



Thrussington C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents,

I hope that you have had a lovely half term.

The decision was taken to continue to support children in the Philippines, with whom we have developed an affinity. Our work with Tugop School was time-limited as we had already supported them for 5 years, but it was felt, particularly by the pupils, that there was more to do and so we have embarked on our long term endeavour of supporting Villa Sofia School. Towards the end of the first half term, many of you were able to join the school in a presentation given by Miss Oatey about Villa Sofia School and the support that we could provide for them. Already, £100.75 has been raised as a result of collecting 7550 1p and 2p coins which we used to create the name of the school on the playground. This, together with over £40 which has been raised from your recycling of CDs, DVDs and books, will greatly support their basic needs.

I would like to thank you all for the gifts, the contribution to gifts and the kind words that made Mrs. Smith's last day at the school such a wonderful occasion. We wish her well in her retirement but I am sure there will be occasions when she will be returning to visit the school.

Interviews were held during January and February for the posts of learning support assistant and lunchtime supervisor and I am pleased to welcome Ms Vicci Barrett to the staff as LSA and Mr. Dougie Feasey as lunchtime supervisor.

School standards.

It is important for the school to be self-reflective and to ensure that standards, in all aspects, are high. As part of the school's system of monitoring the quality of provision, governors were invited to spend a morning visiting classrooms, talking to children and staff, looking at pupils' work and observing playtime. Governors play an active role in the leadership and management of the school, with much done through committee. Visiting the school in action is always a pleasure with the children providing a significant part of evidence – warts and all. On 22nd. March, an external, educational consultant will visit the school to conduct a review and in the summer term, an external assessor will review the school's progress against the Quality Mark standards.

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There are significant changes being made to school inspections – Ofsted and SIAMS. As a Church of England Aided school, religious education and collective worship are inspected by Diocesan inspectors. There is an inspection schedule for Section 48 SIAMS. Thrussington has consecutive ‘Outstanding’ judgements, the first in 2010 and the second in 2015, and is due to be inspected in 2020. The nature of what is inspected and, indeed, the judgements changed significantly in September, 2019. Schools have been advised that few are expected to be judged ‘Excellent’ (the outcome that has replaced ‘Outstanding’) but otherwise, guidance has been slow in being released. Notwithstanding, the school has begun to develop a programme which is intended to serve the children and the school community well.

In addition to the significant changes to the SIAMS school inspection, a major overhaul of the Ofsted Framework Handbook is underway. This sets out how inspections are to be conducted. The draft Handbook is being trialled and is due to be ratified ready for implementation in September, 2019. The content of an inspection goes to the core of what a school does and, whilst fundamentals will remain the same, there will be a greater focus on the rationale and quality of the curriculum in place.

This is a very busy time for the school.

Mrs E Moore

Headteacher

Attendance

Attendance records are monitored by the Local Authority and, ultimately, the Department for Education, and, as a school, we have a duty to ensure that rigorous action is taken to secure a high level of attendance. Please make every effort to ensure that your child attends regularly and that letters explaining any absence are sent in to the school. Children do have the quality of their education adversely affected as a result of non-attendance. The School will register attendance as unauthorised if permission is not given. Parents may not assume that withdrawal during a term will be permitted. Action will be taken if a child's absence is neither requested nor reported and this could result in a home visit and or a fine.

Please be aware that school starts at 8.55am, children arriving after this time will be marked in the register as ‘late’, children arriving after 9.00am will be marked as ‘unauthorised’.

Your cooperation is appreciated.

Change of School Uniform Supplier

Tesco have transferred their school uniform business to My Clothing. Please go to www.myclothing.com to register.

School Uniform

The school requires the wearing of school uniform. The colours are: maroon outer tops, white or maroon shirts, grey skirts/ trousers and black, outdoor shoes (not trainers). For monogrammed items see above

With the exception of a watch, no jewellery should be worn.

No mobiles phones should be brought into school.

Thrussington Primary School Councillors

Our councillors try to improve our school, Thrussington Primary, by getting more pupils to speak out and let their voice be heard. The school councillors (Maisy, Kian, Maisey, Lucien, Jack and Etienne) attend many meetings with various members of staff, including Mrs Moore, the Headteacher. At the start of the school year, each class has a vote or their names can be picked out of a hat, to decide who will be in this academic year's school council; except for Reception, every Year group has a councillor, which makes a strong team of six.

In meetings, we talk about subjects such as, how to improve the school's equipment, behaviour around the school and what we could do for activities. The Class 3 school councillors have done many things. Like, competitions, questionnaires about how to improve the school and buying equipment for playground use. We work very hard and hope that this helps students in the future.

By Maisy and Kian, Years 6 & 5.



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| 07.03.19 | World Book Day |
| 09.03.19 | Thrussington Fun Run |
| 15.03.19 | Red Nose Day |
| 19.03.19 | Class 2 Aqua Splash |
| 21.03.19 | 9.30am School Nurse Parent Drop In |
| 25.03.19 | Class 2 Dance Festival |
| 09.04.19 | 10am Easter Service |
| 12.04.19 | 3.15pm school closes |
| 29.04.19 | School opens |
| 07.05.19 | Music Concert |
| W/c 13.5.19 | SATs week |