



# Thrussington C of E Primary School

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# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

As the very busy, and seemingly, short, Spring Term draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you all for the way in which you support your children and, thereby, the School. It has been an eventful period punctuated by some out-of-the ordinary sporting and music and drama opportunities for the children. Several of our children have achieved highly in cross country, football and rugby, in particular, including awards for sportsmanship – which is most pleasing. The School has undergone a number of external audits, ranging from Finance through to Health and Safety and then on to two of Education and Standards. A clean bill of health has been achieved, with expected minor pointers for development.

The School has managed to up-date a significant proportion of its Information Technology provision, with the assistance of the P.T.F.A. and has purchased a new greenhouse for the Gardening Club. Regrettably, despite numerous attempts at repair, the original has succumbed to the elements.

## British Science Week

The School continues to give Science a very high profile:

Upper Key Stage 2 children visited the British Geological Survey in Keyworth, Nottinghamshire, as part of British Science Week. Through workshops and a lecture, they learned about the significant work undertaken by geologists – from learning about how coral was discovered within the district suggesting that the area was beneath a warm ocean, millions of years ago; how to discover gold; what derivatives from rocks appear on supermarket shelves and creating, and measuring, their own earthquakes.

## Rocket Seeds Project

After Easter we will be receiving delivery of 200 seeds, ½ of which have stayed on Earth in the last 6 months and ½ of which have been up in the International Space Station for the last 6 months. We will be planting these seeds, measuring them and observing them on a weekly basis and recording our results. We will, however, not know which seeds are which. The results will then be sent back to the Royal Horticultural Society where they will be analysed by professional statisticians. Leading scientists from the RHS and European Space Agency will then interpret the results and draw possible conclusions about whether germination and growth is affected by their having been in space.

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GOLD AWARD



### Our adopted school in the Philippines - Tugop Elementary School

Thanks to your kind donations on our non-uniform day, we raised sufficient funds to officially adopt Tugop Elementary School for another academic year. In the Philippines, the school year has now finished and they have broken up for the summer holidays. They will begin the new school year at the start of June and the money you have raised will allow Tugop to be given exercise books, pencils, pens, sharpeners, rubbers, chalk and flipchart paper every 3 months, ensuring that children will have the correct resources to enable them to learn. Thank you in advance for your support. Our 3 boxes of books have not yet arrived in the Philippines. The company estimated 12 weeks which will be at the start of April. I will inform you as soon as they arrive and we will look forward to seeing photos of the children at Tugop enjoying your books when the new school year starts.

### Jump2it dance festival 2016



The Year 2 children proudly represented Thrussington when they performed on stage at the Peepul Enterprise. Their dance, telling the story of Florence Nightingale's work, was performed in front of a packed audience on both nights. They worked really hard beforehand to prepare the dance and, on the night, performed with such confidence and enthusiasm, yet at the same time professionalism, it was a real pleasure to watch.

Liz Moore  
Headteacher

### Statutory Assessment Tests (SAT's).

Key Stage 1 Tests will take place in May/June. However, the dates for Key Stage 2 (Year 6) are not negotiable and will begin on Monday, 9<sup>th</sup>. May and will conclude on Friday, 13<sup>th</sup>. May.

### Belvoir Castle County Cross Country Finals

By Tamsin, Rebecca & Lucy

We all ran for South Charnwood. The ground was boggy and the sky grey.

First we walked to the starting line and suddenly the gun went off and we ran hard to get to the front and were in the top ten. We went over a bridge and ran into a wood where there were lots of trip hazards! Lots of children fell over because of the trip hazards.

We ran through the bog and up the hill to the finish. Rebecca finished strongly with a smile on her face. Tamsin and Lucy battled in a sprint finish! In the end Rebecca came 50<sup>th</sup>, Lucy came 10<sup>th</sup> and Tamsin came 8<sup>th</sup>.

### The Safeguarding, Health and Safety Committee

The Committee meets once or twice a term and plays an important role in ensuring that the school is a safe place for pupils, staff and all others who enter onto the premises, by reviewing and monitoring Safeguarding, Health and Safety policies and procedures. Members carry out inspections of the school buildings and grounds, including the Forest School, and report on any aspects which require attention. The school is regularly inspected and risk assessed by outside agencies and the Committee receives the reports and ensures that any actions required are carried out promptly. Everyone who works at the school, (including governors, volunteers, and all trades people), has to be checked by the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) and the Committee inspects the register kept by the school to confirm that it is up to date.

### A note from our Chair of Governors

On behalf of the Governors, I wish to thank all the staff very much for another successful term, packed with many extra curricula activities and visits, to enhance the learning experience for all the children. Last week's **Jump2it!** dance festival at the Peepul Centre in Leicester was great fun and Year 2 pupils are to be congratulated for a most lively performance. The theme this year was famous role models and Thrussington chose Florence Nightingale, the Lady with the lamp, as their role model. They did it really well and were a credit to the school. Well done.

Happy Easter to all staff, pupils and parents/carers

Janet Heath  
Chair of Governors



#### Diary

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| 24.03.15 | School closes                        |
| 11.04.16 | School opens                         |
| 11.04.16 | Mad Science after school club starts |
| 14.07.16 | Whole school trip                    |
| 15.07.16 | Leavers Service in church            |

Happy Easter