



Laying the foundations for a bright future

Website link: www.htpfederation.co.uk

A little note from Mrs FitzGerald...

What a great afternoon we had on Tuesday with Annie O'Neill from OM Health and Wellbeing Consultancy, focusing on our children's mental health with workshops on 'Being Happy'. The children were very engaged and thoroughly enjoyed their sessions.

Feedback from parents at both schools who managed to make the free 'Meerkat or Grizzly' sessions was also very positive.

We intend to build further enhancing sessions like these into our bespoke and personalised pastoral and PSHEE provision to enrich our children's experiences and build their capacity to regulate their feelings and be successful socially, whatever the demands of the situation.

The children also enjoyed World Book Day yesterday, sharing their favourite books as well as other activities.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Warm regards, Mrs FitzGerald

School Meals ~ an update

As you know, you can choose for your child/ren to have our school meals at lunchtime, be it through choice, the government's 'universal free school meal' offer for children in Reception through to Year 2 or entitlement due to eligibility for Pupil Premium Funding.

Unlike many primary schools nationally of our size, we are fortunate to have our own well-equipped, fully functioning kitchen where Jen, our Cook, from EATS catering, prepares our meals fresh, every day from scratch, accommodating dietary requirements and individual preferences as much as possible. Our menus and meals therein are handcrafted, regularly updated to take account of freshness and seasonality as well as source ingredients ethically.

In the last 12 months, food prices have risen tremendously. Our catering service have advised we will need to pay an additional £17,248 in the next financial year, beginning in April, to cover the shortfall between income from school meals and all costs associated with providing meals for our pupils within the Federation.

One suggestion to help reduce this shortfall is that we pass on this cost to parents, increasing the prices of meals from £2.30 (static since 2014) to £2.50. Given the present economic climate, we appreciate many of you are feeling financial pressures, therefore, the Federation's Governing Body has agreed the Federation will absorb the shortfall and maintain the cost of meals at £2.30 at the current time.

Class Celebration Presentations

A polite reminder ~ it is the parents and carers of children who's Class Celebration Presentation it is that are invited to attend. We appreciate that on occasion, for various reasons, you may not be able to come and ask another family member / close family friend to attend on your behalf so your child is not sad at not having someone 'there'. If this is the case please let us know, inform your child's Class Teacher or a member of the Administration Team in the School Office so we are aware. This can be done using our usual communications methods ~ in person, via Class Dojo, telephone message or via email ~ admin@thurlowschool.co.uk

Thank you for your co-operation.

Parent Consultation Meetings ~ Reception to Year 6

These are taking place on **Tuesday 21st March** with appointments available from 1:30pm. Parents are requested to sign up for appointments on their child's 'sign up' sheet. These will be **available from Tuesday 7th March** at the front of school.

Appointments are 10 minutes in length and focus on your child's learning and progress since the start of the year, following on from those offered in the Autumn Term and their Pupil Progress Checks in December.

Please support your fellow parents and your child's Class Teacher by being mindful of the time ~ many thanks for your support with this!

NATIONAL CURRICULUM STATUTORY ASSESSMENT DATES

Key Stage One	YEAR 2 Reading and Maths Assessments (Y2) Teacher Assessed Writing (Y2) Teacher Assessed Science (Y2)	ADMINISTERED IN MAY
	YEAR 1 Phonics Check	ADMINISTERED Week beginning 12th June
Key Stage Two	YEAR 4 Multiplication Tables Check	ADMINISTERED Week beginning 12th June
	YEAR 6 KEY STAGE TWO ASSESSMENTS Tuesday 9th May ~ English Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling (GPS) & Spelling Wednesday 10th May ~ English Reading Paper Thursday 11th May ~ Maths Paper 1 (arithmetic) & Paper 2 (Reasoning) Friday 12th May ~ Maths Paper 3 Reasoning	ADMINISTERED Week beginning 8th May

We will be scheduling information sessions for parents as well as additional workshops / 'booster' sessions for the children in the coming weeks as necessary.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Please check back regularly as additional dates added as and when activities / visits are confirmed!

SPRING TERM 2 ~ 2023

Monday 13th March to Friday 17th March ~ British Science Week

There will be a 'share' opportunity linked to Science Week on the Friday afternoon in the form of an exhibition ~ more details to follow

Friday 17th March ~ Science Exhibition ~ 'share' afternoon ~ more details will follow

Friday 17th March ~ PTA Mothers & Special Others Gift Stall ~ see included flyer

Tuesday 21st March ~ WORLD POETRY DAY

Tuesday 21st March ~ Parent Consultations

An opportunity to follow-up with your child's Class Teacher on their academic and personal progress, following on from those in the Autumn Term and their Pupil Progress Check in December.

Wednesday 23rd March ~ WORLD POETRY DAY

Thursday 30th March ~ Our EASTER SERVICE at St Peter's Church at 2.15pm

Friday 31st March ~ END OF HALF-TERM

INFLATABLE FUN



NERF & LASER



EASTER SPORTS CAMPS

H A V E R H I L L

FOOTBALL MANIA



MEGA SPORTS





EASTER SPORTS CAMPS

SAMUEL WARD SPORTS DOME, HAVERHILL



**FOOTBALL FUN
CAMP**

Dates: 5th, 6th, 12th & 13th April

9am - 3.30pm

£15.00



**INFLATABLE FUN
CAMP**

Dates: 3rd, 4th, 11th & 12th April

9am - 3.30pm

£15.00



**MEGA SPORTS
CAMP**

Dates: 4th April

9am - 3.30pm

£15.00



**NERF & LASER
CAMP**

Dates: 3rd & 11th April

9am - 3.30pm

£15.00

*Early drop off available from 8.30am £3.00

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Mothers & Special Others Gift stall Friday 17th March

We will be holding our annual Mother's Day and Special Others Stall on Friday 17th March

As previously if your child would like to participate they need to provide a donation in the form of a small gift and £2.00 in a named envelope. This gift could be a small set of toiletries, (unused & packaged,) other cosmetics, bubble bath, a box of chocolates, a jar of sweets, cups, mugs and so on. No alcohol or alcoholic chocolates please.

The children will then have the opportunity to choose a gift on Friday 17th March in school, have it wrapped by our PTA volunteers and will bring it home ready for Mother's Day.

Please note: both a gift AND £2 are required for your child to take part.

Donations for this event will be accepted as of Monday 13th March but will need to be in school by Wednesday 15th March at the latest.

If you can spare a couple of hours on Friday 17th March to assist with running the stall and help wrap gifts please speak with a member of the PTA.

RECYCLE IT!
**WE WANT YOUR
OLD CLOTHES,
TOYS AND
HOUSEHOLD
ITEMS**

We provide the bags for you to fill.
Collection is Thursday 30th March
Please leave your bags at Thurlow Village
Hall by 9.30am on the day only

**SCHOOL TERM DATES: NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR
2023 ~ 2024**

Autumn Term 2023

Monday 4th September to Wednesday 20th December

Monday 4th September & Tuesday 5th September 2022: non-pupil days (PD Days)

Autumn Half-Term ~ Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October

Christmas Holiday

Thursday 21st December 2023 to Tuesday 2nd January 2024

Spring Term 2024

Wednesday 3rd January to Thursday 28th March

Wednesday 3rd January 2024: non-pupil day (PD Day)

Spring Half-Term ~ Monday 19th February to Friday 23rd February 2024

Spring Holiday

Friday 29th March to Thursday 11th April 2024

Monday 6th May 2024: early May Bank Holiday

Summer Term 2024

Friday 12th April to Friday 19th July

Friday 12th April 2024: non-pupil day (PD Day)

Monday 15th April 2024: non-pupil day (PD Day)

Summer Half-Term ~ Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May 2024

End of Term ~ Friday 19th July 2024