



Thorverton C of E Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

From Mr Jolliffe

This week there has been lots of great collaborative work taking place in the Exe Valley Schools. Year 3 and 4 are continuing to work together with the Paddleboat Drama Company at Thorverton and Years 5 and 6 enjoyed working together on their Egyptian learning project at Cheriton Fitzpaine. It is hard to imagine now what the three schools would look like on their own as we gain so much from working together. This includes the staff from the three schools who share staff development opportunities after school on a Wednesday and courses such as the middle leaders' development course which took place this week. Working together in this way enables us to improve outcomes for all our children and to share ideas and resources in a very effective way and is really valuable for everyone involved in the well-being and learning of our children.

Meeting with Mr Jolliffe

Mr Jolliffe 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. He is 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 he is at school. There will also be an opportunity to meet with Mr Jolliffe over a cup of coffee and a biscuit at Thorverton on Monday 23rd January from 11am (or at Newton St Cyres on Tuesday 24th January and Cheriton Fitzpaine on Friday 27th January from 11am).

From Mrs Parkes

I have received the exciting news this week that the company "Creative Play" will be able to install our new playground equipment by half term. We will be using the very generous Tesco Bags for School grant for this. This is only phase 1, there is more to come soon!



After-school Dance Club

We have decided to open up Dance Club to children in Years 1 and 2 as well as the older children. The club is

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run after school from 3.30 to 5pm on Wednesdays by Kieran from Primary Sports. If you would like your child to join the club from next week, please see Veda or Katharine in the office by Tuesday.

Top Table

On Monday Mr Martin joined Louis, Edwin, Olly C, Emma and Hannah for lunch at Top Table.

PTFA Meeting, Thursday, 26th January, 8pm, Exeter Inn

Come along to the first PTFA meeting of the year and meet the new committee. The meeting will be held on Thursday at 8pm in the Exeter Inn. Everybody is welcome to come and get involved: bring some ideas, offers of help and enthusiasm!

Data Protection Act 1998: How We Use Pupil Information

Like all schools, The Exe Valley Federation schools collect and hold personal information relating to our pupils and may also receive information about them from their previous school, local authority and/or the Department for Education (DfE). We use this personal data to:

- support our pupils' learning
- monitor and report on their progress
- provide appropriate pastoral care; and
- assess the quality of our services

This information will include their contact details, national curriculum assessment results, attendance information, any exclusion information, where they go after they leave us and personal characteristics such as their ethnic group, any special educational needs they may have as well as relevant medical information. We will not give information about our pupils to anyone without your consent unless the law and our policies allow us to do so. We are required, by law, to pass certain information about our pupils to our local authority (LA) and the Department for Education (DfE). If you want to receive a copy of the information about your son/daughter that we hold, please contact your child's school office by email [details may be found on the school website].

DfE may also share pupil level personal data that we supply to them, with third parties. This will only take place where legislation allows it to do so and it is in compliance with the Data Protection Act 1998.

Decisions on whether DfE releases this personal data to third parties are subject to a robust approval process and are based on a detailed assessment of who is requesting the data, the purpose for which it is required, the level and sensitivity of data requested and the arrangements in place to store and handle the data. To be granted access to pupil level data, requestors must comply with strict terms and conditions covering the confidentiality and handling of data, security arrangements and retention and use of the data.

For more information on how this sharing process works, please visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-pupil-database-apply-for-a-data-extract>

For information on which third party organisations (and for which project) pupil level data has been provided to, please visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-pupil-database-requests-received>

If you need more information about how our local authority and/or DfE collect and use your information, please visit the DfE website at <https://www.gov.uk/data-protection-how-we-collect-and-share-research-data>

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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.

Collective Worship Dates

Thursday, 30th March, 9.30am Easter service in church

Diary Dates

Monday, 13 th February – Monday, 20 th February	Half term (Monday, 20 th is a non-pupil day)
Monday, 27 th Feb – Friday, 3 rd March	Bikeability training for Year 6
Wed, 15 th & Thurs, 16 th March	Parents' evenings
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,

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