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

It has been another busy week of learning here at Thurlow. The children continue to demonstrate positive attitudes and learning behaviour, which is so pleasing to see. The children are clearly enjoying their new themes for this half-term / term.

Our 'Let's Explore!' theme is captivating our youngest children's interest in Butterflies Class and our Year 1 and Year 2 children in Bumblebees Class are thoroughly absorbed in their 'Towers, Turrets and Tunnels' theme.

In Otters Class the Year 3 and Year 4 children are really engaged with their 'Invasions' theme and quite enthralled by the epic poem 'Beowulf'. Hares Class, our oldest children, in Years 5 and 6, are very much enthralled by their 'Dynamic Dynasties' theme and we know they are going to really enjoy their associated class text "Bronze and Sunflower", written by Cao Wenxuan and illustrated by Meilo So.

Our half-termly Class Newsletters are being shared today, via both ParentMail and Class Dojo - if you would like a paper copy please pop to the School Office, and Mrs Sanders will be happy to assist. We hope these will help you know what your child is learning at school.

Don't forget we have our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions next week. These will also provide information on what your child is learning at school and give a flavour of a 'typical' day! We hope these, combined with the Class Newsletters and regular updates and information from the teaching teams via Class Dojo ensure you feel informed about your child's learning. I hope that they will help with the "I can't remember" and "I've forgotten" responses parents sometimes tell me they get when they ask "What did you learn at school today?"

Any feedback and suggestions are most welcome, please come along to our Parent Forum scheduled for Wednesday 11th October, straight after drop-off, it would be lovely to see you!

Best regards, Mrs FitzGerald

### **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.

## **REMINDERS:**

### **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.**

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

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### **AUTUMN TERM 2023**

#### **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

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Parents of children in Otters Class only are invited.

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Parents of children in Bumblebees Class only are invited.

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**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!**

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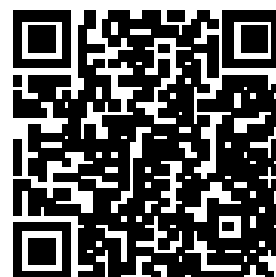
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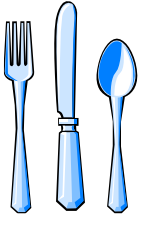
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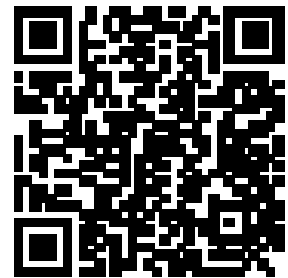
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