



Thorverton C of E Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

From Mr Jolliffe

The season of Christmas plays, nativities and carols has well and truly begun this week, with a super performance of 'Porridge' taking place at Newton St Cyres. Many thanks to all the children and staff who worked together to make such an entertaining and enjoyable performance. At our end of term assembly on Thursday 15th December, all the children from the three schools will be getting together at Cheriton Fitzpaine and will have an opportunity to share some of their favourite songs from their plays with the rest of the Federation. We will also be thinking about the Christmas story through readings and reflections and carols. As there is so much going on in all three schools at this time of year, the Federation assembly will just be for the morning and everyone will be back in their own schools for lunch, ready for all the other events that follow as we enjoy Christmas together.

From Mrs Parkes

This week we have been practicing hard for our production of Pirates of the Curry Bean. The children have developed in confidence and are very much now into character! I am sure you will really enjoy our very funny performance of Pirates of the Curry Bean next week. Tickets for the performance on 7th and 8th December at 6.30pm are selling fast. If you haven't yet got your tickets, come to see Veda or Katharine in the box office. Tickets cost £3 each.

Class 1's nativity is also looking and sounding magical. The nativity will be in the church on Wednesday, 14th December at 2pm. Everyone is very welcome to come. It will really get you into the Christmas mood.

A Wedding in Class 1

As part of our celebrations topic, Class 1 went over to the church this week where Reverend Katie Cross performed a mock wedding with them. The children all dressed up in their smart party clothes and Katie explained the ceremony. Isla and George, who were the bride and groom, looked lovely in their suit



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and dress. The children really enjoyed the experience and learnt about the detailed process of the Christian wedding ceremony.

Top Table

This week Miss Holmes was at Top Table to enjoy her lunch with Olivia, Barnaby, Jacob, William S., Archie K. and Oliver.

Recorder, Keyboard, Guitar and Piano Concerts

The children who learn to play the recorder, guitar, keyboard and piano with Heather Kershaw and Ginnie Cutler gave us two lovely performances on Wednesday. The children are very talented and it was a pleasure to listen to the music.

Christmas Lunch, Thursday, 8th December

We will be enjoying Abby's traditional Christmas lunch on Thursday next week. See the menu in the hall for the different options. This means that on Wednesday the lunch options will be tomato and herb pasta or lentil roast followed by Eve's pudding with custard (and not roast gammon).

PTFA

Hampers to Raffle at the Christmas Production

As in previous years, the PTFA are going to raffle six lovely themed hampers at the Christmas play in December. Thank you for all the donations received so far. Please bring in any more donations for Cheese and Wine, Family Movie, Child's Craft, Breakfast, Christmas and Pamper Hampers. Please check the lists on the doors from the hall to Classes 2 and 3 and just inside Class 1 for any items still wanted. You don't need to stick to your child's class list! Choose something from any of the lists; the more donations, the more exciting the hamper! Please make sure your donations are in by Monday, 5th December.

Movie Night, Friday, 2nd December, 6pm

Remember the movie night tonight in the school hall. The film on show is Arthur Christmas. Doors will open at 6pm and the film will be over by 8pm. Snacks of chips, sausages and sweets are included in the ticket price of £5. Bring a bean bag and snuggle up in your onesie if you like! If you haven't got a ticket yet, please sign up in the office this afternoon.

PTFA Christmas Fair, Thursday, 15th December, 3pm

The Christmas Fair will be on Thursday, 15th December in the school hall from 3pm. Class 1 will be making some small crafts to sell, Class 2 will be selling cakes that they have made and Class 3 will be hosting their home-made games. Preschool will also be there with a sweet stall. The PTFA will be selling refreshments and manning a chocolate tombola.

After-school Clubs

The last tag rugby club session for the term is today. Mural painting, cross country running and KS1 multi sports clubs will run for the last time this term on Monday and Tuesday. There will be no crochet, football or language clubs on Wednesday and Thursday. And there will be no after-school clubs during the last week of term. Next term, Primary Sport will be running a KS2 dance club. We will give you more information in the new year.

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Lighting of the Village Christmas Tree, Sunday, 4th December, 6pm

Everyone is very welcome to come along to the ceremonial lighting of the village Christmas tree on Sunday at the Memorial Hall. Santa will be there and there will be mince pies and mulled wine.

Family Service in the Parish Church, Sunday, 11th December

Everybody is very welcome to attend this family service in Thorverton Parish Church. The service starts at 10am and the church will be open from 9.30am.

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/admissiononline. 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
Thursday, 15 th December	Federation assembly at Cheriton Fitzpaine School

Diary Dates

Wednesday, 7 th December	Pantomime Dick Whittington in school
Wednesday & Thursday, 7 th & 8 th December	Key Stage 2 performance, The Pirates of the Curry Bean
Thursday, 8 th December	Christmas lunch
Thursday, 15 th December, 3pm	PTFA Christmas Fair
Friday, 16 th December	Christmas party
Friday, 16 th December	End of term
Wednesday, 4 th January 2017	Spring term starts (Tuesday, 3 rd January is a non-pupil day)

With best wishes,

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