

Thrussington C of E Primary School

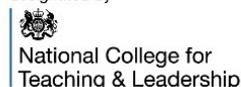
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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome to the Spring term and, whilst I appreciate that Christmas and the New Year may seem a distant memory, I hope that you all had a lovely time.

This term is incredibly short with much to pack in, not least Parents' Evenings. Individual classes will be posting timetables shortly and you will notice that they will not be on the same evenings, necessarily. The lists will be available in the main corridor outside the classrooms. Should you have any difficulty in logging a time, please contact the school office.

Thank you for submitting your questionnaire returns. Overall, the level of satisfaction was very high and that is pleasing to know. Where there was an element of dissatisfaction, I intend to address that by inviting parents to meet me and explain their particular issues. A list of a date and times, for your attention, will be circulated in due course.

The school will be ready to increase numbers on roll from September, 2018 and, thereby, fulfil its early promise of securing its place, and future, within the community. Currently, the number on roll is the highest for many years and certainly higher than the twenty- something on roll when I came here. The school is full and remains over-subscribed. I do not anticipate sudden, significant change and consideration has been given to the impact of a greater level of vehicular movement throughout the village. A team of governors, including me, continues to work on providing guidance on the options available to ensure that inconvenience is kept to a minimum and, on Monday, 23rd. January, a meeting was held with parents to explain the implications of The Travel Plan which was a condition of the planning permission. The meeting was productive and messages forwarded by those who were unable to attend, have been included in the discussion. The main point is that there needs to be a managed approach to children being dropped off at school in the shortest, and safest, manner possible and, where possible, children will walk, cycle or scoot to school. It is anticipated that a further meeting will be held with parents in the next few weeks and it would be very helpful if as many of you as possible will be able to attend to help finalise the Plan.

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The school continues to enjoy the support and dedication of the Parents, Teachers and Friends Association (P.T.F.A.) past and present. For those of you who did manage to look around the school on the open day at the end of last term, you will have had an opportunity to see where much of the money they have raised over the years has been spent. Two, new teaching bases and a new library have been furnished and refurbished thanks to the funds raised by this community. I hope that you will continue to support, in whatever way possible, the fund-raising endeavours of the P.T.F.A. and any associated fund-raiser.

No sooner had the Spring Term begun, than the school choir travelled to the Genting Arena, Birmingham, to take part in the national “Young Voices” programme. For many weeks, the choir had been rehearsing a selection of challenging songs to present to a huge audience on 11th. January. For many, this was a new experience – the school participates every two years- but even for those more seasoned choristers, it remained an awe- inspiring experience. Rehearsals with a conductor, musicians, dancers and singers began at 2 o’ clock in the afternoon and from that time there was very little opportunity for a break until the whole programme, with performance, finished at approximately 10 o’ clock. A very long but a most exciting day! “Young Voices” is an opportunity for all schools in the country to participate. Individual choirs come together at a grand arena, such as the Genting, and enjoy the experience and discipline of being formed and shaped into a single voice by professional musicians led by a conductor. They perform their repertoire but also back professional artists – this year, it included a famous jazz singer. Five thousand children were present at this year’s concert. It was almost overwhelming and, as the audience began to take their seats in the auditorium, the mood lifted to a crescendo. The children were incredibly excited by trying to spot familiar faces in the vast audience and, once they had, proudly showed off their singing acumen. It really was a most moving experience and one that the children will reflect on well into the future.

A wonderful start to the Spring Term!

Yours sincerely

Mrs E Moore

Headteacher

Messages For School

Please be aware that the office email is not always checked during the school day. Messages that require action during the school day should be left on the answerphone.

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. Your cooperation is appreciated.

P.E. Kit Reminder

P.E. is a significant part of the curriculum. Please ensure that children are fully equipped and prepared for lessons. To be unprepared places an unnecessary burden on the school



Diary

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| 06.02.18 | Class 1 Celebrating our learning |
| 09.02.18 | School closes |
| 19.02.18 | School opens |
| 23.02.18 | KS1 (Years 1 & 2) Parent Evening
Class 2 Parent Evening |
| 27.02.18 | Class 2 Parent Evening
Class 3 Parent Evening |
| 28.02.18 | Class 3 Parent Evening |
| 01.03.18 | Foundation Stage (Reception) Parent Evening |
| 03.03.18 | Thrussington Fun Run |
| 12.03.18 | Reception & Year 6 Height & Weight, School Nurse |
| 14.03.18 | Class 1 Street Dance Performance |
| 15.03.18 | School Nurse drop in session |
| 16.03.18 | Own Clothes Day in support of Tugop Elementary School, Philippines |
| 19.03.18 | Year 2 Evening performance at dance festival, Loughborough Town Hall |