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Healthy School



Thrussington C of E Primary School

September 2013

Dear Parents,

September brings about many changes for children and their parents; there's a certain anxiety about moving into a new class, even though there's a familiarity with the surroundings; a cautiousness about transferring to secondary school – suddenly they are the youngest placed in fairly unfamiliar surroundings - and a degree of apprehension about beginning school for the first time. This is tempered by a certain excitement and anticipation because the children have been well prepared, and, therefore, quickly adjust and begin to make the most of their opportunities.

The children who moved on in July, performed extremely well in their end-of-year tests, placing them in a strong position in their new schools and ensuring that this school continues to compete very favourably, nationally.

As the school approaches the completion of its first year as an academy, it would seem appropriate to reflect on how the school is doing. Functioning as a business has been the most significant and, perhaps, challenging change but the school remains in a good position with exciting plans for the long term. The flexibility, which academy status now affords, will work to the benefit of the children, their families and the staff. As you will be aware, academies can discard the national curriculum but Thrussington will subsume the new national curriculum with such modifications as are appropriate for our children. Assessment of progress will be robust and all children will receive the right provision of the highest quality.

For a greater insight into how the school is progressing, you will be most welcome to attend the Annual General Meeting to be held on Wednesday, 13th. November at 7.00 p.m., at school. The meeting will serve as a way of opening the school to the community; highlighting how it functions and to applaud the work of the P.T.F.A. and, of course, you remain most welcome to attend all school events. I do hope that as many of you, your family and friends will come.

During the course of the year, the school will be offering the children an insight into adults' jobs and hobbies as part of their general learning and in response to the older children's thinking about careers. Details will be provided in the next issue and, if you think that you may be interested, we would welcome your contacting the school.

We hope for a happy and exciting beginning to the new academic year.

Yours sincerely
Liz Moore
Headteacher

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The Ogden Trust

The school is a strategic partner of the Ogden Trust for Science and children will be involved in a series of workshops on 18th. September.

www.ogdentrust.com

Absenteeism

Please ensure that, in the event of your child's being absent through illness, a letter explaining the reasons, is sent to school on your child's return; this is in addition to a call notifying the school on the day. Schools are required to keep comprehensive records of non-attendance.



Diary

11.09.13 (3.30pm)	Beaumanor Parent Meeting (Yrs 3 & 4)
18.09.13	Whole School Science Workshop
25.09.13	Life Education Bus
02.10.13-04.10.13	Residential Trip (Yrs 3 & 4)
09.10.13	Whole School Trip to Sikh Temple
10.10.13	Harvest Festival in Church

LOOK out for ...

**Parent Evening
Christmas Celebration
And
Forest School Newsletter on
the next page!**

September Newsletter - Forest School (whole school)

During the summer holidays Miss Berry had the opportunity to visit another Forest School setting that has just built a cob oven to cook pizzas in. We think this would be a great opportunity and added asset to our site. Below are photographs of their oven. Many thanks to all those who have offered to help with this particular project; Miss Berry will get in touch with you.



We are also in need of some willow/weaved fencing to enclose the Forest School site and we wondered if you knew anybody who we could contact.

