in this all day.

Works in Bullen Street, Wednesday, 18th January

Just to let you know that Western Power are carrying out work in Bullen Street on Wednesday. They request that people do not park cars there on that day.

After-school Clubs

Most of the after-school clubs have started this week. Remember to return the permission slips if you haven't already done so.

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Dinner Money

I would just like to remind you that dinner money should be paid in advance. Some parents have let debts add up and the governors are concerned about this. Please come and see Katharine in the office if you have any queries about amounts outstanding.

Chinese New Year Lunch

Next Tuesday, 17th January, Abby will be celebrating the Chinese New Year with a special Chinese lunch. See the posters for the menu of the day.

Top Table

On Monday Mrs Parkes joined Jess, Molly, Zac M, Archie W, Olivia K and Erin for lunch at Top Table.

Safeguarding Training for Volunteers

We take our responsibilities for keeping children safe very seriously and, as part of this work, it is important that everyone who has regular contact with children in our schools, in whatever capacity, understands the principles of safeguarding and what to do if you have concerns about a child's welfare. If you come into school frequently (three times a month or more) or intensively (for a whole day at a time) then you need to attend the training courses that are being held over the next few months at one of the school venues. The courses will be on: Monday, 23rd January at 1.30pm at Cheriton, Wednesday, 1st February at 9.30am at Newton, Thursday, 9th February at 7.30pm at Thorverton. The course will last for two hours and will include discussion and activities as well as a training element and will be led by Mr Jolliffe, who is the Designated Safeguarding Lead for the Federation. If you would like to attend, please let Mrs Steele know at Cheriton Fitzpaine (admin@cheriton-fitzpaine-primary.devon.sch.uk) or via any of the school offices.

DCC Admissions to Primary Schools, 2017/18

The application facility for places in primary and junior schools for the 2017/18 academic year will open on 15th November 2016 and close at midnight on 15th January 2017. Parents are invited to apply between those dates and express three preferences via the online application facility at www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline. Admissions cannot be made online after the closing date, hard copy forms will have to be requested via the Helpline 0345 1551019.

Diary Dates

Monday, 13 th February – Monday, 20 th February	Half term (Monday, 20 th is a non-pupil day)
Friday, 31 st March	End of spring term
Wednesday 26 th – Friday 28 th April	Year 4 residential to Beam House, Torrington
Monday 22 nd – Tuesday 23 rd May	Year 3 residential to Camp Wild, Escot
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

With best wishes,

Sarah Parkes

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