

Thurlow Church of England (VC) Primary School Newsletter Friday 24th May, 2024



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Website link: <u>www.htpfederation.co.uk</u>

A little note from Mrs FitzGerald...

What a great job Hares Class did in their Celebration Presentation this morning, it was lovely to see lots of you were able to come along!

Well, here we are at the end of the first half of the summer term ~ I don't know about anyone else but it seems to have come around ever so quickly!!

We are very much looking forward to the coming half-term and we have lots planned, not least our 'Activities Week' which starts as soon as the children come back to school. This is going to be a very exciting week in which the children are going to be visiting different regions of the world each day, learning about their locations and special features as well as experiencing elements of their culture, art, music and food. Alongside this the children will be engaged in different sporting activities as well, including Olympic sports, Lacrosse, archery and axe throwing!

With all this in mind, as in previous years, the children will be in their teams and they will need to wear clothes that are sensible for sporting / messy activities and trainers. As part of this week the children will also be building their 'soft' skills including listening, collaboration, leadership, empathy, and creative thinking.

Parents are invited to join their children from 2.15pm on the Friday 7th June to visit the different world regions before heading home!

I have kept the flyer with the information about online safety information sessions for parents in this newsletter, here is the link https://nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk/cyber-choices and here are links to further helpful sources of information and support with mobile phone use, social media and games consoles in mind https://saferinternet.org.uk/quide-and-resource/parents-and-carers

Fingers crossed the weather holds and everyone manages some family time in the sunshine! I hope everyone has a lovely break!

Warm regards, Mrs FitzGerald



PTA UPDATE From meeting on Wednesday 22nd May



A big thank you to those parents able to come along to this meeting which was very positive. We talked through the school's pond project and thought about PTA activities for the remainder of the term as well as looked ahead to the new academic year.

These activities included putting together a little 'Welcome Pack' and flyer for new parents whose children will be starting in September when they come to visit in early June and organising for a bouncy castle to be available after the family picnic and sports afternoon at the recreation ground.

With the coming year in mind we began planning to have a movie night, a Christmas disco and a Christmas Raffle.

Minutes of the meeting were made which committee members can share and one of my jobs over half-term will be to update the PTA page on the website and I will add the minutes on there so everyone can see them.

NATIONAL CURRICULUM ASSESSMENT DATES		
Key Stage One	YEAR 1 Phonics Check	ADMINISTERED Week beginning 10th June
Key Stage Two	YEAR 4 Multiplication Tables Check	ADMINISTERED Week beginning 10th June



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

Friday 24th May ~ LAST DAY OF THE HALF-TERM Summer Half-Term ~ Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May

Monday 3rd June to Friday 7th June ~ ACTIVITIES WEEK

The children will be in their teams, wearing clothes that are sensible for sporting activities and potentially getting a bit messy experimenting with new sports, undertaking activities linked to learning about world regions and further developing their 'soft' skills. Parents are invited to join their children from 2.15pm on the Friday

7th June to visit the different world regions before heading home!

Monday 10th June May to Friday 14th June ~ Year 1 Phonics & Year 4 Multiplication Checks

Monday 10th June ~ Cambridge Botanic Gardens ~ Bumblebees Class

Bumblebees Class, along with their sister class at Hundon, will be visiting the gardens linked to their 'The Scented Garden' theme.

Thursday 12th June ~ 'NO JOKE' Play at Haverhill Arts Centre ~ Hares Class

Hares Class, along with their sister class at Hundon, will be visiting the Arts Centre to watch a performance of the play, 'NO JOKE'.

Friday 14 June ~ Bumblebees Class Presentation at 9am

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

Monday 17th June to Thursday 20th June ~ BIKEABILITY for Hares Class

Tuesday 18th June ~ Felixstowe Beach Trip ~ Butterflies Class

Butterflies Class, along with their sister class at Hundon, will be visiting the gardens linked to their 'On The Beach' theme.

Thursday 27th June ~ THURLOW SPORTS AFTERNOON

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

Friday 28th June ~ Fitzwilliam Museum Visit ~ Otters Class

Otters Class, along with their sister class at Hundon, will be visiting the museum linked to their 'Ancient Civilisations' theme.

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

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

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

(Wednesday 3rd July to Thursday 4th July ~ Linton Transition Days for Year 6)

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

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

SUMMER TERM 2024 continued...

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

Friday 19th July ~ LAST DAY OF THE SUMMER TERM



Cyber Choices and Online Safety Events

For parents / carers of children aged 9 and up

You are invited to attend two free online sessions to discuss all things "cyber".

These sessions will be suitable for parents/carers of children in Year 5 (age 9) and above. This will be a fantastic opportunity to learn and ask questions regarding your child's online world and it shouldn't be missed!

Part 1 will introduce you to the Cyber Choices programme which will be delivered by the Eastern Region Cyber Choices Team. They will provide:

- An overview to parents and carers on what cybercrime is.
- What the risks to young people are.
- How the Cyber Choices programme supports at-risk individuals.
- How you can refer a young person into Cyber Choices.

You will also hear from Kent County Council's Education Safeguarding Team, who will provide an overview of;

- Some of the potential risks that children and young people may experience online.
- Advice to support parents to make informed decisions and keep their children safer online.

Please visit the NCA website to find out more about Cyber Choices

Please register for <u>one</u> part 1 session only (as these will be duplicated), by clicking on the link below.

Wednesday 8th May 2024 @ 1000 - Part 1 Book here

Wednesday 5th June 2024 @ 1300 - Part 1 Book here

Wednesday 3rd July 2024 @ 1600 - Part 1 Book here <u>Part 2</u> will be delivered by the Eastern Region Cyber Protect Team. They will provide:

- Advice on how to improve your personal cyber security.
- Identifying and protecting yours (and your children's) key accounts.
- Threats and techniques that cyber criminals may use to target you / your family.
- . Benefits of family accounts.
- · Parental controls on your router.
- Signposting to useful resources.

The aim of the session is to provide you with tools and techniques to improve the cyber security of your family.

Advice and guidance from the session will be in line with the Government's <u>Stop! Think Fraud</u> and the National Cyber Security Centres <u>CyberAware</u> campaigns.

Again, please register for <u>one</u> part 2 session only (as these will be duplicated), by clicking on the link below.

Wednesday 15th May 2024 @ 1000 - Part 2 Book here

Wednesday 12th June 2024 @ 1300 - Part 2 Book here

Wednesday 10th July 2024 @ 1600 - Part 2 Book here

If you have any questions or would like us to cover a certain topic within our sessions, then please complete our online form.