



Laying the foundations for a bright future

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A little note from Mrs FitzGerald...

Another busy week here at Thurlow! Everyone continues to be working hard and giving their best efforts to their learning, not least our Year 6 pupils who have shown great resilience and maturity in their approach to their assessment tests. Whatever the results, we know with certainty the children are well on their way to being 'Key Stage 3' ready and we are all very proud of them!

Please be sure to check the 'Forthcoming Events' section as more dates have been added. Pertinent items highlighted remain in the newsletter this week for information.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Warm regards, Mrs FitzGerald

SPECIALIST MUSIC TUITION

Our specialist instrument teacher, Mr Calder, has some spaces for new pupils and is offering free taster sessions for violin, cello, clarinet and double bass this term for pupils in Years 1 to 5. If you are interested, please contact Mr Calder directly: steve.calder1974@gmail.com

UNITY SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP TWO-WEEK HALF TERM 'PILOT' IN OCTOBER 2023

Our Chair of Governors recently wrote to yourselves detailing Thurlow Church of England (VC) Primary School's position and views regarding Unity's 'pilot'.

To be clear, **we are a Suffolk County Council maintained school**, retaining our autonomy as a self-governing primary school. **We are not part of the Unity Schools Partnership.**

Suffolk County Council sets our term dates centrally, more than two years in advance. We cannot alter our term dates and Thurlow's half-term will not be the same as Unity's. It will be **Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October** as previously published.

We do not agree with the rationale put forward and have shared our views and concerns with **Tim Coulson, Unity's Chief Executive**, highlighting the **negative impact on pupils, families and staff**. **We do not believe the benefits of the 'pilot' outweigh the children's loss of learning.** We have also raised the matter with our local MP, Matt Hancock.

We know Unity's 'pilot' is going to **adversely affect many of you financially, practically and logistically**.

What can you do?

Contact the Chief Executive of Unity Schools Partnership, Tim Coulson, TCoulson@unitysp.co.uk and tell him!

Sign the parent petition: change.org/unitypetition

Contact our local MP, Matt Hancock, matt.hancock.mp@parliament.uk and tell him!

Supporting Children and Young People to Manage their Emotions ~ a free online session
Wednesday 17th May, 2023 ~ 10:30am to 11:30am

Booking is open for an online session for parents/carers hosted by SENDIASS and delivered by specialist teachers from the Social, Emotional and Mental Health Service. This will explore ways to help children and young people to understand and manage their feelings.

<https://suffolksendiass.co.uk/2023/04/supporting-children-and-young-people-to-manage-their-emotions/>

NATIONAL CURRICULUM STATUTORY ASSESSMENT DATES

Key Stage One	YEAR 2 Reading and Maths Assessments (Y2) Teacher Assessed Writing (Y2) Teacher Assessed Science (Y2)	ADMINISTERED IN MAY
	YEAR 1 Phonics Check	ADMINISTERED Week beginning 12th June
Key Stage Two	YEAR 4 Multiplication Tables Check	ADMINISTERED Week beginning 12th June
	YEAR 6 KEY STAGE TWO ASSESSMENTS ~ COMPLETED!	

MORNING SPORTS CLUB / AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB ON A WEDNESDAY ~ CHANGES

The **numbers** using the additional childcare we facilitate through provision of **daily morning sports club** and our **after-school club on a Wednesday** have **increased significantly** since their introduction. To **accommodate** this **rise in numbers** we will be **increasing the staffing levels** within these clubs. This is to **ensure all aspects of child protection and safeguarding** are met and the **health and safety** of those in attendance is assured.

Whilst we will continue to **subsidise the costs incurred by this provision**, primarily using our PE and Sports Funding, we **cannot financially support the increase to staff costs**.

From September, 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.

Prestige Sports will continue to deliver this additional childcare provision, ensuring school staff can concentrate on the core business of teaching and learning.

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

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

SUMMER TERM 2023

Month of May ~ Year 2 National Curriculum Assessments

Monday 15th May ~ DOGS TRUST ~ workshops delivered by the Dogs Trust Education Team

Thursday 18th May ~ Maths Day ~ as part of National Numeracy Day the children will be enjoying fun, interactive and creative Maths workshops with Professor Brainwave

Thursday 25th May ~ Butterflies Class visit to the Sedgwick Museum, Cambridge

Friday 26th May ~ LAST DAY OF THE HALF-TERM

Summer Half-Term ~ Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June

Monday 5th June ~ Non-pupil day (PD Day)

Tuesday 6th June ~ Children Return to School

Tuesday 6th June to Friday 9th June ~ ACTIVITIES WEEK ~ more details will follow

Wednesday 21st June ~ New Intake Parent's Evening, 5.30pm until 6.30pm

Friday 23rd June ~ Hares Class Presentation at 9am

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

Tuesday 27th June ~ Wellbeing Workshops ~ more information to follow

Thursday 29th June ~ THURLOW SPORTS AFTERNOON

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

Friday 30th June ~ 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)

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

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Thursday 18th May

Into The Wild Special Menu

Sausage in a Bun

Chips and Peas

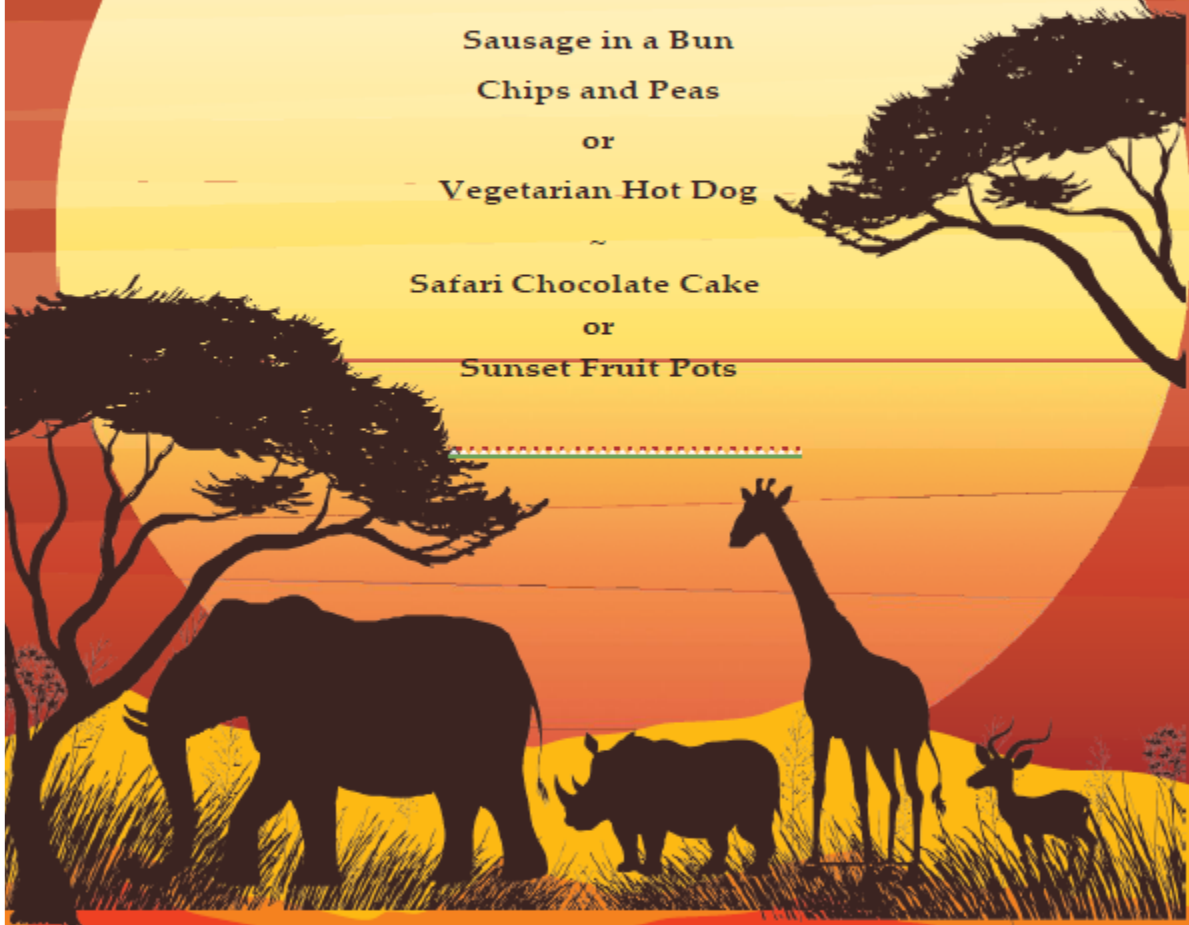
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Vegetarian Hot Dog

Safari Chocolate Cake

or

Sunset Fruit Pots





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