



Thorverton C of E Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

From Mr Jolliffe

There has been a great deal going on this week, with the Great Hall musical event on Wednesday night and the first part of the federation review taking place on Thursday. The Great Hall is always a fantastic event and it was lovely to see all four schools performing their colour-themed songs. The standard of singing was very high as always and there was a real sense of drama about the songs as well. Many thanks to all the Year 5s and Year 6s who took part and to all their parents for supporting this event. Thank you too, to all the staff who gave their time to prepare the children and to look after them during the evening.

From Mrs Parkes

'Pop of Colour' at the Great Hall



Wow! What an amazing evening it was on Wednesday night at the Great Hall! There was such a large variety of songs and acts from schools in the Crediton Learning Area. Our Class 3 children did a fantastic performance of Yellow Submarine (complete with submarine) and Colour My World (from the musical) for the packed audience. Well done to all of you who took part, your singing was beautiful and the actions all came together! My thanks go to Mr Curtis and Miss Finch who have worked incredibly hard with the children to put the whole performance together. Also, thanks to Mrs Coe for providing these photos of our wonderful children.

Class 3 Trip to Morwhellam Quay

Rebecca and Harriet have written this report on Class 3's excellent trip to Morwhellam Quay on Monday. "On Monday, 5th March, Class 3 went to Morwhellam Quay with Cheriton Fitzpaine School for a day as Victorians. They found out what it was like to be a child in Victorian times as well as taking a train down into the copper mine. We also had a go at making chocolate lollypops and rope making. Harriet's favourite part was

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going down to the copper mine and Rebecca's favourite part was the Victorian school class. We enjoyed it because we got to experience what it would be like to be a Victorian."

Child-Parent-Teacher Interviews, Monday, 19th and Thursday, 22nd March 2018, 3.40 to 6pm

The teachers are available on the above days between 3.40 and 6pm to talk to parents about children's progress and targets for the rest of this year. We will be putting up lists on the classroom doors for you to sign up. If you are unable to make either of these dates, please see your child's teacher to arrange another time.

School Council Easter Baking Competition, Thursday, 22nd March 2018



The School Council are organising this fun competition which they will judge at the end of the day on Thursday, 22nd March. There will be three categories to choose from: cakes, cupcakes, biscuits and cookies. The children will be judging the entries on style taste and texture. The School Council would like lots of cakes, cupcakes and biscuits and will be selling them after school.



Netball Club

Unfortunately, Keeley is no longer able to run netball club on Wednesdays after school. I would like to thank her for the many years that she has been doing netball club at school. We really have appreciated it.

PTFA Disco, Friday, 23rd March

The PTFA will be holding a children's disco on Friday, 23rd March in the school hall. The Class 1 disco will be from 5 to 6pm, followed at 6.15 to 7.15pm for Classes 2 and 3. Tickets will cost £3 and please sign up in the office beforehand. We will ask you to leave contact details at the door. Parents are welcome to stay, especially parents of children in Class 1.



Residential Visits, Years 3 to 6

A few of you have not yet returned your slips to let us know whether your child will be going on the residential trips or not. We now need to confirm numbers with the venues, so if you have not returned your reply slip please do so as soon as possible. If you don't have one, please ask for another copy in the office.



Peanut Allergy

We have a child in school with a peanut allergy, so we would ask you please not to provide your children with any snacks or packed lunch items containing nuts of any sort. Thank you for your understanding.

Safeguarding Training

We take our responsibilities for keeping children safe at school and beyond very seriously and offer regular training sessions for parents and volunteers to attend. If you volunteer to work with children on a regular basis or could be on your own with school children at any time, then you need to have completed this training. The next courses will be held on Tuesday, 20th March 2018 at 7.30pm at Thorverton School. Please let your child's school office know if you are intending to come to this session and if you have said you are coming please make every effort to come on the night.

Request for an Artist

Do you, or do you know anyone, who would be able to produce a line drawing of the new school at Newton St Cyres from a photograph? We would like to have a line drawing to use in publicity information and invitations

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to the official opening. The building has scaffolding around it still at the moment so the drawing would need to be done from a photograph with a bit of artistic licence! If you can help please contact Mr Jolliffe via the school offices.

SIAMS Inspection at Brampford Speke

Every five years Church of England Primary Schools are visited by an inspector to evaluate the way that they demonstrate their Christian ethos and values. On Thursday next week, Daphne Spitzer will be spending the day at Brampford Speke talking to children, parents and governors about their experiences of the school. We are looking forward to welcoming our inspector to the school and sharing our experiences with her.

Payment Arrears Policy

Please find attached to this newsletter a copy of the Federation Payment Arrears Policy. This refers to dinner money and nursery school (relevant to other schools in the Federation) arrears. For the Federation's policy on arrears in paying for school trips and residentials, please see the Charges and Remissions Policy, a copy of which is on the website.

Family Service in the Church, 10am, Sunday, 11th March 2018

Everybody is warmly invited to the family service in Thorverton Parish Church this Sunday, 11th March. The church will be open for refreshments and children's activities from 9.30am and the service will start at 10am.

Parking

The Thorverton Arms have asked if on **Friday afternoon, 23rd March**, parents would please leave the parking areas outside the church and the pub free of cars as there will be a funeral followed by a wake at the pub and many mourners are expected. Please use the car park at the top of Bullen Street and at the Memorial Hall.



Collective Worship Dates

Wednesday, 21st March, 9.30am Easter service in the church

Diary Dates

Friday, 16 th March	Vision screening for Reception children
Friday, 16 th March, 2.30pm	Class 2 open afternoon and celebration assembly
Monday, 19 th & Thursday, 22 nd March	Parent-teacher-child interviews
Thursday, 22 nd March	Class 2 trip to Exeter
Thursday, 22 nd March	School Council baking competition
Friday, 23 rd March	6 Nations tag rugby tournament
Tuesday, 27 th March, 3pm	Drumming assembly
Wednesday, 28 th March, 3pm	Guitar assembly
Thursday, 29 th March	Federation assembly at Cheriton Fitzpaine School
Thursday, 29 th March	Last day of spring term
Wednesday, 18 th – Friday, 20 th April	Year 5 residential to Barton Hall

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Monday, 30th April – Tuesday, 1st May Year 3 residential to Escot
Saturday, 5th May Exmoor Challenge (for Year 6)
Wednesday, 6th – Friday, 8th June Year 4 residential to New Barn, Dorchester
Tuesday, 11th – Friday, 15th June Year 6 residential to Grenville House, Brixham

With best wishes,

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