



Laying the foundations for a bright future

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A little note from Mrs FitzGerald...

The end of another fabulous week here at Thurlow! I cannot believe the rapid rate at which this academic year has flown by! We only have one week of school left to go!

All the children have worked so hard this year, as their annual reports show, we are proud of them and we know you are too!

We are looking forward to our 'Move Up' days next week as well as our Year 6 Leaver's Presentation on Monday 15th and we look forward to seeing our Year 6 parents, carers and special others there!

I am sure everyone is looking forward to the weekend - enjoy if you can!

Warm regards, Mrs FitzGerald

THURLOW: STAFFING AND CLASS ORGANISATION UPDATE ~ SEPTEMBER 2024

As mentioned last week we will be welcoming Miss Catherine Dennison, who has a wealth of Key Stage 1 experience, to join our Federation. Miss Dennison will be leading our year 1 and 2's in Bumblebees Class here at Thurlow as Miss Allin departs to focus on her passion for supporting children with special educational needs and disabilities as well as their social, emotional, mental health and wellbeing in a mentoring capacity.

Otters Class (Year 3/4) will continue to be led by Mrs Tipper and Hares Class (Year 5/6) will continue to be taught by Mrs Feakes. Mrs Read-Graves will continue leading our new reception children as Butterflies Class.

Additional learning support for specific individuals and groups of children will continue with our existing learning support team members as well as new colleagues (recruitment is on-going.)

One further change is the departure of Miss Rachel Jeffs, our current Sports Instructor, who has supported our PE provision over the last year as well as supporting learning in classes. I know you will join me in wishing Miss Jeffs well in her future endeavours. Going forward we will be drawing on the expertise of Prestige Sports to ensure quality and consistency in our PE provision in September.

As before, if you have any questions or queries about this please contact me at school.

Warm regards, Mrs FitzGerald

SCHOOL MEALS ~ AUTUMN TERM 2024 ~ FIRST HALF

The cost of a school meal in Years 3 to 6 is £2.60 (a week is £13.00.) **School meals MUST be paid for in advance.** Payment is required online where a minimum of five meals must be purchased at any one time. The cost of the first half of the Autumn term is £98.80. Here is the link for payment:

[Pay for school meals - Suffolk County Council](#)

For your information....

With the changes to School Attendance coming into force from 19th August which includes higher fine costs and the Department for Education's (DfE) stance that a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation is not considered to be an exceptional circumstance and I wanted to take the opportunity to ensure there is no confusion or misunderstanding surrounding this.

As is the case for all schools we are obligated to follow the statutory guidance and regulations laid down by the DfE and in turn, the Local Authority, which also includes directives for areas such as attendance. To be clear, the fines are not received by schools and our attendance figures are closely scrutinised by the Local Authority as well as other professional bodies such as Ofsted. It is in our own best interests that all our children are at school on time and attend regularly, in order that they can take full advantage of the very best educational experiences and highest educational standards we are constantly striving to provide.

We do not want there to be any misunderstandings regarding this, or any other matter. **If you have any concerns, then please contact the school and if we can help, we will.** For matters pertinent to your child, their Class Teacher is obviously the 'first port of call'. This helps us to support you and your child/ren effectively and ensures our school is a safe place for all members of our community.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Please check back regularly as additional dates added as and when activities / visits are confirmed!

SUMMER TERM 2024

(Wednesday 17th July to Friday 19th July ~ Unity School Transition Days for Year 6)

Friday 19th July ~ LAST DAY OF THE SUMMER TERM

AUTUMN TERM 2024

Monday 2nd September ~ PD DAY

Tuesday 3rd September ~ PD DAY

Wednesday 4th September ~ FIRST DAY OF THE AUTUMN TERM FOR THE CHILDREN

Friday 13th September ~ Roald Dahl Day

Monday 18th September ~ 'Early Reading in Reception ~ Introduction to Phonics'

3:20pm to 4pm ~ Butterflies Class with Mrs Read-Graves

Tuesday 19th September to Thursday 21st September

~ 'Meet the Teacher' Sessions ~

Tuesday 19th September ~ 3:20pm to 4pm ~ Bumblebees Class with Miss Dennison

Wednesday 20th September ~ 3:20pm to 4pm ~ Otters Class with Mrs Tipper

Thursday 21st September ~ 3:20pm to 4pm ~ Hares Class with Mrs Feakes

Friday 20th September ~ Otter Class Family Celebration Presentation at 9am

Parents, carers & significant others of children in Otters Class are invited.

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AUTUMN TERM 2024 continued...

Friday 27th September ~ Cake Sale after-school in support of Macmillan

Thursday 3rd October ~ National Poetry Day

There will be lots of poetry-focused learning across the school today. At 2:15pm in the afternoon, we are hosting 'share' sessions and parents and carers are invited to attend. Join your child and share their learning as part of this day.

Thursday 10th October ~ World Mental Health Day

Friday 11th October ~ Hares Class Family Celebration Presentation at 9am

Parents, carers & significant others of children in Hawthorn Class are invited.

Friday 18th October ~ Bumblebees Class Family Celebration Presentation at 9am

Parents, carers & significant others of children in Hawthorn Class are invited.

Wednesday 23rd October ~ HARVEST SERVICE at our church, St Peters, Thurlow

FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER ~ END OF HALF-TERM

HALF-TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 28th October ~ Friday 1st November

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Please check back regularly as additional dates added as and when activities / visits are confirmed!

SUMMER TERM 2024

(Monday 8th July to Wednesday 10th July ~ Stour Valley Transition Days for Year 6)

Friday 12th July ~ Annual School Reports distributed

MONDAY 15TH JULY ~ YEAR 6 LEAVER'S PRESENTATION at 2.30pm

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

(Wednesday 17th July to Friday 19th July ~ Unity School Transition Days for Year 6)

Wednesday 17th July and Thursday 18th July ~ 'MOVE UP' DAYS for all pupils

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