

## **THURNHAM CE INFANT SCHOOL**

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**Summer Terms 2017**

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**“At Thurnham we learn to love and love to learn.”**

### **Welcome Back**

The Easter holidays are now gone and I hope that you all enjoyed the holiday. A belated thank you to all the parents who supported the end of term events and those who came to the end of term walkabout. Staff really appreciate your generous comments made to them during the walkabout. Also well done to the children who created some wonderful eggs for us to display! FOT (Friends Of Thurnham) made £703.46 from the various activities in the Hall - thanks to them for their hard work. FOT also held a successful quiz night on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March which raised £463.57 (plus a further on the night collection for Red Nose Day of £52.91). Thank you to everyone who worked hard on these events and to the parents that spent money at them. As you are aware, we are raising funds to freshen up our playground and potentially some new exciting standing structures too.

FOT have asked me to mention a forthcoming pottery party event on the evening of Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May in conjunction with 'This Art Of Mine' at the school. Information about it was sent out earlier this week.

### **Hall Floor**

We had our Hall floor repaired and refreshed in the School holidays. It looks as good as new! Can I politely remind parents that in order to protect the new surface as much as possible, I ask for high heeled shoes not to be worn should you come to a parental event.

### **New Teacher**

We have appointed a new teacher to the school, Miss George, who will start with us in September to teach a Reception class. Mrs Wass (who we hold in high regard) will remain with us as one of our supply teachers.

### **Attendance**

Our attendance rate has improved again to 97.4% by the end of last term. Thank you for all your continuing support on attendance and avoiding term time holidays.

### **Coats/Jackets**

Please make sure that you still send your child/children to school with a rain coat or a jacket, as well as their usual cardigan or jumper. Our weather is unpredictable and children can get chilly or damp at playtimes.

### **Visiting Teachers From France**

The last two days I have been delighted to welcome primary teachers from France who wanted to see the difference between our schools and theirs. They have asked me to pass on how impressed they were by the confidence, behaviour and standards achieved by our children at such a young age. It was also very interesting for our staff to find out the similarities and differences between our systems.

## Important Summer Term Dates

Please find attached the list of important dates for the Summer Terms. Please note the dates of the last staff development day for this academic year (on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May). As ever, there may be a few small date changes and additions such as some trip dates when confirmed.

I look forward to working with you all this term to continue to ensure the best for the children.

**Mr C K James**  
Headteacher

### THURNHAM CE INFANT SCHOOL - DATES FOR SUMMER TERMS 5 + 6 2017

Day	Date	Time	Event
Tuesday	18 April		Start of Term 5
<b>Monday 1 May - Bank Holiday – School Closed</b>			
Tuesday	9 May	9:15am	Class Photographs
Thursday	25 May		Last day of term (100% Attendance stickers)
<b>Friday 26 May School Closed to children – Staff Training Day</b>			
<b>29 May – 2 June School Holiday</b>			
Monday	5 June	9:00am	Start of Term 6 for children
Wednesday	7 June	9:15am	FOT Meeting (in staff room)
Monday	12-16 June		Y1 Phonics Screening Week
Tuesday	13 June	pm	First Half Of New Entrants – Visit 1 to classes
Tuesday	15 June	pm	Other Half Of New Entrants – Visit 2 to classes
Thursday	22 June	pm	All New Entrants Visit (+ Headteacher Talk In Hall)
Saturday	24 June	pm	Bearsted Fayre on the Green
Thursday	29 June	pm	Sports Day (Tuesday 4 July if wet)
Monday	3 July	All Day	Y2 First Aid Training
Wednesday	5 July	Leave 9.15am	Whole School Worship at Holy Cross Church
Thursday	6 July	10:00am	Yr 2 to Roseacre Induction Reports sent home to parents
Wednesday	12 July	12:00pm	Picnic with Roseacre on field
Thursday	13 July	3.30-5:00pm	Parents' Consultations
Monday	17 July	9:15am 5.45-7:00pm	Year 2 Leavers' Service Rehearsal Open Evening / Walkabout For Parents & Families
Tuesday	18 July	9:15am	Year 2 Leavers' Service
Wednesday	19 July	4:00-5.30pm	Year 2 Leavers' Party
Friday	21 July	2:00pm	Last day of term/100% Certificates & Book Tokens End of Year Assembly
<b>Monday</b>	<b>4 September</b>		<b>Staff Development Day</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>5 September</b>	<b>8:55am</b>	<b>School Open For Pupils</b>