



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 am delighted to let you know that Mrs Wyner, Class 1 support staff, is expecting her first child. This is an exciting time for her and her husband and we trust for a safe and happy birth. I am sure you will want to join me in congratulating them. Please can I ask that you inform school of any infectious rashes such as chicken pox so that Mrs Wyner can seek medical advice in a timely manner. Mrs Wyner will be continuing to work in school into the autumn term. We will be advertising for Maternity cover over the coming weeks to start in the autumn term.

Year 2 have completed their SATs test and celebrated with pizza that they made themselves. Watch out Dominos I think there may be a takeover bid for your business.

Year 1 still have their phonics check and Year 4 their multiplication tables check in June.

Unfortunately there is a clash for some of the year 6 children between their transition days and the school trips. The governors have agreed as a special concession to fund a short trip for just the year 6 children because of this. I have managed to book an afternoon session at Go Ape for 3rd July. The chapel have very generously agreed to provide a driver and minibus to enable the trip to go ahead. Some children and a staff member will travel in the minibus and I am happy to take the remainder in my car. This is a one off. (Car and Minibus insurances are all suitably in place.)

The government have brought in legislation starting in September that schools should have children for 32 ½ hours per week (including breaks and lunchtimes). The governors have discussed this at length and we need to add ten minutes onto the end of the school day to meet this requirement. From the start of next year the school day will be registration at 8:55am and school closes at 3:25pm. We will continue to open the doors at 8:45am to enable the children to settle before class.

Holidays in term time- as you know I am not allowed to authorise holidays in term time except in exceptional circumstances. This year I have been delighted to authorise a number of absences for children taking part in regional and national sporting competitions. Even though I cannot authorise absences for holidays it is appreciated that so many of you still complete the absence request form before taking children out.

PTFA Notices

The PTFA are planning their AGM for 6th July at 5pm at school. They would love you to join them for the meeting. The positions of Chair, Treasurer and secretary and others will be voted on at the meeting. Please consider if you would like to serve on the PTFA in any of these positions. The school will be seeking nominations after half term and subsequently send out voting papers. Please talk to a member of the PTFA if you would like to know more.

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)

The PTFA are still looking for helpers for the Summer Fayre: if you can spare some time that would be great. They are also asking if the parents of any of the Year 6 children will allow them to help.

Reminder- the Bags2Schools clothes collection bags need filling and returning by the morning of Monday 12th June.

Yours sincerely



Gavin Beetham

Dates

Half Term- 27th May – 4th June

5th June- Multiplication Check (Year 4)

12th June – Start of Phonics Week

27th and 28th June – KS2 Production

3rd July – Year 6 –Go Ape

4th July – Sports Day (Afternoon)

7th July – School Trips (funded by the school)

11th July – Leavers Tea

12th July Leavers Assembly (am)

12th July Last day of School

13th July School Closed for the Summer

Term Dates 2023-24

Autumn

Start 29th August 2023

Half term 14th-22nd October

Last day 22nd December

Spring

Start 8th January 2024

Half Term – 17th -25th February

Last Day 22nd March

Summer

Start 8th April 2024

Half Term 25th May – 2nd June

Last Day 9th July 2024

Note there is also a Bank Holiday on 6th May when school will be closed.