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Summer Terms 2018

Newsletter No 1

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

Welcome Back

The Easter holidays are now over 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 £640 from the various activities in the Hall and the raffle - thanks to them for all their hard work.

Mrs Shaw

Mrs Shaw, who teaches Green class Wednesday to Fridays, has decided to stand down from her teaching post. I would like to thank her for all her contributions to the school over the years. She will continue as one of our supply teachers so we will still see her.

I include a comment from Mrs Shaw:

“I have loved working at Thurnham doing both supply teaching in all year groups, since the Year 2000, and being class teacher in Yellow and Green. It is an amazing place to work and I am looking forward to continuing my link with the school and its wonderful staff and supportive parents.”

I am already advertising for a new teacher for the full week.

Attendance

Our attendance rate has fallen a little from our usual very high figure to 96.9% by the end of last term, compared to the same time last year figure of 97.4%. Hopefully we can improve on that figure now warmer weather is with us!

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 for now. Although it is warmer at the moment, our weather is unpredictable and children may get chilly or damp at playtimes in the near future.

Parent Questionnaires

Thank you to all the parents who completed a questionnaire at the recent parent consultations. The collated results are available via this link (<http://www.thurnham-infant.kent.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Parental-Questionnaire-2018-Populated.pdf>) on the school website. A big thank you to one of Governors, Mrs Moore, who gave up her time to collate all the results for us. Governors will analyse and consider the findings shortly.

Mrs Chaudry In The Manchester Marathon

You may recall that on Sunday 8th April Mrs Chaudry (Orange Class teacher) ran the Manchester Marathon in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support.

Thank you to everyone who sponsored her. If any parents who have sponsored Mrs Chaudry could forward any money to the office. Her current total raised is close to £1,000 and below is a photo of her just after crossing the finish line - well done to Mrs Chaudry on her achievement!



Equality Steering Group

Our Equality Group meets three times a year. The purpose and rationale behind it is to ensure that throughout the school we are meeting the equality objectives we have written and the requirements of the Equality Act 2010.

We are currently looking for new parental representatives to join.

If you feel you would be interested in joining this committee then please speak to Mrs Pateman or leave a message at the school office.

Y1 Phonics Screening Talk

The Year 1 children will have the Government Phonics Screening check week beginning 11th June and the Year 1 staff recently did a short presentation on what this will involve. The slides are available here (<http://www.thurnham-infant.kent.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Phonics-Screening-Information.pdf>) via the website in the important information area.

Sickness

A reminder that to protect other pupils and staff from having something passed on, children should stay off until forty eight hours after last being sick.

Parent Governor Vacancy

I am giving advance notice that I will soon be writing to parents to see if anyone would be interested in becoming a parent governor at the school. Full details will follow shortly but we are particularly interested in anyone with financial or accounting background to add to the comprehensive existing skill set amongst governors.

Thurnham In The Kent Messenger Newspaper

See below for a scan of an article in the Kent Messenger about our recent successful inspection.



Term Dates 2018-19

We have agreed term dates for next year with Roseacre. This advance notice should give parents the opportunity to avoid term time holidays. Follow this link:

<http://www.thurnham-infant.kent.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Term-dates-2018-19.pdf>) to the page containing them on the school website.

Important Summer Term Dates

Please find the list of important dates for the Summer Terms on the next page. Please note the May Day Bank holiday (Monday 7th May) and the date of the last staff development day for this academic year (on Monday 4th June). 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 ensure the best for the children.

Mr C K James
Headteacher

THURNHAM CE INFANT SCHOOL - DATES FOR SUMMER TERMS 5 + 6 2018

(note, dates may change due to unforeseen circumstances, school trip dates will be confirmed shortly and Y2 SATS Assessment is ongoing from May through to June)

Day	Date	Time	Event
Monday 7 May - Bank Holiday – School Closed			
Tuesday	8 May	9:15am	Whole Class Photographs
Thursday	24 May		Y1 Visit To The Green
Friday	25 May		Last day of term (100% Attendance stickers)
29 May – 1 June School Holiday			
Monday 4 June School Closed to children – Staff Training Day			
Tuesday	5 June	9:00am	Start of Term 6 for children
Friday	8 June		All About Britain Day
Monday	11-15 June		Y1 Phonics Screening Week
Thursday	14 June	1:45pm	First Half Of New Entrants – Visit 1 to classes
Thursday	19 June	1:45pm	Other Half Of New Entrants – Visit 2 to classes
Thursday	21 June	1:45pm	All New Entrants Visit (+ Parent Refreshments In Hall)
Thursday	28 June	7:30pm	New Reception Parents Welcome Evening
Saturday	30 June	pm	Bearsted Fayre on the Green
Monday	2 July	All Day	Y2 First Aid Training
Wednesday	4 July	pm	Sports Day (Monday 9 July if wet)
Thursday	5 July	10:00am	Yr 2 to Roseacre Induction Class Swaps / Reports sent home to parents
Tuesday	10 July	Leave 9.15am	Whole School Worship at Holy Cross Church
Wednesday	11 July	12:00pm	Picnic with Roseacre on field
Thursday	12 July	3.30-5:00pm	Parents' Consultations
Monday	16 July	9:15am 5.45-7:00pm	Year 2 Leavers' Service Rehearsal Open Evening / Walkabout For Parents & Families
Tuesday	17 July	9:15am	Year 2 Leavers' Service
Wednesday	18 July	4:30pm	Year 2 Leavers' Party
Tuesday	24 July	 2:00pm	Last day of term/100% Attendance Certificates & Book Tokens End of Year Assembly
Monday	3 Sept		Staff Development Day
Tuesday	4 Sept	8:55am	School Open For Pupils