



Laying the foundations for a bright future

Website link: www.htpfederation.co.uk

A little note from Mrs FitzGerald...

Gosh, another week has disappeared at a rapid rate. The current 'cold snap' has certainly added to the excitement with lots of our children seeing the particularly heavy frost as snow! The blue skies and sunshine today have been delightful!

It has been such a pleasure to walk around the building seeing our children focused and engaged, demonstrating excellent learning behaviour in their lessons ~ well done everyone!

We are looking forward to Hare's Class Presentation next week to hear about all their super learning!

Have a super weekend and we shall look forward to seeing you all next week 😊

Warm regards,
Mrs FitzGerald

SEVERE WEATHER

Every effort will be made to keep the school open in severe weather. The school would only close if it is no longer safe for staff and pupils to travel to school and be on site.

We recognise that it is important that our school remains open so parents are able to work and pupils can continue to learn. Therefore, we will make every effort to prepare for severe weather.

Information about school closure will be posted:

- On local radio
- Via the Suffolk County Council website: <http://schoolclosures.suffolk.gov.uk/>
- Via our Facebook page
- On ParentMail

Dear Parents/Carers,

Industrial Action

You may be aware from media coverage that the National Education Union (NEU) have declared strike action, which is planned to take place on Wednesday 1 February 2023, Wednesday 15 March 2023 and Thursday 16 March 2023. A further strike for the Eastern Region is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 1 March 2023. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over teacher's pay and **not because of any issues at either of our schools.**

We continue to work closely with our staff and I want to reassure you that our schools, **Hundon and Thurlow will be unaffected by this industrial action.** We remain committed to providing a safe and secure environment for all our pupils and delivering high quality teaching.

To reiterate, the **provision at Thurlow Church of England (VC) Primary School will not be affected** and **your child/ren should attend as usual.**

Should this situation change we will be in touch to update you on our plans. If you have any questions, please contact me at school on 01440 783281 or via email at admin@thurlowschool.co.uk

Kind regards, Mrs FitzGerald

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

SPRING TERM 2023

Please note the presentation dates have been adjusted to ensure all classes have sufficient learning within their new themes on which to draw.

Friday 27th January ~ Hares Class Presentation

Monday 30th January to Friday 3rd February ~ National Storytelling Week

Friday 3rd February ~ 'Share' morning ~ more details will follow

Tuesday 7th February ~ Safer Internet Day

Friday 10th February ~ Otters Class Presentation

Friday 10th February ~ END OF HALF-TERM

Thursday 23rd February ~ Otters Class Trip to Cromer Museum

Friday 24th February ~ Butterflies Class Presentation

REMINDER ~ Strep A infections

With the recent national increase in notifications of Strep A infections in children as well as rises in Scarlet Fever and related press coverage the following is provided for your information.

Group A streptococcus (GAS) is a common bacteria. Lots of us carry it in our throats and on our skin, and it doesn't always result in illness. However, GAS does cause a number of infections, some mild, like scarlet fever, and some more serious.

The most serious infections linked to GAS come from invasive group A strep, known as iGAS. These infections are caused by the bacteria getting into parts of the body where it is not normally found, such as the lungs or bloodstream. In rare cases, an iGAS infection can be fatal. Whilst iGAS infections are still uncommon, there has been an increase in cases this year, particularly in children under 10, and sadly, a small number of deaths across the UK.

As parents, you should monitor your child for any GAS/scarlet fever symptoms, and take action to get treatment as soon as possible. Symptoms include a **sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting**. This is followed by a **fine red rash, which typically first appears, on the chest and stomach, rapidly spreading to other parts of the body**. On more darkly-pigmented skin, the scarlet rash may be harder to spot, but it should feel like 'sandpaper'. The face can be flushed red, but pale around the mouth. **It should be treated as soon as possible, with antibiotics, to minimise the risk of complications, and reduce the spread to others.**

If you think you or your child may have GAS/scarlet fever:

- See your GP, or contact NHS 111, as soon as possible
- Make sure that you/your child takes the full course of any antibiotics prescribed by the doctor
- Stay at home and away from school for at least 48 hours after starting the antibiotic treatment, to avoid spreading the infection
- Notify the school that your child has a suspected or confirmed case

If your child has an underlying condition, which affects their immune system, you should contact your GP or hospital doctor to discuss whether any additional measures are needed

As a parent, if you feel that your child seems seriously unwell, **you should trust your own judgement.**

Contact NHS 111 or your GP if:

- your child is getting worse
- your child is feeding or eating much less than normal
- your child shows signs of dehydration
- your child is very tired or irritable

Call 999 or go to A&E if:

- your child is having difficulty breathing – you may notice grunting noises or their tummy sucking in under their ribs
- there are pauses when your child breathes
- your child's skin, tongue or lips are blue
- your child is floppy, and will not wake up or stay awake

Further information is available from the following links:

[UKHSA update on scarlet fever and invasive Group A strep](#)

[Fact sheet covering what scarlet fever is, and other frequently asked questions](#)

[Scarlet fever guidance on symptoms, diagnosis, and treatment](#)

GAS/scarlet fever is spread by close contact with an infected person, and can be passed on through coughs and sneezes, or from a wound. It is therefore important to maintain good hand and respiratory hygiene to stop the spread.

