



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,

It may seem like a long time ago but last week we had snow which disrupted the county with many schools closing. There is never a right decision in these circumstances but we decided to open for those of you who could get in as we had sufficient staff able to attend. We hope that you were all able to do what was right for you.

I am pleased to say that the gate for Gems Hub now has a bell and remote controlling from Gems Hub: the installer had been waiting for a part. Following requests made from some parents who attend Gems Hub I have looked at the risks and benefits of allowing some use of the school carpark for drop off and pick up. There is a real risk of cars and pedestrians having a bump in the carpark. However I have decided as a concession to allow parents **dropping off before 8am and picking up after 4:30pm** to use the carpark provided they **give priority to staff and do not block staff in and park near the gate**. Should there be any problems with this the carpark will revert to staff only at all times.

Earlier in the month the Canal and Rivers Trust came to work with Class 4 on their geography topic and also take an assembly.

Thank you for the donations sent in for Red Nose Day. We raised £64 today.

Class 3 have their last swimming session next Tuesday, 21st March.

Class 1 and 2 will have a busy last week of term. You already know that they are going to Stonehurst Farm on Tuesday 28th March. They have also been invited to a Bible Exhibition at Glencroft Church, Glen Parva, on Wednesday 29th March. This was a regular visit before the pandemic. The children will dress up, do food tasting and hear stories from the bible by members of the church dressed as characters. I am pleased to say the church is fully funding the exhibition and transport costs. The children will be going in the morning. The timing **will not** affect drop off times or lunch arrangements.

We have a book fair being delivered next week. Parents will be able to look at the book fair on Friday 24th and Monday 27th March straight after school until 4pm. If you wish to purchase books you will be able to do so by using cash or online at www.travellingbooks.co.uk/pay. You will need to send their completed wish list back into school before the end of your Fair so we can send the purchased books home with your child.

The Thurlaston Carnival Committee are looking for a Carnival Queen and entourage and are also running a "Bangers N Bingo" fundraising event. Please see separate information that has been sent out today. If you have any queries please use the contact details on the leaflets.

Yours sincerely

Gavin Beetham

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)

Provisional Dates

28th March Visit to Stonehurst Farm Park
29th March Visit to Bible Exhibition
31st March – Easter Service – 2pm
Easter Holiday 1st – 17th April
Bank Holidays – 1st May and 8th May
9th- 12th May – KS2 SATs tests (Year 6)
12th May – PTA Sponsored Walk
15th May – KS1 SATs (Year 2)
Half Term- 27th May – 4th June

5th June- Multiplication Check (Year 4)
12th June – Start of Phonics Week
27th and 28th June – KS2 Production
4th July – Sports Day
11th July – Leavers Tea
12th July Leavers Assembly (am)
12th July Last day of School
13th July School Closed for the Summer

Term dates 2022/2023

Spring Term

Schools open: Tuesday 3 January 2023

Half term break: Monday 20 to Friday 24 February 2023

Schools close: Friday 31 March 2023

Summer Term

Schools open: Monday 17 April 2023

May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 1 May 2023

Half term break: Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June 2023

Schools close: Wednesday 12 July 2023

Autumn Term 2023 starts on Tuesday 29th August 2023