



**Thurlaston CE (Aided) Primary School**  
Teaching and Living the Christian Way of Life  
Building Our Lives on Jesus

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Unfortunately, there was insufficient take up of the Drama after-school club to make it viable and a number of children are needed to "act" with each other. However Gymnastics Club is still running on Thursdays.

A number of parents have been asking about the before and after-school care that is being arranged for when Mrs Marshall, the child-minder, finishes later this year. As I am sure you realise various permissions, registrations and checks are needed. These are all in process but can take a number of weeks. Mrs Marshall has agreed to continue until the replacement is ready which hopefully will set your mind at rest. Everyone is working towards the new arrangements starting after Easter.

It is census day on Thursday. On this day school data is collected some of which affects the school's funding for the coming year. If your circumstances have changed and you believe your child may be entitled to means-tested free school meal please apply as soon as possible. All children in class 1 and class 2 will be booked a school meal unless you let us know in writing that you do not want one booking.

There is a change to the menu on Thursday next week as it is school census day. Food Services will be serving sausage, chips, peas or beans and ice cream. Friday's meal will stay the same as normal apart from the pudding being changed to a biscuit.

Thank you to all the parents who have sent in reply slips for the Min-Y-Don residential visit in the autumn (for current year 4 and year 5 pupils). This is a really important trip and is always a highlight of the children's time with us. We recognise that it is quite an expense but we do try to keep the cost as low as possible. Please could all reply slips and deposits be sent in by the deadline of 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023. If you have any concerns or need more information please come and talk to us. Children who are or have been entitled to Means Tested Free School Meals will be fully funded through Pupil Premium Grant. (Please still return the slip).

Class 1 and Class 2 had their surprise treat for collecting the most chocolate this afternoon in school. They had party games and disco music in the hall. They had a great time.

The sports ambassadors have been brilliant organising benchball for different classes to play on one lunchtime each week. Well done.

Reminders:


- Please ring the school preferably before start of school if your child is unwell and unable to come to school.
- Please send in owed dinner money. Dinners should be paid for in advance. Swimming payments are also due.

Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.  
(Matthew chapter 7 verse 24, NIV)

- In the very unlikely event of the school needing to close due to severe weather, school will put out a message on clasdojo and also on the school website when a decision has been made. If there is no message, school is open. If you are unable to travel safely please ring the school to inform of your child's absence.

Advance Notice- Parents evenings will be on 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> February 2023. Class 3 and 4 will be on either evening.  
Year R will be on 7<sup>th</sup>  
Year 1 on 9<sup>th</sup> ;  
and Year 2 on 7<sup>th</sup>.

Yours sincerely



Gavin Beetham

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## Term dates 2022/2023

### Spring Term

<b>Schools open:</b>	Tuesday 3 January 2023
<b>Half term break:</b>	Monday 20 to Friday 24 February 2023
<b>Schools close:</b>	Friday 31 March 2023

### Summer Term

<b>Schools open:</b>	Monday 17 April 2023
<b>May Day Bank Holiday:</b>	Monday 1 May 2023
<b>Half term break:</b>	Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June 2023
<b>Schools close:</b>	Wednesday 12 July 2023

**Autumn Term 2023 starts on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2023**