



**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,

I trust you had a relaxing break over half term. Though this already seems like a dim and distant memory.

Lots has happened this week.

On Monday Gems Hub started before and after school provision. The access control gate still needs some further work to make it easier for them to use. May I remind you that the carpark is for staff to park in and **parents should not be parking in it** -particularly if they are pulling into it at speed which has happened this week.

On Tuesday Ofsted inspectors visited our school to carry out an ungraded inspection. Firstly they wanted to thank everyone; pupils, staff and parents for making them feel so welcome. They visited lessons, talked with children, looked at books, talked to staff, talked to governors, analysed data, looked at parent and staff questionnaires and any other information that they already held on the school. They have taken all this information away and will be writing a letter sharing what they have found out and making some suggestions for improvement. This process will take around a month and we are looking forward to receiving the letter in due course.

I would like to say that the children were a real credit to the school. Also thank you for all the kind comments and positive feedback given to the inspectors through the Parent View Questionnaire. It was a very busy day and I want to thank the staff for all their hard work and the governors for rearranging their days to be able to meet with the inspectors.

On Wednesday the Fire Service carried out workshops with Year 1 and Year 5 sharing important fire safety messages with them. Please ask your children what they have learnt. You may find out you learn something new too.

Year 6 had a dental check with the NHS on Wednesday as well.

Thursday was a busy day with World Book Day. Lots of exciting things took place in the classroom, and in the assembly at the end of the day each class shared with the school what they had been doing. Miss Fielder also presented the winners of the competitions with their book prizes.

The winners of the masked reader were - Paisley L (class 1&2) and Jasmine R (class 3&4).

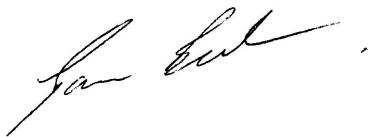
The dressing up winners were – Lydia H (class 1), Emily G (class 2), Ben W (class 3) and Maxwell B (class4)

Today we had a visit from Pets as Therapy to reception which we trust will be a regular occurrence. Mrs Meakins, part of the organisation brought a specially trained dog to meet the children.

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)

Year 6 pupils should have received notification of their allocated secondary school. We trust you are all happy with your allocated school. However should you not have received a place at the school you wanted there are some options to try and secure one. Please contact me and I will explain what you can do

Yours sincerely



Gavin Beetham

### **Provisional Dates**

28<sup>th</sup> March Visit to Stonehurst Farm Park

31<sup>st</sup> March – Easter Service – 2pm

Easter Holiday 1<sup>st</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> April

Bank Holidays – 1<sup>st</sup> May and 8<sup>th</sup> May

9<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> May – KS2 SATs tests (Year 6)

12<sup>th</sup> May – PTA Sponsored Walk

15<sup>th</sup> May – KS1 SATs (Year 2)

Half Term- 27<sup>th</sup> May – 4<sup>th</sup> June

5<sup>th</sup> June- Multiplication Check (Year 4)

12<sup>th</sup> June – Start of Phonics Week

27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> June – KS2 Production

4<sup>th</sup> July – Sports Day

11<sup>th</sup> July – Leavers Tea

12<sup>th</sup> July Leavers Assembly (am)

12<sup>th</sup> July Last day of School

13<sup>th</sup> July School Closed for the Summer

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