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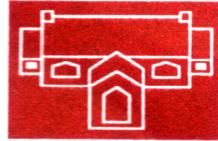
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## Thrussington C of E Primary School

December 2013

Dear Parent

I would like to open this newsletter by congratulating everyone involved in raising funds for the Philippines tragedy. A tremendous £450 was raised! In a term when several demands have been made on the pocket, this is an incredible achievement. The fund will be tagged specifically for the repair of the community centre in Bliss Sagkahan, a suburb of Tacloban City. Please see the last page of this Newsletter for an update from the Philippines.

Nationally, schools' data is now being collated and, inevitably, comparisons to other countries' are being made, with this country not fairing at all well. As usual, many questions are asked with few answers offered. Education policy will always be a political football and never more so than now with education, across the board, undergoing something of a revolution. Suddenly, there are choices of types of school: from local authority maintained, academies, free schools, multi-academy trusts to Teaching Schools and choices have to be made with the introduction of a new national curriculum, due to begin in September, 2014, but which is still being changed. Some schools can opt in; opt out; opt in or out in part; leaving some with no choice at all! So, where do we stand?

One year on from becoming an academy, the position of this school is relatively clear. Strategically, the school has retained its autonomy and, thereby, a stake in its future direction – this may not have been the case had we waited. It has a strong, and equal, working partnership with the other schools in the Syston and Thurmaston Education Partnership (STEP), which is regarded very highly by the Local Authority, and it remains a strategic partner within the Affinity Teaching School Alliance. During this Autumn Term, it has become a Lead School in Initial Teacher Training for the National College for Teaching and Leadership. This means that the school will be designing and providing a programme for teaching students seeking to join the profession. Electing to work in conjunction with the University of Leicester, Thrussington School will provide a training course which will offer experience in outstanding settings, academic rigour and, for those who are successful, an accreditation by one of the country's leading universities. The school, and its partners, will have a hand in selecting and training outstanding teachers and leaders for the future. See Leicester University's web-site: <http://www.le.ac.uk> and type 'Thrussington' into the search box.

This is all very heady stuff but the one important factor, a re-assuring factor, is that it is totally dependent upon our commitment to providing an excellent education. It is good to have choices...

Have a very happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year.

Mrs. E. Moore.  
Headteacher.

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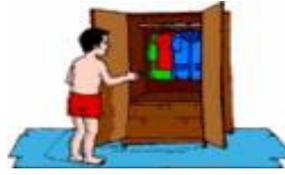
**Poppy Appeal**

**The school raised  
£38.50**

**Thank You**

A special thank you to those who provide voluntary support to the school. Your efforts are unstinting and you are highly valued

**Non-Uniform Day**



Children are invited to wear non-uniform to school on Friday 6 December, in exchange for chocolate to the value of at least £1.00.

All chocolate collected will be donated to the PTFA stall at Holy Trinity Church's Christmas Market

**Diary**

- 10.12.13 Hot Meals - Christmas Lunch
- 17.12.13 6.30pm Christmas Service in Holy Trinity Church
- 20.12.13 Whole School to Loughborough (Panto)
- 20.12.13 School Closes
- 06.01.14 School opens for staff
- 07.01.14 School opens for children

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**&**

**A HAPPY NEW YEAR**





## UPDATE FROM THE PHILIPPINES

The Volunteer for the Visayans director has sent this message all the way from Tacloban City...

*To everyone at Thrussington School*

*Thank you so much for helping us so much. You don't know how much it means to us. How I wish I could personally hug you and your school. We are so grateful.*

*Love and best wishes from Tacloban*

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*(Volunteer for the Visayans director)*