



## Laying the foundations for a bright future

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### A very warm welcome to our new pupils!

In Reception...	Autumn	Lynton	Theo	Luke	Iolo
Matilda	Victoria	Jasper	Adalin		Dominik
Mason	Emily	Joseph		Sailor-Hart	

#### In other year groups we welcome...

Saxon	Sam	Monty	Ivy	Fleur	Florence
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Welcome to the Thurlow and Federation Family, we are so pleased you are here!

#### A little note from Mrs FitzGerald...

Welcome to the new school year! A warm welcome to our parents, carers and pupils, especially those of you joining our Thurlow School Family for the first time.

We have been working hard at Hundon and Thurlow Primary Federation, both before the term ended and through the summer to enhance further our Federation curriculum. With our return to four classes we have worked hard to review and update our bespoke rolling curriculum, with new themes and supporting class texts to engage and enthuse all our children, ensuring sufficient opportunities to revisit and extend skills as well as introduce new and exciting topics through which our children will gain the subject specific skills and knowledge.

We are also embedding new complementary resources in Maths, Music, Computing and French to further enriching our curriculum 'offer' across all subjects. The children's wellbeing and mental health remains a priority and our excellent pastoral support and learning provision in PSHEE (Personal, Social, Health & Economic Education) and BRAVE (Beliefs, Religions & Values Education) will continue to support these areas.

Following parental feedback, we are returning to half-termly class newsletters, the first of which will be shared next week and again in response to your views we are increasing the level of information within these so you have a good knowledge and understanding of what your children are learning.

We also have our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions scheduled for the week beginning 18th September (please check the 'Forthcoming Events' dates for which day is for your class) which will also give you lots of information on a 'typical day' as well as specifics about what your children are learning.

Thank you for all your support with the children's smooth start to the school year. The children are looking so smart! As the first week comes to a close we have been so impressed with how well all the children are settling, following routines, working hard and giving their best efforts - they are a credit to you all!

We are excited to be working with you and your children as they embark on the next steps in their learning. We are a dedicated team who go 'above and beyond' - your children are at the heart of everything we do.

Warmest regards, Mrs FitzGerald

## **THANK YOU!**

**A huge thank you to all the children and parents for your kind words, cards and gifts at the end of term ~ we very much appreciate your kindness and generosity!**

## **FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

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!

## **SWIMMING**

Hares Class will start their swimming sessions at the leisure centre from Tuesday 12th September and will need to remember their kits.

Given the lovely weather we are keen to make use of the school pool whilst we can. Bumblebees Class will have swimming sessions from Tuesday 12th September and will need to remember their kits.

## **'MEET THE TEACHER' SESSIONS**

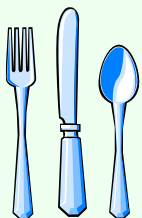
We introduced these some years ago with teachers sharing information on a 'typical' day in the classroom, the timetable, themes, subject details, and so on to support parents in knowing what their child is learning. Details of sessions are in the forthcoming events list and will also be shared on Class Dojo.

Remember these sessions are for you so if you have any particular questions / topics / information you'd like to know specifically please let your child's teacher know in advance so they can include these in their session.

## **MORNING CLUB AND AFTER-SCHOOL FOOTBALL CLUB**

Just a reminder that these sessions cost £2 per session which must be paid for in advance. We still have places available within our morning and football clubs, please speak to the School Office for more information.

## **SCHOOL MEAL REMINDER**



The cost of a school meal in Years 3 to 6 is £2.50 (a week is £12.50.) **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 £82.50.

## **Data Collection Forms**

The data collection forms will be coming home with children in the coming weeks so please look out for them in book bags. Please make any amendments to details on the data collection forms as necessary before returning to school. If there are any details you think we need to know please inform the school office. Many thanks in advance.

## **REMINDER!**

**Please be sure to name all uniform, particularly ties, jumpers and cardigans. This helps us ensure misplaced items can be returned quickly ~ thank you for your support in this matter.**

## **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

The children are looking very smart in their uniforms, thank you so much for your support with this. It really helps with enhancing the children's sense of belonging and contributes to their attitude to their learning and work. Our uniform requirements are as follows:

<b>THURLOW CHURCH OF ENGLAND (VC) PRIMARY SCHOOL</b>	
<b>SCHOOL:</b>	<b>PE:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Royal blue sweatshirt, jumper, fleece or cardigan</li><li>▪ Grey or black trousers, skirt, shorts or dress</li><li>▪ White shirt</li><li>▪ Royal blue/gold tie (in stock at school)</li><li>▪ Summer option: Blue checked dress</li><li>▪ Plain socks / tights (royal blue, grey, black, white)</li><li>▪ Suitable black outdoor footwear*</li><li>▪ Sunhats in summer</li></ul> <p>*When the weather is particularly warm we suggest the children wear flat, closed toe sandals for comfort.</p>	<p>PE KIT consists of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Dark, plain shorts with elasticated waist (no zips please)</li><li>▪ Official Thurlow PE shirt / plain T-shirt in white (no buttons or zips please)</li><li>▪ Trainers</li><li>▪ Plain tracksuit bottom and top (in winter / if cold)</li></ul> <p>SWIMMING KIT consists of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ A ONE PIECE swimming costume or pair of swimming shorts / trunks</li><li>▪ A towel</li><li>▪ A swimming hat</li><li>▪ Suitable footwear from the classroom to the pool. (e.g. flipflops / water shoes / crocs)</li></ul>
Uniform with the school logo are available from Brigade	

## **PARENT FORUM - Wednesday 11th October, straight after drop-off.**

I am hoping to re-establish our Parent Forum and to this end, the next session will be on Wednesday 11th October, straight after drop off in the morning. This is an informal group, which typically meets termly. Every parent / carer with a child enrolled at the school is automatically a member and can come along.

The purpose of Parent Forum is to support parents in being involved in their child's school life. We share information on developments in school, these are linked to learning as well as the learning environment, we consult on policy and it is an opportunity for parents to raise issues and give their views.

## **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 and St Peters Church and take the short walks from either location to and from the school site.

Thank you for your support in this important matter.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Others will follow but I know lots of you will want to get these onto the calendar as soon as possible. The team and I are continuing to add to our schedule with special days, visitors and trips, including some additional 'share' opportunities - we will keep you posted!

### AUTUMN TERM 2023

**Wednesday 13th September ~ Roald Dahl Day**

**Monday 18th September to Thursday 21st September**

**~ 'Meet the Teacher' Sessions ~**

Monday 18th September ~ 3:20pm to 4pm ~ Butterflies Class with Mrs Read-Graves

Tuesday 19th September ~ 3:20pm to 4pm ~ Hares Class with Mrs Feakes

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

Thursday 21st September ~ 3:20pm to 4pm ~ Bumblebees Class with Miss Allin

**Thursday 21st September ~ International Day of Peace**

**Friday 29th September ~ Cake Sale after-school in support of Macmillan**

**Thursday 5th 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.

**Friday 6th October ~ Hares Class Family Celebration Presentation at 9am**

Parents of children in Hares Class only are invited.

**Tuesday 10th October ~ World Mental Health Day**

**Wednesday 11th October ~ PARENT FORUM**

Come along straight after drop-off, have a cup of coffee and tell us how we are doing!

**Friday 13th October ~ Otters Class Family Celebration Presentation at 9am**

Parents of children in Otters Class only are invited.

**Wednesday 18th October ~ HARVEST SERVICE at our church, St Peters, Little Thurlow**

**Friday 20th October ~ Otters Class Visit to West Stow**

**FRIDAY 20TH OCTOBER ~ END OF HALF-TERM**

**HALF-TERM HOLIDAY**

Monday 23rd October ~ Friday 27th October

**Tuesday 31st October ~ 'LIGHT DAY' ~ more details will follow**

**Friday 3rd November ~ Bumblebees Class Family Celebration Presentation at 9am**

Parents of children in Bumblebees Class only are invited.

**Monday 6th November to Friday 10th November**

**PARLIAMENT LEARNING WEEK including School Council Elections**

**Tuesday 7th November ~ PARENT CONSULTATIONS for Butterflies Class & Bumblebees Class**

**Wednesday 8th November ~ PARENT CONSULTATIONS for Otters Class & Hares Class**

Find out how your child is doing in class with their academic targets.

**Friday 10th November ~ Celebration Presentation including introduction of School Council Representatives & outcome of Team Name Competition at 9am**

Parents of elected School Council Representatives only are invited.

**Friday 10th November ~ REMEMBRANCE DAY (AT SCHOOL)**

Wednesday 15th November ~ PROSPECTIVE PARENTS OPEN MORNING ~ 9.15am until 12pm

**Monday 13th November ~ World Kindness Day, coinciding with the start of anti-bullying week and concluding with Friday 17th November ~ Children in Need Day (non-uniform day)**

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

Parents of children in Butterflies Class only are invited.

**Wednesday 29th November ~ CHRISTINGLE SERVICE at our church, St Peters, Little Thurlow**

**Thursday 7th December ~ AM & PM Performances of our Reception Class Nativity**

**Thursday 14th December ~ Christmas Jumper Day**

**Tuesday 19th December ~ Carols on the Playground at 2.30pm**

**Wednesday 20th December ~ 'WELL DRESSED WEDNESDAY'**

End of term parties & party clothes!

**Wednesday 20th December ~ LAST DAY OF THE AUTUMN TERM**

Full swing  
tennis coaching



# TENNIS

## AFTERSCHOOL CLUB



# HUNDON / THURLLOW

- 🎾 Mondays - Hundon    🎾 Thursdays - Thurlow
- 🎾 3:15-4:00pm - Starting WB September 18th
- 🎾 [fullswingtennis.com/hundonthurlow](http://fullswingtennis.com/hundonthurlow)

**AUTUMN TERM BOOKING NOW!**

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