



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,

Class 1 and Class 2 have both taken advantage of the fine weather over the last few days. They have been on a tour around the village to enhance their curriculum work. Class 2 are looking at the village as part of their geography and Class 1 were enhancing their number work and looking at the features of our village.

I trust the parents of children in class 1 have found the Class 1 parents evening helpful. Thank you for coming along.

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Min-Y-Don residential visit meeting. I trust it answered your questions. Please ensure all forms are returned as soon as possible. The staff and pupils are really excited about going.

Year 2 children have started a number of sessions with Learning South Leicestershire School Sport Partnership. The programme is called Sparx and aims to encourage the children to develop healthy lifestyles.

Jet from Pets as Therapy has resumed visiting Class 1. This is an excellent opportunity for our young children to interact with a dog and the calming influence that pets can have for them.

Class 4 will be taking part in the Super Leading training run by Learning South Leicestershire School Sports Partnership next week in school. This will give them skills that are important for life and help them run games and activities for younger children in school.

We have a number of opportunities to take part in competitive sports over the coming term. Letters regarding Cross Country (Year 3, 4, 5 and 6) and Football (Year 5 and 6) have been sent out. Please complete and return the slips.

Could all signed Data Collection sheets be checked and returned to school ASAP please. It is important that we hold up to date contact details for children.

Red Apple Photography will be in school to take photographs of the children both as individuals and sibling groups on Friday 22nd September. There is absolutely no obligation to buy. However these high quality photographs make excellent presents for grandparents and family members and will be ready in time for Christmas. If you have younger children and wish for them to have individual or sibling group photographs with your school aged children please come at 8:30. For children at school we will do both individual and sibling group photographs in school time. For clarity, school may receive a small amount of commission on them. If you do not want your child to have their photograph taken please inform the office in writing.

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)

Early in October all schools have a census day. The number of children and their demographics on that day drive the funding school receives from April 2024. If you think you may be eligible for Means Tested Free School Meals please apply now as some extra funding is allocated for children in FSM to pay for them.

Church and Chapel Notices

All Saints Church would like to invite you to a Macmillan coffee afternoon in church on Friday 29th September from 2.30 to 4.30 pm. Come and enjoy a drink and a delicious cake! There will be activities provided for children.

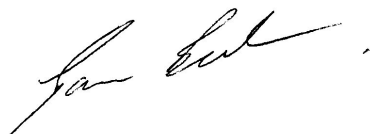
The church and chapel are running a joint harvest service on 1st October in church at 11 am, with lunch afterwards at the village hall. All are welcome to join the service and free lunch afterwards.

PTFA News

Unfortunately the PTFA need to refresh their uniform prices as they are restocking. Please see the PTFA facebook page for further details of when this will take place.

PTFA are holding their AGM on Tuesday 19th in school at 5:30. They look forward to seeing you all there.

Yours sincerely



Gavin Beetham

Provisional Dates

19/09/23- PTFA AGM 5:30pm	15/12/23 – KS2 –Pantomime
22/09/23 – Individual and family photos	19/12/23 – KS1 –Party
3/10/23 – Parents evening (Yrs 1,3,4,5,6)	20/12/23 – Christmas Lunch
5/10/23 – Parents evening (Yrs 2,3,4,5,6)	22/12/23 – Carol Service
6/10/23 – Harvest Service (PM)	13-16/05/24- KS2 SATS
9/10/23 – Class 1 and 2 -Zoo	14/06/24 – Whole School Trips
23-27/10/23 – Class 4 -Min-Y-Don Residential	25&26/06/24- KS2 Production
November – Enterprise Month (Class 4)	2/07/24- Sports Afternoon
2/11/23-Open Eve for prospective parents	8/07/23 – Leavers’ Tea
12&13/12/23 – Nativity Play	9/07/23 – Leavers’ Assembly

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.

Please note when booking holidays for next year the last day is Tuesday 9th July 2024.