

# Thrussington C of E Primary School

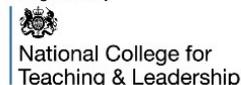
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# NEWSLETTER

October/November 2018

Dear Parents,

As the remainder of the autumn term settles into a routine, it is quite nice to reflect on some of the more unusual aspects of what has made up the term so far.

Mrs. Sabir began her period of maternity leave, slightly earlier than anticipated, and we welcome Mrs. Hudson to Class 3 for the duration.

Work began in earnest on the new trim trail. It is hoped that it will be completed and ready to use by the end of November. This is a continuation of the reclamation of the garden area to be enjoyed by the children. The part of the field that is yet to be reinstated is under review and will be made good when the conditions are right. In the meantime, however, full use can be made of the field.

The new building has been shortlisted for an architectural award, the result of which should be made known this week.

On Friday, a leading consultancy in the field of early years' foundation stage visited our setting to film the children's programme of learning. The film will be used for the purposes of training early years' practitioners from all over the country. Since the consultancy works with the DfE in this area of education, it will be exciting to have our work recognised in this way.

Parents of pupils who took statutory tests towards the end of last year, will have received their children's results. Whilst national figures are not yet available, it is clear that the children who undertook all statutory tests or assessments, from the end of Reception to end of key stage 2, did very well. High, educational standards for all pupils continue to be the school's priority.

The school's collective bid for government funding is almost complete. There will be two bids: one for a hall that will facilitate P.E., Collective Worship and community space and the other for changing facilities. As you might imagine, there is a great deal of work involved in putting such a bid together and, despite having the backing of the Diocese and the local M.P., there is no guarantee of success. However, nothing ventured, nothing gained.

Mrs E Moore  
Headteacher



### Young Writers Poetry Competition

Last half term, Years 1 and 2 entered the Young Writers Poetry Competition, a nationwide competition for school children aged 5 - 7 years old. They wrote riddles about a variety of emergency services. Over 13,000 entries, from across the country, have been received for judging and the children were delighted to hear, this week, that ALL of their poems have been selected for publication January 2019. Well done Years 1 and 2.



### Early Years become film stars

The Early Years children were, recently, film stars for a day. Early Excellence filmed the children going about their everyday learning, accessing resources in the classroom environment and interacting with each other. They showed high levels of involvement, great cooperation, imagination, perseverance and, above all, were extremely self motivated, showing off their skills and learning.

### **Respect For Property**

**It would appear that children's scooters are being tampered with at the end of the school day – scooters are being removed from the rack. General access to the area between the mobile and the hedge adjacent to the road, is not permitted. Please ensure that children do not venture into that area at the end of the school day.**

### Supporting our friends in the Philippines

#### A big well done to Martha

Thank you to Martha for selling fruit and vegetables, grown on her Grandma's allotment, over the summer and kindly choosing to donate all the money to our friends at Tugop Elementary School, Philippines. Her generosity has enabled them to purchase a digital camera for them to use in lessons but also to use in interschool journalism competitions, something that they have been longing to do for a while. Thank you Martha for being so thoughtful. Here's a message sent to Miss Oatey from Ma'am Yen, one of the teachers at Tugop – 'Please say a big thank you to the young girl in your school. who has such a kind heart at such a very young age. She is a real blessing to our school and we feel so privileged that she has so selflessly thought of us. Maraming Salamat (thank you very much)



#### Fundraiser for our new friends at Villa Sofia Elementary School

Rosalind will be organising a sweet and crisp stall after school on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018. Everything will be 50p and all money raised will be going to help our new friends at Villa Sofia Elementary School in the Philippines. Please support Rosalind with this by bringing some money to buy yourself a treat after school. She is kindly giving up a lot of time to help our new friends.

## POPPY APPEAL



**Thank you for your donations - amount raised  
will be published in our next newsletter**

**BBC**

**Children  
in Need**



**Children to wear something spotty  
for a donation of £1.00**



**Children will learn about the  
charity during assembly**



### Diary

16.11.18	Children in Need Day
23.11.18	3.15pm - Sweet stall
28.11.18	Parent multiplication workshop - details to follow
10.12.18	Class 2 French Café - details to follow
17.12.18	6.30pm Christmas Service
21.12.18	Whole school pantomime trip
21.12.18	School close
07.01.19	School open
W/c 11.02.19	Parent evenings