
Thorverton Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents,



On Monday work will begin on extending our outdoor learning cabin. The PTFA have funded the work, a large decked and fenced area around the shed, incorporating a cob oven. This will be the hub of outdoor activity in our school providing a large dedicated area for learning beyond the classroom. This year we will be looking for opportunities in our curriculum to take learning outside, very much incorporating work on sustainability, nature, farming, forest schools etc. We also envisage the space being used for whole class or group teaching, for example, if a class want to take their writing lesson outside for inspiration. The children in Class Three have already begun thinking of the ideas they would like to see shaping the future of this space. Every class will have their say and the voice of the school council will be an important one when

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deciding projects in the future. Please feel free to wander round and check on the progress of the build throughout this week and watch for news of an opening party!

Children's Online Progress Reports

I would just like to remind you that information on your children's progress is available on line. If you have lost the login and password details, please come and see me.

Parent View

I would also like to take the opportunity to remind you that you can give your views on the school on Parent View. The website address, with a short questionnaire, is <http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>. Thank you to those of you who have already responded. We really do find it useful to hear your views on all aspects of school life.

Lunchtimes

There has been some confusion among the children about a new lunchtime procedure that we are introducing. Some children eat their lunches quite quickly and up until now we have kept them waiting for the majority to finish eating before letting them all out to play. We would now like to let the children out to play as soon as they have finished their lunches. However, to make sure that some children are not going out to play before they have eaten a good portion of their lunch (because for some, going out to play is more important than eating lunch!), the mealtime assistants will be checking their lunch boxes and plates. We don't want children wilting with hunger half way through the afternoon lessons!

Sponsored Swim Money

If anyone still has any sponsorship money from the sponsored swim at the beginning of term, please bring it into school as soon as you can, as we would like to count up the total and bank it and the School Council would like to start making plans as to what to spend the money on.

Parents Evenings

We will be holding parents evenings on two evenings: either before half term on Wednesday, 12th February, or after half term on Thursday, 27th February. The teachers will be putting up lists on the classroom doors next week. Please sign up for a timeslot on one of the two days to come in and discuss your child's progress and targets for the rest of the year with the teachers. We encourage you to bring your child along with you.

Goodbye

We say goodbye today to Miss Woodley-Horswill, PGCE student teacher, who has been working in Class 1 since last term. We wish her good luck with the rest of her training and thank her for her work with us.

Modern Foreign Languages Club

MFL Club got off to a flying start last week. It will take place every Monday after school, 3.30 to 4.30pm, for all children in Years 2, 3 and 4. This term the children will be learning Spanish in a fun way using songs, games and other activities to learn the basics.

World Book Day, Thursday, 6th March

We will be inviting everybody to dress up as a character from a book to celebrate World Book Day on 6th March. Start thinking and getting your costumes ready!

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Diary Dates

Wednesday, 12th February

Mon, 17th Feb – Mon, 24th Feb

Thursday, 27th February

Wednesday, 26th March

Weds 2nd April – Friday, 4th April

Friday, 9th May – Mon, 12th May

Friday, 20th June – Mon, 23rd June

Parents Evening

Half-term holiday (Monday, 24th Feb is a non-pupil teacher training day)

Parents Evening

Class 3 Dance event at Exeter University Great Hall

Year 4 Residential to Simonsbath

Year 5 Residential to Barton Hall

Year 6 Residential to Grenville House, Brixham

With best wishes,

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