



## Laying the foundations for a bright future

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### Head Teacher's Golden Mention Awards

Postponed in light of yesterday's sad news.

#### **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. We have new themes and supporting class texts to engage and enthuse all our children and we have been updating our reading approach as well as renewing our reading materials across both schools.

We will be continuing to embed our complementary resources in Maths, Music, Computing and French and further enriching our curriculum 'offer' across all subjects. The children's wellbeing and mental health remain 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.

The learning environment has had some attention over the holiday and will continue to do so, both inside and out, as the term progresses - watch this space!

Thank you for all your support with the children's smooth start to the school year. The children are looking so smart and proud in their new ties - fabulous to see! 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 really looking forward to working with you and your children as they embark on the next steps in their learning. We are fortunate to have a dedicated team who go 'above and beyond' daily - 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 8.30am 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!

## **CLASS NEWSLETTERS**

Our Class Newsletters will be 'winging their way' to your inboxes today via ParentMail and on Class Dojo, in fact you might already have got them by the time you read this newsletter! Class Teachers will also upload them to Class Dojo and a paper copy will be available from the School Office if required.

We have maintained our extended and consistent content whilst sustaining the individual nature of each class and team ~ hopefully! If there are other things you would like included in the newsletters, class or otherwise or have suggestions then please come along to our **Parent Forum session** which is planned **for Wednesday 28th September, straight after drop-off.**

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

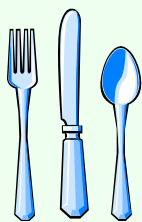
We introduced these some years ago with teachers sharing information on a 'typical' day in the classroom, the timetable, themes, subject details, and so on to support parents in knowing what their child is learning. Details of sessions have been shared via Class Dojo.

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.

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

Just a reminder that we still have places available within our breakfast 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 £2.30 (a week is £11.50.) **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 £80.50.

## **Data Collection Forms**

The data collection forms will be coming home with children in the coming week 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>
Uniform with the school logo are available from Brigade	

## **NON-UNIFORM DAY IN SUPPORT OF MACMILLAN FRIDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER**

Rather than our usual cake sale, which we appreciate can be quite costly; we will be inviting the children to attend school in non-uniform on this day at the cost of £1.00. Funds raised will be donated to this important charity. During the day, the children will have the opportunity to decorate and eat a cake provided by the school.

## **PARENT FORUM - Wednesday 28th September, straight after drop-off.**

I am hoping to re-establish our Parent Forum and to this end, the next session will be on Wednesday 28th September, 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.

## **YOUTH SPORT TRUST**

Please find attached a link to the latest magazine from the Youth Sports Trust. It has lots of good ideas, hints and tips for getting active! Also, don't forget Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September is NATIONAL FITNESS DAY!

<https://ystcms.youthsporttrust.org/media/okhfijl/together-august-2022.pdf>

## 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 2022

**Monday 12th September to Wednesday 14th September**

~ 'Meet the Teacher' Sessions ~

See Class Dojo for specific class dates and times

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

**Wednesday 21st September to Friday 23rd September**

YEAR 5 & 6 KINGSWOOD RESIDENTIAL TRIP

Years 2 to 4 Arts & Humanities

**Wednesday 28th September ~ PARENT FORUM**

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

**Friday 30th September ~ Non-uniform Day in support of Macmillan**

**Thursday 6th 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 7th October ~ Hares Class Family Celebration Presentation at 2.45pm**

Parents of children in Hares Class only are invited.

**Friday 14th October ~ Otters Class Family Celebration Presentation at 2.45pm**

Parents of children in Otters Class only are invited.

**Thursday 20th October ~ HARVEST SERVICE at the church (TBC)**

**FRIDAY 21ST OCTOBER ~ END OF HALF-TERM**

**HALF-TERM HOLIDAY**

Monday 24th October ~ Friday 28th October

**Monday 31st October to Friday 4th November**

**PARLIAMENT LEARNING WEEK including School Council Elections**

**Monday 7th November to Thursday 10th November ~ PARENT CONSULTATIONS**

(Individual Class Teachers will confirm specific days and times available via Class Dojo)

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

**Friday 4th November ~ Celebration Presentation including introduction of School Council Representatives at 2.45pm** Parents of elected School Council Representatives only are invited.

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

**Friday 11th November ~ REMEMBRANCE DAY**

**Monday 14th November ~ World Kindness Day, coinciding with the start of anti-bullying week and concluding with Friday 18th November ~ Children in Need Day**

**Friday 25th November ~ Butterflies Class Family Celebration Presentation at 2.45pm**

Parents of children in Butterflies Class only are invited.

**Thursday 1st December ~ CHRISTINGLE SERVICE at the church (TBC)**

**Thursday 8th December ~ AM & PM Performances of our Reception & Year 1 Nativity**

**Wednesday 14th December ~ Christmas Jumper Day (TBC)**

**Friday 16th December ~ 'FANCY FRIDAY' ~ end of term parties (& party clothes!)**

**Friday 16th December ~ LAST DAY OF THE AUTUMN TERM**