



**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 have had an enjoyable summer. It was great to see all the children starting back after the summer having grown so much. The children are all starting to settle into their new classes so well.

We welcome Mrs Summers and Mrs Bevins to our staff team. Alongside cleaning the school, Mrs Bevins is supervising children at lunchtimes. Mrs Summers is working in Class 3 on the mornings of Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

I am delighted to say that we have managed to book a theatre company to come into school and perform for all the children from class 2, class 3 and class 4. This will be on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September in the afternoon.

The teachers would each like to invite you to a short meeting about how their classes run and what to expect. Each class will send details directly using classdojo. Class 2 is on 6<sup>th</sup> September; Class 3 on 7<sup>th</sup> September; Class 4 on 11<sup>th</sup> September and Class 1 will also be on 11<sup>th</sup> September but will be your first full parents evening. Class 1 will have a presentation of what to expect and then each parent will be seen individually about how your child is settling.

On Monday we will have our first Gold Award Assembly. We already have a number of children who will be receiving Gold Award Certificates. Please remember we are happy to present anything that children have won outside of school in this assembly and look forward to seeing how much children do when not with us!

We are planning to hold an Open Day for prospective parents on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September from 9:15am to 3 pm. Please encourage parents of any children you know who are due to start school next year to come along. We also have limited space in some year groups if you know of parents who wish to move school.

Gems Hub operates before and after school care in the mobile on the school grounds. Please register with them. They are happy to take regular bookings and also one-off bookings from parents that have registered. They have revised their charging structure to make it even more competitive. We thoroughly recommend parents using them if you need or want some extra time.

As you know we work closely with the church and chapel in the village. You will have received details about the clubs that the chapel runs in the evenings for children. The church is holding a meeting on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September looking at the way forward. They would welcome your attendance at it and participation in discussions.

We regularly receive flyers for various things from a wide variety of organisations. We send out any that we think may be of interest to you as parents. However, these are sent out without prejudice and are in no way a recommendation. We recommend you make your own checks on their suitability.

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)

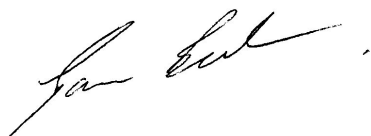
After-school clubs are due to start week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> September. Miss Bilson from Go-Active will run clubs on Wednesday and Thursday. Mr Eardley will run a football club. A separate letter will be sent out next week. Other clubs will be run during lunchtimes such as Choir and School Council.

We have had a vacancy on the governing body for a parent governor for some time and have asked for nominations in the past. A parent has expressed an interest to the chair and is keen to start which is great. The governors could appoint without any other process. However for transparency if anyone else is interested in taking on the important and time consuming role please can you let me know by Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September at midday and we will hold an election. If no-one else puts their name forward the governors will happily appoint.

Some reminders at the start of term:

- Dinner money should be paid in advance on Monday each week. If you wish to pay for a half term or term in advance you are welcome to do so. Payment can be by cheque or cash. (Cheques payable to Leicestershire County Council). Dinners are now priced at £2.55 each.
- Parking around the school. Please be considerate of our neighbours and park sensibly around the school. Do not obstruct driveways or park in restricted areas. We recommend you park a little way from school and walk the final part.
- School opens at 8:45 with registration at 8:55am. School ends at 3:25pm. Please ensure you collect your children as soon as possible.
- Please ensure all your child's belonging are named. PE kits should be brought to school on Monday and may be taken home each Friday for washing.
- Class 3 will go swimming in the Spring Term - this will be on Tuesdays.
- Parents of children in Year 6 will need to put their admission requests for secondary school into County Hall by the end of October.

Yours sincerely



Gavin Beetham

### Provisional Dates

4/09/23 – Theatre company visit	12&13/12/23 – Nativity Play
11/09/23 – Parents evening (class 1)	15/12/23 – KS2 –Pantomime
15/09/23- Open Day for prospective parents	19/12/23 – KS1 –Party
19/09/23- PAT AGM 5pm	22/12/23 – Carol Service
22/09/23 – Individual and family photos	31/01/24 – Book Fair Arrives
3/10/23 – Parents evening (Yrs 1,3,4,5,6)	13-16/05/24- KS2 SATS
5/10/23 – Parents evening (Yrs 2,3,4,5,6)	14/06/24 – Whole School Trips
6/10/23 – Harvest Service (PM)	25&26/06/24- KS2 Production
9/10/23 – Class 1 and 2 -Zoo	2/07/24- Sports Afternoon
23-27/10/23 – Class 4 -Min-Y-Don Residential	8/07/23 – Leavers' Tea
November – Enterprise Month (Class 4)	9/07/23 – Leavers' Assembly
2/11/23-Open Eve for prospective parents	

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### Term Dates 2023-24

#### **Autumn**

Start 29<sup>th</sup> August 2023  
Half term 14<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> October  
Last day 22<sup>nd</sup> December

#### **Spring**

Start 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024  
Half Term – 17<sup>th</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> February  
Last Day 22<sup>nd</sup> March

#### **Summer**

Start 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024  
Half Term 25<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June  
Last Day 9<sup>th</sup> July 2024

*Note there is also a Bank Holiday on 6<sup>th</sup> May when school will be closed.*

**Please note when booking holidays for next year the last day is Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2024.**