



Thorverton C of E Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

From Mr Jolliffe

At this time of year school leaders spend a great deal of time analysing the reports produced by the DfE and Ofsted on the progress and attainment of our children in the end of Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 6. The important part of this process is working out whether any changes compared with previous years are significant or related more to the particular children in that group last year. This process is important because we are accountable to Ofsted for the progress of each child in the school and as this is the only document that an inspection team has beforehand, it is what they use to make their initial judgments. In line with the DfE's requirement to publish some key information on the school website, I have written a short explanation to what each result relates to and how the figures have been arrived at by the DfE. This will be available for you to look at from today:

<http://www.thorverton-ce-primary.devon.sch.uk/about/foundationks1ks2-results.ashx>

There is also information on how we spent the DfE Sports and PE grant:

<http://www.thorverton-ce-primary.devon.sch.uk/about/federation-sports-initiative.ashx>

As with all testing and analysis, we need to be careful not to place too much emphasis on statistics. We must always remember that what really matters is that each child is able to achieve as much as they can while they are at primary school and that emotional and social development are more important than numbers on a test page. That is why we are so committed to high standards of achievement and progress and a broad and balanced curriculum that includes social and emotional development.

From Mrs Parkes

At the end of last week we awarded progress cups to Amelia in Class 1, Charlotte in Class 2 and Lucy in Class 3 for their exceptionally good attitude to learning and excellent progress throughout the first half term of the year. Well done, girls, what a fantastic half term!

Playground Award from the School Council

Last week the School Council awarded Emma, Ollie H. and George a new playground award for their thoughtfulness and friendliness at break and lunchtimes in the playground. This week they have given the awards to Sufia for being gentle and polite, Ben for being calm and understanding during games of football and Sam for really encouraging other children in the playground.

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Class 3 Forest School Afternoon

Class 3 had a great afternoon in the forest with Sara Burnand on Tuesday. They learnt how to make a wattle and daub fence to link in with their class topic of the Tudors. They also enjoyed toasting marshmallows round a camp fire. Thank you again to Sara Burnand for coming to give the children such a hands-on afternoon and to the PTFA for funding this.



Football Match at Stoke Canon

On Tuesday, a team of eight children took part in a friendly football tournament at Stoke Canon. There were three matches and our players scored plenty of goals. Our players showed excellent skill, teamwork and sportsmanship as they managed to



defeat each of the Stoke Canon teams. It was brilliant to see the improvement that the team has made and we're looking forward to welcoming Stoke Canon for a rematch in the not too distant future. Well done

Thorverton!

You may notice on the field that we have some brand new football goals. We are very grateful to the PTFA for this donation and to a couple of members of the PTFA for taking the time to put up the posts. The football club are really enjoying them.



Children in Need

Lots of children are looking wonderfully spotty today to support Children in Need. Some of the children made their costumes and they looked great. The winners of the spotty clothes competition were: Bonnie, Neve E., Edwin, Zac M., William S., Rebecca and Will for your creativity.

Class 2 End-ball Tournament

This morning the children in Years 3 and 4 took part in an end-ball tournament at Lords Meadow Leisure Centre as part of their sports mornings activities. Thorverton came 1st, 2nd and 3rd against the other schools

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in the Federation. There were lots of high spirits in the exciting end-ball matches. Miss Holmes and the other members of staff praised the children for their team spirit and enthusiasm. Well done everybody!

Top Table

This week Mrs Parkes was at Top Table to enjoy her lunch with Harry L., Layton, Charlotte, Milly, Sully and Harry W.

Class 1 Forest School Afternoon, Tuesday, 22nd November

Children in Class 1, remember to bring wellies, a warm coat and waterproofs and/or outdoor clothes, and even a hat and gloves for Forest School afternoon this Tuesday, 22nd November.

PTFA

Thank you to those of you who voted for our project at Tesco stores in the last couple of weeks. Voting has now closed and we will hear early in December how much grant we will receive from Tesco.

Hampers to Raffle at the Christmas Production

As in previous years, the PTFA are going to raffle some lovely themed hampers at the Christmas play in December. Please sign up on the lists on the classroom doors for items they would like you to donate. You don't need to stick to your child's class list! Choose something from any of the lists.

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.

DCC Annual Consultation on Admission Arrangements

Devon will run the annual consultation on admission arrangements between 1st November 2016 and 6th January 2017. You can view this on Devon County Council's website until 6th January 2017 at www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements and follow the link at the bottom of the page to "admissions policies".

Collective Worship Dates

Friday, 9 th December, 9.30am	Christingle service in the church
Wednesday, 14 th December, 2pm	Key Stage 1 Nativity in the church

Diary Dates

Tuesday, 22 nd November	Class 2 Art Day at Cheriton Fitzpaine School
Tuesday, 22 nd November	Class 1 Forest School afternoon
Wednesday, 23 rd November	Theatre Alibi performance for the whole school
Wednesday & Thursday, 7 th & 8 th December	Key Stage 2 performance

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Thursday, 8th December

Friday, 16th December

Wednesday, 4th January 2017

Christmas lunch

End of term

Spring term starts (Tuesday, 3rd January is a non-pupil day)

With best wishes,

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