



Thurlow Church of England (VC) Primary School Newsletter

Friday 20th December, 2024



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A little note from Mrs FitzGerald...

Well, I cannot quite believe it but the end of term is upon us and here I am writing this, the last newsletter of the Autumn Term!

It was lovely that so many of you were able to come to our 'Carols on the Playground' event this week, it was lovely to see all of you! The children were brilliant and did a great job!

We all enjoyed our Christmas Lunch in our Christmas-y outfits raising funds for the 'Save The Children' charity and our children in Butterflies and Bumblebees classes did amazingly in this year's nativity 'I'm Gonna Shine!' They were all stars!!

As I close, I want to say well done to all the children for working so hard in their learning to make progress, both academically and personally so far this year and take this opportunity to thank our amazing team across the Federation for the incredible job they continue to do, always giving their best efforts and putting the children at the heart of everything.

We hope you have the most fabulous time over the winter holiday and we look forward to seeing and working with you all in January when the children (and us) return refreshed and recharged!

Warmest regards, Mrs. FitzGerald

SEVERE WEATHER

Every effort will be made to keep the school open in severe weather. The school would only close if it is no longer safe for staff and pupils to travel to school and be on site.

We recognise that it is important that our school remains open so parents are able to work and pupils can continue to learn. Therefore, we will make every effort to prepare for severe weather.

Information about school closure will be posted:

- **Class Dojo**
- **ParentMail**
- **Via the Suffolk County Council website: <http://schoolclosures.suffolk.gov.uk>**
- **Facebook**

MORNING SPORTS CLUB AND AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB

Morning Sports Club resumes on the children's first day of the spring term which is **Tuesday 7th January**. These sessions start from 8am and cost a nominal cost of £2, which must be paid for in advance.

Our after-school club starts on **Wednesday 15th January**, running until 4.15pm and again at a nominal cost of £2 per session. In both instances please pay for your sessions using this link: [Online Payment Link](#)

SWIMMING

Just a reminder that our children in Years 4 and 5 will be swimming at the Abbeycroft Leisure Centre in Haverhill in the new year. Parents with children in Oak Class and Hawthorn Class please look out for a ParentMail and Dojo message when term starts for more details.

AS BEFORE: ADDITIONAL SUPPORT AT THURLOW

Across our school, for various reasons and circumstances, or perhaps related to learning need, difficulty or challenge, there are individuals in receipt of additional input.

This input can take a variety of forms. It may include an individualised timetable, particular adaptations to the school day, a personalised plan as well as the use of specific programmes and various interventions linked to defined areas of learning such as social development, early reading, an aspect of Maths etc..

This additional support may include directed learning support, work with one of our ELSA's (Emotional Literacy Support Assistants,) one-to-one input as part of an intervention and small group work.

Additionally, the school supports families in making referrals for the identification of neurodevelopmental conditions and, where appropriate, applying for assessments for Education Health Care Plans (EHCPs) as well as supporting families to access external specialist services and support agencies including School Nursing, Family Support Services, Young Carers and Children's Social Care.

As parents or carers, you need to know this is available to children who may be in vulnerable or difficult circumstances and you need to know this work is currently taking place. As parents and carers, I am sure you can understand it would not be appropriate to share more information than this for reasons related to privacy and confidentiality ~ children and their parents and carers should not know private and personal information about another child or family and what is or isn't in place to support them just as it would not be right to share private and personal information relating to your child or circumstances.

I share this information as I want to ensure there are no misunderstandings about what is or isn't happening or is or isn't being done in school for individuals.

If there is anything that you feel we are not aware of related to your child or their class it is, of course, your child's Class Teacher you need to speak to in the first instance. The easiest and quickest way is via our learning platform, Class Dojo. Our teaching team is very conscientious and will endeavour to respond within working hours, that is between 8am and 6pm (at the latest,) Monday to Friday or on the next working day.

If any parent has concerns regarding additional support at Thurlow or any other matter then I encourage you to make an appointment to see me.

Best regards, Mrs. FitzGerald

FROM CLARE AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Hello & Merry Christmas too all,

Clare Amateur Dramatic Society would like to invite any 7-year-olds & above to be involved in their next pantomime as part of the chorus, it is Cinderella...oh no it isn't...oh yes, it is!!

This will be performed on the 4th & 5th of April, rehearsals will be starting on Monday 6th January at 6.30pm in the Old School Community Centre. It is a great opportunity for younger children to experience being on stage and promote confidence.

Please come along on the 6th/13th/20th if your child is interested on joining in.

Email cads1935@gmail.com with any questions

FORTHCOMING EVENTS ~ SPRING 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 6th January ~ PD DAY

Tuesday 7th January ~ FIRST DAY OF THE SPRING TERM FOR THE CHILDREN

Friday 17th January ~ Otters Class Family Celebration Presentation at 9am

Parents of children in Otters Class only are invited.

Friday 24th January ~ Butterflies Class Family Celebration Presentation at 9am

Parents of children in Butterflies Class only are invited.

Friday 31st January ~ Hares Class Family Celebration Presentation at 9am

Parents of children in Hares Class only are invited.

Monday 3rd February to Friday 7th February ~ National Storytelling Week

There will be lots of storytelling learning and activities underway across the school this week.

Tuesday 11th February ~ Safer Internet Day ~ more details to follow

Friday 14th February ~ Bumblebees Class Family Celebration Presentation at 9am

Parents of children in Bumblebees Class only are invited.

FRIDAY 14TH FEBRUARY ~ END OF HALF-TERM

HALF-TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 17th February ~ Friday 21st February

Thursday 6th March ~ World Book Day ~ more details to follow

Monday 10th March to Friday 14th March ~ British Science Week ~ more details to follow

Friday 4th April ~ LAST DAY OF THE SPRING TERM

Spring Holiday ~ Monday 7th April to Monday 21st April 2025

Monday 5th May ~ early May Bank Holiday