

Thurlow Church of England (VC) Primary School Newsletter Friday 3rd May, 2024 Laying the foundations for a bright future



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A little note from Mrs FitzGerald...

Gosh, May already ~ how did that happen!? Where is the time going! It has been amazing that everyone has been so supportive of our non-uniform day today in support of Cancer Research UK ~ thank you everyone! Hares Class were impeccably behaved on their visit to Shimpling Farm this week, they are a credit to the school and all of you!

You'll have no doubt spotted we have OM Health Consultancy in on Tuesday next week enhancing the children's personal, social and emotional health and wellbeing, linked to their ongoing learning in PSHEE (Personal, Social, Health & Economic Education.) Annie will be working with the children, building on the previous work linked to resilience and there will be an opportunity for drop-in sessions for parents, if you are interested in booking a slot please let Mrs Sanders know and we will endeavour to facilitate this for you!

I mentioned a couple of weeks back about moving forward with our pond project, we are currently in the process of sorting contractors to clear the area and I have a landscaping company ready to take on the project. I have recently applied to Tesco for a Community Grant to support this and I am optimistic that B&Q in Haverhill will also help out with materials ~ I shall update you in due course!

I do hope everyone can have an enjoyable extended weekend ~ fingers crossed for good weather!

Warmest regards, Mrs FitzGerald





Along with members of the current committee, Mrs Feakes and I are hosting a meeting for <u>all PTA members</u> ~ remember every parent is automatically part of the School's PTA.

We will be looking at our calendar of events for the coming academic year and thinking about possible PTA fundraising activities as well as talking about roles within the committee ~ please come along ~ we need your support and there will be cake!!

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 10th June
Key Stage Two	YEAR 4 Multiplication Tables Check	ADMINISTERED Week beginning 10th June
	YEAR 6 KEY STAGE TWO ASSESSMENTS Monday 13th May ~ English Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling (GPS) & Spelling Tuesday 14th May ~ English Reading Paper Wednesday 15th May ~ Maths Paper 1 (arithmetic) & Paper 2 (Reasoning) Thursday 16th May ~ Maths Paper 3 Reasoning	ADMINISTERED Week beginning 13th May

We will be scheduling information sessions for parents as well as additional workshops / 'booster' sessions for the children in the coming weeks as necessary.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS ~ ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?

With the current economic climate and continuing rises in costs to living, we wanted to remind families about accessing free school meals.

We strongly urge you to check, especially if your circumstances have changed or change unexpectedly and remember they are not just available if you are unemployed. The process is completely confidential and pupils entitled to and claiming free school meals are not identified in any way.

You can be reassured your child has access to a healthy, nutritious and tasty meal at lunchtime and is well nourished for an afternoon of learning.

In addition, the number of pupils registered will positively impact on school funding; in these tricky financial times this will provide much needed extra financial support to the school so please check and register, whether or not your child wishes to eat a school meal regularly.

CHECK HERE: APPLY FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS

OFSTED'S 'BIG LISTEN'

This initiative was launched earlier this month by Sir Martyn Oliver, the new Ofsted chief. He is seeking feedback on their work and they are keen to hear from parents, carers and learners.

The consultation is due to end on 31st May, if you wish to participate the consultation can be access via this link: https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/ofsted-big-listen

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Please check back regularly as additional dates added as and when activities / visits are confirmed! <u>SUMMER TERM 2024</u>

Month of May ~ Year 2 National Curriculum Assessments

Monday 6th May ~ Bank Holiday (May Day)

Friday 10th May ~ Otters Class Presentation at 9am

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

Monday 13th May to Thursday 16th May ~ Year 6 National Curriculum Assessments

Friday 17th May ~ Butterflies Class Presentation at 9am

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

Tuesday 21st May ~ Renewable Farming Visitor ~ Hares Class

Hares Class, will be joined by a renewable farming expert to enhance their learning as part of their 'Sow, Grow & Farm' theme.

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 ~ more details will follow

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

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

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

SUMMER TERM 2024 continued...

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

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

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

Friday 12th July ~ Annual School Reports distributed

FRIDAY 12TH JULY ~ YEAR 6 LEAVER'S PRESENTATION at 9am

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





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