



Thorverton C of E Primary School

Newsletter

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14th July 2017

Dear Parents,

From Mr Jolliffe

At the end of this term we will be saying 'thank you and goodbye' to Mrs Carron Rees who has been teaching Class 1 at Newton St Cyres this term. She has done a fantastic job with the Reception children there and I have really appreciated all her hard work and commitment; thank you! I am very pleased to say that Mrs Fee, who has been working with Class 2 at Newton, will be teaching Class 3 at Bramford Speke in the autumn, working alongside Mrs Aisling Halford. Mrs Fee has made a huge difference to Newton St Cyres in the time she has been with us and again I am very grateful to her for all the work she has done there since January. Miss Bellamy will be continuing to teach Beech Class at Cheriton Fitzpaine next term although she won't be teaching Class 3 at Newton. A huge thank you to all these colleagues for all their hard work this year, and of course to all the staff who are not leaving at the end of this term!

From Mrs Parkes

Transition Day

It was lovely to see all the new children in school this week, and each year group moving up to their new class structure. Everyone I have spoken to is very positive about next term and the new opportunities that it will hold. The new children also went home buzzing with enthusiasm.

Top Table

Molly, Isla, Zac, Zach, Sully and Freddie enjoyed their lunch at Top Table in the company of Mr Martin this week.



Year 6 Trip and Barbecue, Monday, 17th July 2017

The children in Year 6 are all looking forward to their trip to iBounce and Clip 'n' Climb in Exeter. If you haven't yet electronically signed the waiver for iBounce please do so as soon as possible. There are also a couple of SOE3 forms and permission slips not yet back. Please return these by Monday morning at the latest. The children will be going back to the Vukusics' by 4pm for a leavers' barbecue, so please feel free to go straight to their house from school. Please sign up in the office for sharing food that you will be providing. I would like to thank Tammi and Pete for providing the venue for this Year 6 event.

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Crealy Trip, Tuesday, 18th July 2017

We are looking forward to our whole school trip to Crealy on Tuesday. If you have not yet returned the SOE3 and permission slips for your children to come on the trip, please do so as a matter of urgency.

Sports Day, Wednesday, 19th July 2017, 1.30pm

Parents and families are welcome to come along to our postponed Sports Day on Wednesday afternoon. We are looking forward to lovely weather! The PTFA will be selling refreshments and there will also be a second-hand uniform stall. We would like the children to wear a T-shirt of the colour of their house or if they don't have one they can wear their school PE T-shirt and we will give them a coloured badge.



Class 3 Disco, Friday, 14th July, 6.15 – 8pm



Have you bought your tickets for the Class 3 disco tonight? You can still buy tickets in the office today at £1.50 per ticket. On the door tonight tickets will cost £2.50. There will also be snacks, drinks and transfer tattoos on sale, so bring a small amount of money with you. Children will need to be signed in to the disco, a contact number left with us and the name of the person who will be collecting the children at the end. Thank you to Mr Martin and Class 3 for organising the disco.

Guitar Assembly, Thursday, 20th July 2017, 3pm

Ginnie Cutler's guitar and piano pupils will be giving a short concert in the hall on Thursday at 3pm. Parents of those children involved are very welcome to come along and enjoy the music.



PTFA End-of-term Barbecue, Friday, 21st July 2017

The traditional PTFA end-of-term barbecue on the school field will be next Friday from 5 to 7pm. The PTFA will be selling burgers and hotdogs for everybody and squash for the children. Please bring your own drinks, blankets and chairs. Everybody very welcome!

After-school Clubs

There will be no more Cricket, Gardening or Crochet Club this term. Street Surfing, Key Stage 1 Multi-sports, Singing and Tag Rugby Clubs will all have their last session next week. There will be no after-school clubs in the short last week of term.

Federation Assembly

Our end of year Federation Assembly will be taking place at Newton St Cyres on Friday, 21st July. So that the children who are at Lord's Meadow in the morning can join us, we will be having lunch together first and the assembly will start at 1.15pm. It would help if children have a school lunch that day so that they don't have to remember packed lunchboxes [if you prefer your child to have a packed lunch, if it can come in a disposable bag that would help a lot!]. This is a great opportunity for everyone in the Exe Valley Federation to get together and give our Year 6 leavers a proper send off as they head off to secondary school in September.

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Informing Parents about Children's Progress

One of the areas that emerged as a priority from the recent Parent Questionnaire was the way that schools inform parents about their children's progress. Since the assessment system changed from levels to scaled scores in 2015/16, it has not been possible to give parents access to our tracking system but from September we will be able to do this again. This means that a week or so before parent meetings, you will be able to go online and look at your child's current attainment ahead of the meeting with your child's teacher. This will be accessed through a secure portal and parents will be given a password to view their child's information. This information will be updated in the spring term so that you can see your child's progress. More information will be available for parents in the autumn term. Thank you again to all the parents who returned the Parent Questionnaire earlier this term.

Parent Governor Vacancies

You should have received a letter from Jackie Enright and Gemma Poulton, the Chairs of Governors for the Exe Valley Federation and Brampford Speke School, letting you know that the governing bodies have decided to re-federate on the 1st September 2017 to include Brampford Speke in the Exe Valley Federation. This is a great opportunity for all four schools to work together and to share resources and expertise and I am looking forward to getting to know the children, staff and families at Brampford Speke this term and in the autumn. As a result of the re-federation process, the governing board has to be re-structured to include governors from Brampford Speke and the Exe Valley Federation. This means that there is a vacancy for two parent governors on the new board. Please think about becoming a governor, or encouraging others to volunteer. A letter with more information about the role of a governor and how to apply was attached to last week's newsletter and is available from the school office.

Term Dates for September 2017

The term dates for next year have been published on the website and these are correct. Unfortunately, the Devon County Council grid is incorrect and should be ignored. There is one Staff Development Day at the start of next term and children are due to return to school on **TUESDAY, 5th SEPTEMBER 2017**. Half term is Monday 22nd October to Friday 25th October and then we have 2 Staff Development Days on Monday 30th and Tuesday 31st October. Children return to school on Wednesday 1st November and term ends on Friday 15th December 2017.

Thorverton Village Tidy-up Day, Saturday, 15th July, 9.30am – 1pm

Helpers wanted to help tidy up our village next Saturday. Meet at Leigh Gardens (opposite the village green) with tools and gloves. Tea, coffee and water will be provided.

Thorverton Parish Church Family Service, Sunday, 16th July, 10am

Everybody is warmly invited to come along to the family service in Thorverton Parish Church on Sunday, 16th July. The church will be open from 9.30am.

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Collective Worship Dates

Wednesday, 26th July, 2.30pm

Leavers' service in church

Diary Dates

Monday, 17th July

Year 6 trip to Clip 'n' Climb and iBounce; barbecue

Tuesday, 18th July

Whole school trip to Crealy

Wednesday, 19th July, 1.30pm

Sports Day

Friday, 21st July

Federation Assembly at Newton St Cyres School

Friday, 21st July, 5-7pm

PTFA end-of-term barbecue

Wednesday, 26th July

Last day of summer term

Tuesday, 5th September

First day of autumn term (Monday, 4th September is a non-pupil day)

Mon, 23rd Oct – Weds, 1st Nov

Half-term holiday (Mon & Tues, 30th & 31st Oct are non-pupil days)

Friday, 15th December

Last day of autumn term

With best wishes,

Sarah Parkes

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