



Thurlow Church of England (VC) Primary School Newsletter  
Friday 30th June 2023



Laying the foundations for a bright future

Website link: [www.htpfederation.co.uk](http://www.htpfederation.co.uk)

A little note from Mrs FitzGerald...

Another great week here at Thurlow. The children really enjoyed their 'Keeping Safe' sessions with Annie O'Neill from OM Health and Wellbeing Consultancy on Tuesday, building on their knowledge from their PSHEE learning.

Thank you again for your understanding with postponing our sports afternoon due to the weather and safety concerns related to the slick grass. We hope you will be able to make the new date of Thursday 13th July for the family picnic and sports afternoon.

We are looking forward to Otters Class Presentation on Tuesday next week as well as Butterflies Class Presentation on our usual Friday. Both of these will take place at the usual time of 9am. We hope parents and carers of the children in each of the classes will be able to come along!

Enjoy the weekend everyone!

Warm regards, Mrs FitzGerald

Please remember your child needs their water bottle every day to stay hydrated and a sunhat and sun-cream would be very helpful too!

Many thanks!



**School Meals ~ An Update**

You will remember earlier this year I wrote to you about the increases to our catering service costs as well as highlighting the increase in food prices. When the additional costs began in April the governing body made the decision to cover the shortfall between the income from school meals and all costs associated with providing meals for our pupils within the Federation in the short-term given the limited notice provided as well as the economic climate.

Unfortunately, this is not something we can sustain for the long term without impacting teaching and learning provision, therefore, reluctantly, we will be increasing the prices of school meals from £2.30 (static since 2014) to £2.50 from the start of the new academic year in September 2023.

This does not affect those of you whose child/ren have school meals through the government's 'universal free school meal' offer for children in Reception through to Year 2 or entitlement due to eligibility for Pupil Premium Funding.

## **MORNING SPORTS CLUB / AFTER SCHOOL CLUB ON A WEDNESDAY ~ REMINDER**

Earlier this term we shared with you the popularity of the additional childcare we facilitate through the provision of daily morning sports club and our after-school club on a Wednesday. We highlighted the need to increase the staffing levels within these clubs to ensure all aspects of child protection and safeguarding are met and the health and safety of those in attendance is assured.

As was shared at the time whilst we will continue to subsidise the costs incurred, primarily using our PE and Sports Funding, we cannot financially support the increase to staff costs.

This is a reminder that from the start of the new academic year in September 2023 attendance at morning sports club and after-school club will incur a 'flat-rate' charge of £2.00 per session, per child.

Places will continue to be limited, allocated on a first come, first served basis and priority given to working parents and those in receipt of pupil premium funding. from the start of the new academic year in September 2023.

To use this facility please book your place with the School Office and be sure to make your payments in advance using the usual online facility.

**As before, we direct working families with extended childcare requirements to our associate 'HAPPY DAYS CHILDCARE'. They are located a mere 8 minutes from us, just off the A143 and have provision available from 7am until 6.30pm, Monday to Friday, including transport to and from school and light meals as needed. Sessions cost from £8.00. HAPPY DAYS CHILDCARE can be contacted on 01440 8290027 and via email at [hello@happy-days-childcare.co.uk](mailto:hello@happy-days-childcare.co.uk)**

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

Please check back regularly as additional dates added as and when activities / visits are confirmed!

### **SUMMER TERM 2023**

Tuesday 4th July ~ Otters Class Presentation at 9am

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

Thursday 6th July ~ Year 6 Leaver's Trip to Pleasurewood Hills

Friday 7th July ~ Butterflies Class Presentation at 9am

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

(Monday 10th July to Wednesday 12th July ~ Stour Valley Transition Days for Year 6)

Thursday 13th July ~ Rescheduled THURLOW SPORTS AFTERNOON

Join us from lunchtime for a picnic lunch followed by our sports afternoon

Friday 14th July ~ Annual School Reports distributed

### **FRIDAY 14TH JULY ~ YEAR 6 LEAVER'S PRESENTATION**

Year 6 Parents, carers and 'special others' are invited to this special celebration presentation

(Wednesday 19th July to Friday 21st July ~ Unity School Transition Days for Year 6)

**Wednesday 19th July and Thursday 20th July ~ 'MOVE UP' DAYS for all pupils**

**Friday 21st July ~ LAST DAY OF TERM**

# THINK **BEFORE** YOU ACT

Where to get more advice:

## **Fearless**

Fearless is a site where you can access non-judgemental information and advice about crime and criminality.

- [fearless.org](http://fearless.org)

## **Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership**

A local partnership providing support and guidance for parents and carers.

- [suffolkcsb.org.uk](http://suffolkcsb.org.uk)

## **Suffolk Police**

Provides information and advice for young people about gang/county lines culture and how to leave a gang.

- [suffolk.police.uk](http://suffolk.police.uk)

## **NSPCC**

Support and tips to help you keep children safe. From advice on children's mental health to staying safe online, support for parents and what to do if you're worried about a child.

- [nspcc.org.uk](http://nspcc.org.uk)



CrimeStoppers.



childline



Contact us:

[suffolk.police.uk/contact-us](http://suffolk.police.uk/contact-us)

Call 101 for non-emergencies

Call 999 in an emergency only

# ONE COP STOP

KEEPSAFEAND  
KNOWTHELAW



# THINK **BEFORE** YOU ACT



## Is it a crime?

Anti-social behaviour (ASB) is any action that upsets someone or makes them feel frightened or intimidated.

If you're involved in ASB, police will save your name and address on their database the first time you're caught. If it happens again, or becomes a regular occurrence, there may be more serious consequences including having a criminal record.

### Shouting and swearing

You don't have to damage something or hurt someone to break the law. Shouting or swearing in public might not bother your mates, but people walking nearby could become upset or scared by it. This makes them your 'victim' and you could be reported to police.

You can also get into trouble if you use threatening words to deliberately intimidate others.

### Carrying a knife

Carrying a knife can have serious consequences. Not only can you get a criminal record for simply carrying it, if you are seen by someone who reports the matter to police - or if you are stopped by officers it could affect your future prospects of travel and employment. You also risk putting yourself in greater danger.

## Criminal Damage

Deliberately vandalising any property, whether that's a home, garden, place of work or vehicle is considered criminal damage. The damage does not have to be permanent, which means graffiti is classed in the same way.

Smashing windows or throwing eggs at cars, buildings or people are all a criminal offence, capable of causing damage and injury.

Deliberately setting fire to something, even a pile of rubbish, may seem like a harmless prank but could have serious penalties. The maximum sentence to any arson conviction is life imprisonment and will stay on a person's record for life.

## Be Cyber Smart

- Did you know 'sexting' can be considered a criminal offence?
- Creating or sending an indecent image of a person under 18 is a criminal offence
- If you post something publically, anyone can find it. Things you post online (including images) can be copied, saved or shared by other people.
- Never share personal information, like your address or phone number, with someone you don't know.
- Remember to keep passwords secret, even with friends. It's not funny when your online accounts get messed with.
- Personal insults, threats or discrimination online can get you into trouble with the law.

## So what?


Once you reach the age of 10, the law states that you understand **Right from Wrong**.

This means if you break the law and commit an offence, you can be arrested by the police. If you do commit an offence and there is sufficient evidence of this, there are various outcomes that police can consider giving you:

- A Diversion Programme where you will work with the Youth Offending Team.
- A Community Resolution, which takes into consideration how the victim would like the matter dealt with and could be in the form of an apology, damage repair or compensation between the offender and the victim.
- A Youth Caution or Conditional Caution, which will look to provide an intervention programme to prevent further offending. If you already have a caution, the next step could be a formal charge which means you will have to attend court.

A criminal record can also affect your job prospects, including working abroad and any voluntary activities you might want to do.

If you have a criminal record, you will have difficulty in travelling to some countries - including the USA and Canada.



Come and find out more about me and my friends. How many can you find along the New Cut?

Drop by & learn more about Damselflies and Dragonflies . Fun for all the family.

Spotter sheets will be available & Andrea Harrison, a British Dragonfly Society member and Odonata Enthusiast, will be on hand to field questions and help with identification.

(Binoculars useful but not essential)

**Clare Castle Country Park**  
**Marking Dragonfly week**  
**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2023**  
**12.00pm - 3.00pm** (Weather permitting)

24th July - 1st September 2023

# SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

ON TOUR!

📍 SAMUEL WARD ACADEMY, HAVERHILL



## Camp Information:

### Nerf & Laser Tag Camp

Every Tuesday

### Inflatable Fun Camp

Every Monday & Tuesday

### Football Mania Camp

Every Wednesday & Thursday

### Mega Sports Camp

Every Monday & Friday

### Dodgeball Camp

Every Thursday

### Mini Olympics

Every Wednesday

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