



# Thorverton C of E Primary School

## Newsletter

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15<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Dear Parents,

### From Mr Jolliffe

Next Friday sees the start of the Lords Meadow sports morning for all the schools in the Exe Valley Federation. This term, Years 3 and 4 will be going to Lords Meadow by coach for 10 weeks of swimming, gymnastics and ball games at the leisure centre in Crediton. This is a great way for children from all the schools to meet each other and work together in groups and teams. It also gives children the opportunity to experience being part of a larger group and learning more independence and self-challenge as they take part in the different activities. The children are supported by at least two members of staff from their own school as well as students from Exeter College. We are very grateful indeed to Tammi Vukusic for all the work that she has done to enable our visits to Lords Meadow to continue this year with the support of the Exeter College students. Thank you Tammi!

### From Mrs Parkes

The first full week back at school has been a busy one. All the children have settled in well to their new classes and are really working hard. I have seen some lovely work from many of the children this week: a cat cake from Anna (which was really delicious), a paper mache rat in a box from Arabella (which was very life-like), some scrumptious looking biscuits from Class 2 for the ploughing match and also some amazing clown faces from Class 1. We stand a good chance of winning this year (again).

### Class 2 Visit to Village Art Exhibition



Today Class 2 walked up to the art exhibition in Silver Street. They were met by Sally and Gilly who talked to them about some of the works of art and the children enjoyed looking at the pictures, pots, sculptures and jewellery.

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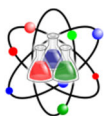
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## After-school Clubs



The after-school clubs got off to a splendid start this week. At gardening club we harvested a huge bucket of potatoes, also carrots, beans and onions. Look out for the delicious produce in the school lunches soon!

## Fizz Pop Science Club



We have had such a great response to the Science Club that Fizz Pop will be running two groups for their after-school club, both on a Wednesday afternoon, 3.30 to 4.30pm. If you haven't signed your children up and would like to do so, please go online as soon as possible to

[www.fizzpopspace.co.uk](http://www.fizzpopspace.co.uk) and click in the 'cloud' to sign up.

## Chess Club

Chess Club will now be on Thursday lunchtimes and not after school. The children can sign up in the office if they would like to join the club.

## Top Table

This week Bella T, Neve, Louis, Levi, Greg and Harry W enjoyed their lunch at Top Table in the company of Mrs Parkes.



## School Council

This week the children have voted in new members of the School Council for this year: Year 6's rep is Archie K, Year 5 Henry S, Year 4 Eliza, Year 3 Isla, Year 2 Neve and for Year 1 it is Sophie. We will be having our first meeting next week to plan some exciting opportunities for the school.

## Head Lice



A couple of parents have told us that their children have head lice. Please check your children's hair over the weekend and if necessary treat before sending the children back to school. Please make sure long hair is tied back in school.

## Dinner Money

We'd just like to let you know that Vanessa will now be taking over the administration of the dinner money. Please continue to pay dinner money in advance at the beginning of the week. You can pay for several weeks at a time if you would prefer. For those new to the system, it is also possible to pay online using the School Gateway. Follow the link from the website or here: <https://login.schoolgateway.com/0/auth/login>. When you log in for the first time, please remember to use the same mobile phone number that you have given us to



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contact you on. The school does have to pay for each online transaction; however, parent payments by bank transfer cost us less than debit or credit card payments. Please come and see Katharine or Vanessa in the office if you have any problems or questions.

### **SOE3 and SOE3A Forms**

During the school year we ask parents to complete a range of forms with information about their child's health needs and contact information. We have made some changes to these forms this year so that more information is contained on the same form. An SO3A should have come home with your child this week, which covers most of the visits and activities that take place during the year. The only additional forms (SOE3s) that will be required will be for activities involving swimming or overnight stays.

We will continue to tell parents about visits and ask for permission to take your child on different visits and activities but there should be much less form-filling as a result of this change. If you can help us by returning the SOE3 forms as soon as possible that would be much appreciated. Thank you.

### **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*

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.

### **Governors' Impact Statement**

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 has now been published on the Federation website and the Brampford Speke website. 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 have baked cookies and Class 3 have handwritten the Lord's Prayer. Let's hope we win again!

### **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.

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### **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.

### **Open day at the Exeter Snow Sports Centre, 1<sup>st</sup> October from 10am**

The above event will be open to anyone who would like to "have a go" at skiing at a cost of £3 per person for a 30-minute session (Arms and legs must be covered and you should bring suitable gloves).

## *Collective Worship Dates*

Tuesday, 10 <sup>th</sup> October, 2pm	Harvest Festival in church
Friday, 24 <sup>th</sup> November, 3pm	Class 2 assembly
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 Tuesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent-child-teacher interviews
Thursday, 19 <sup>th</sup> October, 3pm	Class 3 open afternoon
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)
Wednesday, 29 <sup>th</sup> November, 3pm	Guitar concert (Mrs Cutler's guitar pupils)
Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of autumn term

With best wishes,

*Sarah Parkes*

Head of School

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