



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,

We were once again blessed with the weather for the Athletics competition at Saffron Lane. We had by far the best cheering!! Well done to Elliott for coming second in the howler throw and third in the long jump. Also to Jesse Bedford for a third place in the 400m. Well done to all our competitors you persevered and did us proud. We beat two other schools- great result!

Next academic year there will be a new school meal provider. This was following the Local Authority informing us they were no longer providing food. We joined a group to carry out a competitive tendering process. The winner was a company called Aspens. The governors last night agreed to continue to charge parents the same cost as the school is charged per meal. This is despite the large fixed costs the school already pays including transporting the meals. The governors recognise the demands on household bills and this was factored into the decision. However, the school budget is under immense pressure.

Anyone on universal credit will be able to claim free school meals from September. Once the school has been informed of how claims can be made, we will let you know. However, Pupil Premium- the extra money currently given to schools to support children on free school meals, will only be paid to those who meet the current criteria and so the support fund will still only be able to be accessed by these children.

Unfortunately, yesterday the government announced that the School Sports Premium will cease at the end of this academic year. This means the end of year trips and the after-school clubs will no longer be able to be funded by the school after the ones that are currently booked. Regrettably, we will need to seek parental contributions to cover the costs and/or have cheaper or reduced options. It is likely to affect the running of competitions such as the football tournaments, athletics and Sports ambassadors.

The PTFA clothing collection details amount raised £25.33. Thank you to everyone who donated clothes.

It looks like the half term will have mainly good weather. I trust that you all have a safe and restful break.
Yours sincerely

Gavin Beetham

Provisional Dates for your Diary

18-05-26 – KS2 Athletics

Half Term – 23rd to 31st May

17-06-26 – KS2 Trips

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)

15-06-26 – New Parents Meet
19 and 22-06-26 – New
Reception children induction
23-06-26 – KS2 Production
24-06-26 – KS2 Production

26-06-26 – Sports Day
29-06-26 – KS1 Trips
30-06-26 – Leavers Assembly
and Tea

07-07-26 – End of year service
2pm in the church.
Summer Holiday – 8th July to
23rd August 2026 inclusive