

# Thrussington C of E Primary School

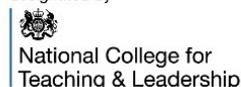
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# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

As we approach half term, an up-date on achievements to date would seem appropriate. The children in Year 6 completed their statutory tests and children in key stage one will be embarking on theirs very soon. This is a most important part of checking on children's progress over time. The year six papers are externally marked whereas key stage one are marked internally, although they are subject to moderation by the local authority. The school has been moderated at Early Years Foundation Stage level and, in order to ensure that teacher assessments are accurate, the school readily contributes to local moderation programmes for all year groups. It is very important that the school ensures that standards remain high. In this school, this is done in a variety of ways. Staff are expert in their own fields and exchange good practice with other schools; I have a range of responsibilities that enables me to ensure that good practice is secured in this school and, in addition, I employ an external education consultant to evaluate the work of the school.

I would like to take this opportunity of acknowledging the valuable contribution that my staff and volunteers make to ensuring that all the children receive a school experience that goes much beyond the requirements of the curriculum. They undergo a range of training and professional development to ensure that your children are kept safe; they give much of their own time to ensure that the children have all the benefits of a large school but within a small school setting, such as preparing the Forest School programme and the range of after school activities that the school does not charge for; they prepare and organise the range of experiences that enrich and offer challenge within the curriculum, particularly through workshops, arranging for visitors and visits to go ahead.

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### **Curriculum enrichment.**

“Warning Zone” – a workshop on teaching pupils how to stay safe in all types of contexts  
“The jobs our parents do” – a series of workshops to inspire pupils  
Music performance at De Montfort Hall  
Visit to New Walk Museum, Leicester  
Residential visit  
Participation in the RSPB “Bird Watch”  
Bronze Music Award achieved  
Range of sporting and music activities to inspire pupils  
Science and mathematics’ Saturday workshops

### **Governors.**

I, together with my fellow governors, am responsible for ensuring that the school, as an academy, runs smoothly. Governors have a strategic role in ensuring that your children receive the best possible education. To that end, the board is made up of many committees. The school recognises the importance of a well- trained governing body and all governors give freely of their time as governors to ensure that the school has recourse to a range of skills and expertise. In addition, as a National Teaching School and a National Support School, governors have a role to play in ensuring that Thrussington is effective.

### **P.T.F.A.**

The PTFA has continued to work incredibly hard to raise funds for the school. A school governor, Nigel Hainsworth, ran the Manchester Marathon this weekend, to add to the coffers. This term, the PTFA has committed a substantial amount of money to purchase computer generated hardware for the school and they will be subsidising the whole school visit to the University of Leicester’s botanical gardens for a series of workshops, in July. The good practice exercised at this school has prompted a case study by a leading education consultancy firm. The focus will be on the quality of education provided by the school and how the environment supports learning. The PTFA has provided a substantial amount of money to support the improvement of the learning environment for the children and will feature highly in this case study. The PTFA is a most valuable resource for the school. Please continue to support it in whatever way you can.

Yours Sincerely

*E. Moore*

Mrs E Moore

Headteacher

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'.



### Diary

28.05.18 to 01.06.18	Half Term break
04.06.18 to 06.06.18	Class 3 Beaumanor residential visit
11.06.18	KS1 Phonics Screening week
21.06.18	New Intake morning
22.06.18	Year 2 overnight camping
25.06.18	6.30pm New Intake meeting
26.06.18	New Intake afternoon
27.06.18	Class 2 De Montfort Hall
03.07.18	Year 6 with parents Forest School
06.07.18	Whole school visit to University of Leicester Botanical Gardens
06.07.18	School reports out to parents
10.07.18	Sports Morning (first choice)
10.07.18	End of year performance
11.07.18	Sports Morning (2nd choice)
13.07.18	2pm Leavers Service
13.07.18	School closes for summer break
28.08.18	School re-opens - New academic year 2018/19
24.09.18 to 26.09.18	Class 3 Beaumanor residential visit