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Website link: www.htpfederation.co.uk

A not so little note from Mrs FitzGerald...

Welcome back to the summer term everyone! Well, we find ourselves at the end of another glorious week and an extended weekend ahead which we hope everyone enjoys.

Hares Class gave us a wonderful immersing presentation this morning, sharing their recent learning of the First World War as part of their 'Britain At War' theme. The children did an amazing job from start to finish! I know everyone present, including parents, carers and special others were very impressed!

It has been a busy start to the term with new staff joining us including Mrs Farrant in the administration team across both our schools as well as Mr Ince who has been a great addition to our Learning Support Team here at Thurlow. We are looking forward to Mrs Hunt and Mrs Mills joining our ranks in the weeks ahead.

It is great to see our newly renovated pool back in action, the new heat pump is proving effective and we can be assured of the pool's longevity following the installation of the new liner - our thanks again go to Miles Laflin, the POOL Guy and his team at Jewel Pools who did a great job last half-term and over the Easter break.

The recently installed mural looks fantastic as well, we are in the process of creating a display of the children's artwork from across the Federation which contributed to the final design. When this is all completed, we will have a 'grand reveal' as it were; I know Butterflies and Bumblebees children are already using the pool but it will be lovely to celebrate all the work that has gone in to this fantastic resource.

Looking ahead we have our 'Activities Week' this half-term which will have a focus on wellbeing and particularly the 7C's of resilience, with confidence, contribution, coping and control featuring particularly. As in previous years the children will be working vertically, in their colour teams and have opportunities to try new and exciting sports, alongside undertaking the carefully planned learning linked to our wellbeing theme.

You should receive your child's new class newsletter shortly which includes further information about what your child is learning during this half-term. As before, if there is anything you would like to see in these newsletters or the whole school newsletter, please get in touch. You can do this by dropping a message to the admin@thurlowschool.co.uk email address.

Warm regards, Mrs FitzGerald

SCHOOL MEAL REMINDER

As you will remember the price of a school meal has increased for children in Year 3 through to Year 6 this term to £2.80. This increase is due to rising costs linked to food prices and our catering service and started last week.

Payments for lunches can be made using the following link:

<http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-meals-uniforms-and-trips/>

This does not affect those of you whose child/ren have school meals through the government's universal free school meal' offer for children in Reception through to Year 2 or entitlement due to eligibility for Pupil Premium.

PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL SITE

We are sending this message to remind parents and carers of the importance of driving and parking safely around the school site. It is vital due care and attention for our school, our neighbours and other drivers is given.

We know it is very challenging to park around the school site but none of us want a child attending our setting to be a road traffic accident statistic. Please ensure when parking there are gaps left to ensure passing cars can in fact pass and ensure the front of school is accessible ~ this is with the emergency services in mind.

Please remember you can park at the village hall or the church and take the short walks from either location to and from the school site. **The school car park is for staff and visitors only.**

Thank you for your support in this important matter.

STAFF BRIEFING

On a Wednesday morning, we have a short staff briefing at 8.20am to share anything pertinent about the day / week. This meeting includes all staff and means the School Office may be unmanned for a short amount of time. Please be patient, a member of staff will return!

NATIONAL CURRICULUM ASSESSMENT DATES

Key Stage One	YEAR 2 Reading and Maths Assessments (Y2) Teacher Assessed Writing (Y2) Teacher Assessed Science (Y2)	ADMINISTERED IN MAY (OPTIONAL)
	YEAR 1 Phonics Check	ADMINISTERED Week beginning 9th June
Key Stage Two	YEAR 4 Multiplication Tables Check	ADMINISTERED Week beginning 9th June
	YEAR 6 KEY STAGE TWO ASSESSMENTS Monday 12th May ~ English Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling (GPS) & Spelling Tuesday 13th May ~ English Reading Paper Wednesday 14th May ~ Maths Paper 1 (arithmetic) & Paper 2 (Reasoning) Thursday 15th May ~ Maths Paper 3 Reasoning	ADMINISTERED Week beginning 12th May

FORTHCOMING EVENTS ~ SUMMER TERM 2025

Other dates will follow but I know lots of you will want to get these onto the calendar as soon as possible. The team and I will be adding to our schedule of special days, visitors and trips, including some additional 'share' opportunities ~ keep checking this list!

Monday 5th May ~ Bank Holiday (no school)

Month of May ~ Year 2 Optional National Curriculum Assessments

Thursday 8th May ~ V E DAY Celebrations

The children are invited to come to school dressed in 1940s style clothing or in red, white and blue to mark this historic occasion. There will be a street-party style lunch with music. More details can be found on Class Dojo.

Friday 9th May ~ Bumblebees Class Family Celebration Presentation at 9am

Parents of children in Bumblebees Class only are invited.

Monday 12th May to Friday 16th May ~ Year 6 National Curriculum Assessment Week

See timetable in the newsletter for further information.

Friday 16th May ~ Otters Class Family Celebration Presentation at 9am

Parents of children in Bumblebees Class only are invited.

Monday 19th May to Friday 23rd May ~ Activities Week ~ WELLBEING WEEK

Vertically grouped in their colour teams the children will be participating in a range of learning to support and enhance their wellbeing, increase their levels of resilience linked to the 7c's as well as experience a range of new sports and activities.

FRIDAY 23RD MAY ~ END OF HALF-TERM

HALF-TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 26th May ~ Friday 30th May

Friday 6th June ~ Purple Day for Cancer Research

The children are invited to wear non-uniform and something purple for the donation of £1 to support the work of this amazing charity.

Monday 9th June to Friday 13th June ~ Year 1 Phonics & Year 4 Multiplication Checks

Friday 20th June ~ Duxford Imperial War Museum ~ Hares Class

Hares Class, along with their sister class at Hundon, will be visiting the museum linked to their 'Britain At War' theme.

Friday 20th June ~ Butterflies Class Presentation at 9am

Parents, carers and 'special others' of children in Butterflies Class are invited to join us

Thursday 26th June ~ THURLOW SPORTS AFTERNOON

Join us from lunchtime for a picnic lunch followed by our sports afternoon

FORTHCOMING EVENTS ~ SUMMER TERM 2025 continued...

Friday 4th July ~ Year 6 Leaver's Trip to Pleasurewood Hills

Friday 4th July ~ Years 3, 4 & 5 Inter-School Day

Inter-school activities with our sister school, Hundon ~ more details to follow

(Wednesday 2nd July & Thursday 3rd July ~ Linton Transition Days for Year 6)

(Monday 7th July & Tuesday 8th July ~ Stour Valley Transition Days for Year 6)

Friday 11th July ~ Annual School Reports distributed

FRIDAY 11TH JULY ~ YEAR 6 LEAVER'S PRESENTATION at 9am

Year 6 Parents, carers and 'special others' are invited to this special celebration presentation

(Wednesday 16th July to Friday 18th July ~ Unity School Transition Days for Year 6)

Wednesday 16th July and Thursday 17th July ~ 'MOVE UP' DAYS for all pupils

Friday 18th July ~ LAST DAY OF THE SUMMER TERM

USEFUL RESOURCES

We wanted to highlight the availability of some NHS online learning resources which are being made available by Suffolk County Council for free to support parents with their children. As well as advice and guidance they include lots of practical tips. Whilst the courses look quite long, between 10 and 13 modules, each module is just 15 minutes, you can dip in and out, select certain sections or choose to use the courses as a whole in manageable chunks, coming back to it when convenient. These are just three:

Understanding your child: from toddler to teenager ~ <https://inourplace.heiapply.com/online-learning/course/59>

Understanding your child's feelings ~ <https://inourplace.heiapply.com/online-learning/course/40>

Understanding your child's mental health and wellbeing ~ <https://inourplace.heiapply.com/online-learning/course/56>