

# Thurlow Church of England (VC) Primary School Newsletter Friday 5th January, 2024



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Website link: <u>www.htpfederation.co.uk</u>

#### A little note from Mrs FitzGerald...

Welcome back everybody!! Here we are in 2024 and the spring term!

Firstly, a huge thank you to all the children and parents for your lovely Christmas cards and gifts ~ we very much appreciate your kindness and generosity!!

These first few days have flown by in a flash! The children are settling back into school extremely well, returning to our routines with ease. They are also enjoying opportunities to catch-up with their friends, share holiday news, and festive stories.

We are excited about our fantastic learning themes for this term, which prioritise knowledge and skills within the humanities subjects particularly. Butterflies Class are undertaking the history based theme 'LONG AGO' whilst Bumblebees Class will be exploring the geography related theme 'LAND AHOY!'

Otters Class will be embarking on their theme 'MISTY MOUNTAIN, WINDING RIVER' that also has a geography focus whilst Hares Class are exploring the 'GROUNDBREAKING GREEKS'.

We all hope you all had the best time possible over the winter holiday. The team and I are very much looking forward to working with you again this term  $\odot$ 

My best regards, Mrs FitzGerald

#### **SEVERE WEATHER**

Every effort will be made to keep the school open in severe weather. The school would only close if it is not safe for staff and pupils to travel to / from school and/or be on site.

We recognise that it is important that our school remains open so parents are able to work and pupils can continue to learn. Therefore, we will make every effort to prepare for severe weather and share information as soon as possible.

Information about school closure will be posted:

- Class Dojo
- ParentMail
- Via the Suffolk County Council website: <a href="http://schoolclosures.suffolk.gov.uk">http://schoolclosures.suffolk.gov.uk</a>
- Facebook
- Local radio

#### MORNING SPORTS CLUB AND AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB

**Morning Sports Club has resumed.** These sessions start from 8am and cost a nominal cost of £2, which must be paid for in advance.

Our after-school club starts on **Wednesday 10th January**, running until 4.15pm and again at a nominal cost of £2 per session. In both instances please pay for your sessions using this link: <u>Online Payment Link</u>

#### **SWIMMING**

Just a reminder that our children in Years 4 and 5 will be swimming at the Abbeycroft Leisure Centre in Haverhill in the new year. Parents with children in Otters Class and Hares Class please look out for a ParentMail and Dojo message when term starts for more details.

#### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Other dates will follow but I know lots of you will want to get these onto the calendar as soon as possible. The team and I will be adding to our schedule of special days, visitors and trips, including some additional 'share' opportunities ~ keep checking this list!

#### **SPRING TERM 2024**

Friday 19th January ~ Hares Class Family Celebration Presentation at 9am

Parents of children in Hares Class <u>only</u> are invited.

Friday 25th January ~ Otters Class Family Celebration Presentation at 9am

Parents of children in Otters Class <u>only</u> are invited.

#### Monday 29th January to Friday 2nd February ~ National Storytelling Week

There will be lots of storytelling learning and activities underway across the school this week. At 2:15pm in the afternoon on Friday 2nd February we will be hosting 'share' sessions and parents and carers are invited to attend. Join your child and share their learning as part of this week.

Tuesday 6th February ~ Safer Internet Day ~ more details to follow

Friday 9th February ~ Bumblebees Class Family Celebration Presentation at 9am

Parents of children in Bumblebees Class <u>only</u> are invited.

Friday 16th February ~ Butterflies Class Family Celebration Presentation at 9am

Parents of children in Butterflies Class <u>only</u> are invited.

## FRIDAY 16TH FEBRUARY ~ END OF HALF-TERM HALF-TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 19th February ~ Friday 23rd February

Monday 26th February to Friday 1st March ~ UNICEF Fairtrade Week ~ more details to follow

Thursday 7th March ~ World Book Day ~ more details to follow

Monday 11th March to Friday 15th March ~ British Science Week ~ more details to follow

Tuesday 19th March ~ PARENT CONSULTATIONS for Butterflies Class & Bumblebees Class Wednesday 20th March ~ PARENT CONSULTATIONS for Otters Class & Hares Class

Find out how your child is doing in class with their academic targets.

Thursday 21st March ~ World Poetry Day ~ more details to follow

Thursday 28th March ~ LAST DAY OF THE SPRING TERM