



Thrussington C of E Primary School

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NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parent

In early November, the Upper Junior children were taken on a residential visit to the Natural History and Science museums in London. It was the longest journey that we have undertaken from this school and, in some ways, the most ambitious. Despite arriving a little later than planned, owing to traffic congestion, we did manage to look around the magnificent Victorian building that houses the Natural History Museum, visiting the dinosaur and sea life galleries before moving across to the Science Museum. Over four hundred people were "Spending the Night at the Museum", sleeping on floors. There was a little trepidation about this. However, much to our surprise, and excitement, we were placed in the Space Gallery for the night- missiles; space craft; moon landing vehicles etc. forming the backdrop. It was remarkable and the floor didn't seem so bad! Straight into a series of workshops and then lights out at 11.00 p.m. Reveille at 7.00 a.m., another workshop and the Imax cinema. It was a visit packed with activities and unforgettable experiences.

Philippines update

Following your generous donations at the harvest festival, we raised £100. We had initially envisaged that this would be used to support a further nutrition project in the Bliss Sagkahan area but, as we raised much more than anticipated, we now plan to adopt a school in the Philippines for one year. Children in the Philippines have to provide their own paper, pencils, pens and school books when they attend school as, unlike here in the U.K., these are not provided by the school. For many families, this can mean that the children simply do not go to school because the cost of this on top of the school fees and uniform (especially if they have multiple children at school) is just too much. For some families, they also live so far from the city that the cost of travelling to buy the school materials is more than the materials themselves. For this reason, Thrussington School will adopt a rural school for one year and your generous donations at harvest will enable all pupils at the school to receive pens, pencils, paper and exercise books each term for a year. The teachers will also be supplied with flipchart paper and marker pens and chalk for the blackboard. The children at Thrussington will then correspond with the children at this school, enabling pupils in both countries to gain an understanding of life in the U.K. and in the Philippines. This project is all the more beneficial at this time as many schools are currently still operating in tents and the need is great. Look out for further details, soon, about the school we will be supporting.

Governing Body.

The Governing Body of the School has two vacancies for Parent Governors. Guidance on who is eligible to stand and vote is available at the School. If you would be interested or know someone who might be, please contact the school. Applications will have to be submitted by Noon on Friday, 5th. December, 2014

Mrs E Moore
Headteacher



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE





Poppy Appeal

The school raised
£34.14

Many Thanks To Our PTFA

Rags to Riches raised £239.52

&

The Fashion Show raised in excess of
£450.00



Diary

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| 10.12.14 | Christmas Lunch in village hall |
| 10.12.14 | 6.30pm Choir to sing at Thrussington Christmas light switch on |
| 16.12.14 | 6.30pm Christmas performance in church |
| 19.12.14 | Whole school trip to pantomime |
| 19.12.14 | School Closes |
| 06.01.15 | School opens for children |
| 16.01.15 | Height & weight measured for Reception and Year 6 |

MERRY CHRISTMAS



HAPPY NEW YEAR

Governors' Newsletter



December 2014

Dear Parents, Staff and Pupils,

Christmas is almost here, as is the end of what has been a very busy Autumn term.

If you have read the school's newsletters, you will be well informed about the activities being undertaken at the school. I am always amazed at the amount and variety of events, above and beyond the national curriculum, which the children experience and through which their learning is enhanced. Well done, and thank you, to all staff, for all your hard work. Your dedication, enthusiasm and sheer energy, are greatly admired and valued.

Educating children is a three-way partnership, between the child, the school and its parents/carers. Each has a part to play to achieve the end result, which is a well informed, confident and happy child. The Governors' role is to monitor and evaluate this process, to ensure standards remain high and each child receives the excellent education it deserves. So, in my role as a governor, I have been visiting the school recently, to see how phonics, reading, spelling and grammar are taught. It has been a most instructive experience. Staff know the children extremely well. They know their strengths and weaknesses. They assess the children's work constantly, and this enables them to spot problems quickly, and put intervention measures in place. It has been fascinating to see the progress through the school, from the beginners in Class 1, just grappling with phonics and sounds and basic words, to those in Class 3, who are looking in depth at literature (comprehension) and extending their knowledge and use of grammar in their written work. For me every lesson observed has been a voyage of discovery and I have learnt something new each time.

Mrs Moore and the school are to be congratulated most heartily on the **National Primary Science Quality Mark Gold award**, news of which appeared in the October Newsletter. This is a very prestigious award and three Governors went to the Birmingham Think Tank to receive it on behalf of the school, because Mrs Moore was spending that night in the Science Museum in London with years 5 & 6! As we were told by those governors, only two schools in Leicestershire received the Gold award, so WELL DONE, THRUSSINGTON. We are all very proud of you.

The PTFA fund raising efforts continue to be highly valued by the school. Without the money raised by them over the years, many of the improvements to the school would not have been possible. The latest event, the Fashion Show in November, described as "a great fun evening", raised just over £450. Thank you very much to all the organisers and to all the supporters of this successful annual event.

Once again, on the last day of term, the whole school will go to Loughborough for the performance of this year's Pantomime "Sleeping Beauty". This is always a happy occasion and makes a fitting start to the Christmas festivities.

On behalf of the governors, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely

Janet Heath

Chair of Governors