



# Thrussington C of E Primary School

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# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the latter half of the autumn term and the run-in to Christmas.

It seems strange to relate that the school continues to experience a period of adjustment to the new building but the development of the outside area has taken the longest period of time to settle. As you will be aware, the contractors have spent the past five weeks clearing the ground and installing a new, and enhanced, trim trail for all the children to use. It has been designed to provide challenge, particularly in climbing and balance, and the children are greatly looking forward to using it. Steadily, other improvements are being made to the outside area – the garden and the early years' foundation stage area. Despite the 'little way from perfect' garden area, the school has managed to continue with a gardening club, ably assisted by volunteers, and has achieved the Level 5 gardening award by the Royal Horticultural Society – the highest possible. Several hundreds of pounds worth of gardening equipment and seeds are the prize. We are delighted!

Very soon, there will be an outdoors that perfectly complements the new building.

Last week, the architectural design of the school was celebrated at the King Power Stadium, Leicester, having been shortlisted. In fact, it was the only school to have reached the finals of the area Leicestershire and Rutland ProCon awards. Sadly, we did not win but did achieve a place in the top three; a great achievement for a great design!

The school continues to progress well. Whilst national and local results for last year's statutory tests, remain provisional, it is clear that the school accomplished highly. The school takes great pride in the curriculum it offers all pupils – rich, balanced and challenging – and always with one eye on what can be done even better. In the climate of ever greater demands with less funding, in real terms, this school does very well. Through careful budgeting and the capacity to generate income as a result of external work that is carried out by virtue of our being a Teaching School and a National Support School, money can be spent on books, equipment and general, curriculum enrichment. External income is a significant factor and just this term, we have been most fortunate to be able to make such purchases as sports and play equipment and a major contribution – of five figures- towards the trim trail, courtesy of all those who support the Parents, Teachers and Friends Association (P.T.F.A.). In addition, as a result of a generous contribution from the 'Big Band Night', we will be able to improve the school's sound system to enhance, in particular, the range of music and drama productions the children are involved in. I am pleased to say that our children have access to a wide range of experiences without hinder.

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Last week, a rather imposing red vehicle, with blue lights, arrived outside the school. Its arrival had been anticipated on three previous occasions as part of the 'Emergency 999 topic' curriculum. On each occasion, it had been called away to its day job. However, on Friday, the staff and infant children were not to be denied. Not until every piece of equipment had been investigated, every hose rolled out, every button pressed, every radio message responded to, every emergency enacted was the wonderful fire watch allowed to depart the village! Guess what the children want for Christmas!

During the course of the term, the children, with your help, have supported a number of charities, including the school's on-going work to support schools in the Philippines, following the tragic effects of the typhoon some time ago and we are now working with Villa Sofia Elementary School, also in the Philippines, which is lacking in even the rudimentary resources. Supporting local and national communities is also very important and we have been proud to support The Royal British Legion, BBC's Children in Need and a local church food bank. It is a matter of pride that we, as a school, continue to raise funds for charities and causes and that individual children are inspired to organise complementary, fund-raising initiatives. Martha, Rosalind, Lucy, Katie and the School Councillors have been engaged in organising several activities this term.

**Liz Moore**

Headteacher

### Mission Christmas Appeal

Lucy, Katie and Henry are supporting the radio station GEM 106 Mission Christmas Appeal.

The Appeal is to ensure that no child wakes up on Christmas morning without a present.

Statistically 1:4 children live in poverty across the East Midlands.

We are holding a Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 14 December, this could be as simple as a piece of tinsel attached to the school uniform or as bold and festive a jumper as you'd like, for a suggested minimum donation of £1.00.

### Christmas Gift Appeal - B & M Stores

If you would like to donate a gift in new, original & unopened packaging, for a child up to the age of 18, a crate will be left in school from Monday 10 December for donations. The crate will be collected for delivery to a local B & M Store the following Monday

### School Choir



On Sunday evening, The Thrusington School Choir took great pleasure in opening the village's annual Christmas Tree Lights' Switch On. The children sang a mixture of traditional carols such as 'Away In A Manger' and Christmas classics like 'Walking in a Winter Wonderland'. As always, they sang with enthusiasm and gave great pleasure to others. Well done choir!



### After School Sweet Stall

A huge thank you to Rosalind and Nathan for organising a sweet stall to raise money for our new friends at Villa Sofia Elementary School. They have put a huge amount of time into preparing the sweets, working out the costs and deciding how much to sell things for to make a profit. So far they have raised £71.50! They will be selling the remainder of the stock this Friday (7th December) in return for a donation of your choice to the school. All sweets and chocolate must go, so please support them to generate a fantastic total for our new friends.



### Bags2School

**£160 Raised**

Thank you to the PTFA who organised the collection and thank you to all who donated

### BOOKS, CD'S & DVD'S

Thank you to everyone who has donated books, cds and dvds. The school council have been regularly scanning these to see how much money we can make from them and we have now sent off 7 full boxes and have already raised £31 for Villa Sofia in the Philippines. Please continue to support this project as it means you can recycle your unwanted items and the people of the Philippines can benefit. They are very grateful for your kindness towards them



## SCHOOL TERM DATES 2019

### Spring Term 2019

School open	Monday 7 January 2019
School closed to pupils (Inset day)	Friday 15 February 2019
Half term break	Monday 18 February – Friday 22 February 2019
School opens	Monday 25 February 2019
School close	Friday 12 April 2019

### Summer Term 2019

School opens	Monday 29 April 2019
Bank Holiday	Monday 6 May 2019
School closed to pupils (Inset day)	Friday 24 May 2019
Half term break	Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May 2019
School open	Monday 3 June 2019
School close	Friday 12 July 2019

**Teacher days:** 24 August 2018 & 4 January 2019  
**Inset days:** 12 October 2018, 15 February 2019 & 24 May 2019

## Diary

10.12.18	2-3pm Class 2 French Café - in Village Hall
14.12.18	Christmas jumper day
17.12.18	2pm & 6.30pm Christmas Service in Holy Trinity Church
21.12.18	Whole school pantomime trip
21.12.18	School close
07.01.19	School open
W/c 11.02.19	Parent evenings



**WISHING YOU A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR**