



# Thrussington C of E Primary School

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# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

This has been a very busy start to the year and most eventful. The children appear happy and settled into school life and, whilst the new, national curriculum is evolving, there is every expectation that the children will achieve highly. The transition period, from old to new, is not without its difficulties. The pupils in Year 2 and in Year 6, will continue to follow the old curriculum in the Core subjects because S.A.T.'s remain unchanged and their day-to-day progress will be assessed in the usual way. However, the levelling of progress, as we know it, has been removed from the new curriculum with nothing to replace it. Schools, therefore, are having to devise their own systems. As a Teaching School, we have been very involved in developing a programme which is going to be robust, accurate and supportive both for children and their parents and this will be in place by the statutory time of September, 2015. In the meantime, you may be assured that our objective is to continue to provide outstanding teaching for outstanding learning and that we will be continuing our programme of external monitoring of the quality of our provision – through awards and termly checks by an Ofsted inspector.

### **Congratulations.**

Our congratulations go to Ms. Beighton, her husband and daughter, on the very happy news that she is expecting a baby. She will begin her maternity leave at the beginning of the Spring Term.

### **School Visits.**

This term will have seen Class 3 enjoy a very successful residential visit; Class 1 will have visited the Museum of Lincolnshire Life. Class 3 will have taken part in a "Night at the Museum" - a combined visit to both the Science and Natural History museums in London and, of course, the whole school will have been to the pantomime! In between there will have been many other activities, including clubs, all of which help to enrich the children's learning experience at the school. When such visits and activities are planned, the value to the children and the cost to parents is the crucial factor. Every effort is made to ensure that costs are kept to a minimum with much being absorbed by the school and the P.T.F.A.'s fund and we do try to give as much advanced notice of trips and activities as possible. In the event that there are difficulties, please see me.

Mrs E Moore

Headteacher

## **Harvest Festival**

Harvest Festival is to be held at Holy Trinity Church on Thursday 16 October at 2.15pm. This year the school will be collecting for the Philippines charity, Volunteer for the Visayans Inc.



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### Governor Vacancy

A vacancy exists for a parent governor and, after half term, the paperwork relating to the post, will be sent out. If you think that you might be interested and would like to know more about what is involved, then please speak to me or any of the other governors – Mrs. Heath; Dr. Ryves, Mrs. Brightwell, Mr. Donaghey, Reverend Lorna, Mrs. Rendall, Mrs. O' Flynn, Mr. Rendall, Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Whitehead and Dr. Moore. You would be joining an energetic and visionary team at a time of great change, and exciting potential, within the education system.

At the recent F.G.B., Mrs. Heath was elected as Chairman and Mr. Rendall as Vice-Chairman.

Mrs. Heath has been convalescing after a major operation. She has remained totally involved in the business of the school but is looking forward to resuming active service in the near future.

### Sports News

Following a successful year of P.E. in which Thrussington achieved the "Sainsbury's" School Games Silver kitemark award, this year promises to be as successful if not more so. The year has begun with children participating in multi-skills clubs and our first cross-country event of the year. The archery club has had to be postponed owing to the coach's having been injured in a road accident. However, all being well, it should be up and running before Christmas. Children in Class 1 are going to be taking part in a Change for Life club during which they will develop and enhance a number of motor skills. Other things to look forward to include the reintroduction of swimming lessons after Christmas; a dance competition for children in Year 2 and many other tournaments.

The children from Class 3 took part in a Sports' Morning at Wreake Valley Academy. Joining several other schools from STEP, the children developed skills in a range of sports.

### Science Award

The school has won the prestigious, national Primary Science Quality Mark Gold award. The portfolio of evidence which was submitted for assessment covered a range of work extending over a period of at least three years. In our case, the assessors were satisfied that the standard of teaching and learning in Science has been maintained at a very high level throughout the whole school. For the Gold award, a school must show that it has been involved in extending that quality to other schools and, in our case, amongst other initiatives. We were able to demonstrate that we had been instrumental in devising and developing an outreach programme, in conjunction with the University of Leicester, for the benefit of several schools within Leicester City and for the furtherance of career development of post graduate Archaeology and Ancient History students. We have set up extra-curricular Science clubs for the benefit of our children and those in other schools locally and we have made a significant contribution to the development of teaching resources which have been published by Scholastic.

### Office

Parents are politely reminded that if you wish to speak to someone in the school office, that you go to the front door and not via Class 1. Thank you.

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### Diary

16.10.14	Harvest Festival 2.15pm at Holy Trinity Church
17.10.14	School close 3.15pm
27.10.14	School opens
07.11.14	Night at the Museum Years 5 & 6
13.11.14	Immunisation
19.12.14	Whole school trip to Loughborough Pantomime
19.12.14	School closes 3.15pm
06.01.15	School opens