

## **THURNHAM CE INFANT SCHOOL**

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

**Dear Parents,**

### **Miss George**

I am sad to announce that Miss George (Gold class teacher) will be leaving us to take up a promotion within the Invicta Valley Academy Trust at the end of term in July. Whilst I am pleased for Miss George, we will miss her and wish her well with the future. I have asked Miss George to add a comment below:

*"As I look forward to my new role, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank staff, pupils and parents for helping me to feel welcome during my time at Thurnham. I feel so very lucky to have worked with you and your children, they are a true credit to you all and they will be missed!"*

### **New Teacher Appointments**

As we were already advertising for a teaching post (as stated in the last newsletter, Mrs Shaw is leaving at the end of term in July as well) we appointed two teachers as part of the process last week. The children were a credit to the school and helped us a little in the selection process. I am pleased to announce we appointed Miss Sethi and Mrs Jenkinson to join us in September and we look forward to working with them.

### **Governor Goodbyes**

We have some changes to our Governing Body membership to report. We have three of our wonderful Governors standing down at the end of term in July - Bob Piggott, Keely Dunnill and Charlotte Chamberlain. All three have been fantastic support to the school, myself and the children and I will miss them greatly. A reminder that Governors give many hours to the school as volunteers, doing an amazing amount of work for the school that parents don't see and help to make Thurnham the special place that it is.

On behalf of everyone in our community I would like to thank them for everything they have done for us - their energy, commitment and friendship to the school. I wish them all well with the future knowing they will still be in touch with us. Our Governors are just the best!

As our departing Governors are not parent elected ones, the Governing Body itself will be looking to directly recruit some new Governors. We continue to be particularly interested in anyone who feels they can add financial and accounting experience to our existing excellent Governor set of skills. Please do free to have a chat with me about it.

### **New Parent Governor Appointment**

I am delighted to announce that our new Parent Governor for a four year term is Mrs Lirette Mill. The Governing Body and I look forward working with her and her contributing to the success and development of the school. We warmly welcome her to the Governing Body.

By the deadline I received the one parent application, meaning under the rules there was no need for a parent election to take place.

### **General Data Protection Regulation**

Parents may be aware from their own workplaces that the law on data protection is changing. Thurnham is well ahead in dealing with this and developing appropriate procedures to ensure we are compliant. We have added a dedicated section to the school website as well on this area with some relevant information.

This means we must ask parents of every child in school to complete an updated permission form and return it. You should find the new form for completion in your child's book bag and we ask you to return it as soon as possible. Thank you for taking the time to complete it.

### **Coin Trails**

The next event held by FOT will be the coin trail challenge for each year group and you will hopefully have already received a flyer about this. The idea is for each year group to create a trail of coins (that the children bring in to donate to FOT) and create weird and wonderful designs or pictures on the school playground with the coins that are brought in. We obviously expect a lot of 2ps and 1ps to come in but all coins are welcome.

Each year will take part at the times below (weather permitting, otherwise we will have to use the Hall).

Reception : Afternoon of Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May

Year 2 : Afternoon of Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Year 1 : Afternoon of Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

We will hopefully share pictures of the various designs.

### **New Playground Surface**

During the May week holiday we will be getting our back playground area completely resurfaced. This means we will have to leave our playground surface unmarked for a while whilst we let the new surface mature. However, the children will be able to play on it when they return to school, just without the markings.

Once we can do so, thanks to FOT and the Tesco 'bags of help' coin initiative that our community supported so well, we can fund the brand new playground markings and we think the area will look really attractive when completed.

### **Non-Uniform Day For School Fund**

Children can come in next Friday (i.e. last day of this term) in non-uniform, all we ask in return is for a small donation to the school voluntary fund (which contributes towards costs of trips, competition prizes etc.) as big or as small a donation as you like.

### **May Week Holiday**

I am sure you are aware that soon we have a week long holiday from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May through to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June. Term obviously finishes therefore on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May. A staff development day follows it on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June. School will be open as usual on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June.

I wish you all an enjoyable week long break (once it arrives) and thank you for your continuing support, especially the e-mails of praise we receive at times - they are much appreciated.

### **Art / Writing Event**

On the next page is a report on the Art / Writing event we held across the school, week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> April which we thought you would enjoy reading. Thanks to Mrs Fowler for leading this event.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C K James  
Headteacher

# Art & Writing Event!

On the week beginning Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, the whole school took part in an exciting Art Writing Event, where art work was created, and then used as a stimulus for a piece of creative writing.

Year R used a range of art media to draw a magical land that they found by going through a cupboard, Year 1 opened their cupboard and saw something VERY unexpected, and Year 2 collaged a monster that they found hiding in their wardrobe! The children were all very excited and produced some super written work in response to this!

**Look at some of the fun that we had!**

