

Thurlow Church of England (VC) Primary School Newsletter Friday 7th July 2023



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

A little note from Mrs FitzGerald...

Goodness me, what a busy week we have had! Our rescheduled Otters Class
Presentation on Tuesday was fantastic! The children have learned so much through their
'Emperors and Empires' theme, developing their historical knowledge, their reading and
writing skills as well as their artistic skills. I loved their interpretations Boudicca from the
source materials and the rallying speeches imagining themselves as the warrior queen!

Our Year 6 pupils thoroughly enjoyed their leaver's outing to Pleasurewood Hills yesterday. They had great fun on all the rides, even the scary ones! Our thanks go to Mrs Feakes, Miss Buckle and Mrs Harding for accompanying the children and ensuring they had such a good time.

Our Year 4 and 5 pupils thoroughly enjoyed their visit to our sister school, Hundon, for an inter-school day where the two schools combined the colour teams and engaged in a range of sport and team-building activities. It was a great success with the children telling me they would very much like more days like this ~ I have promised to see what else we can add in for the year ahead! Another thank you goes to Miss Jeffs, Mrs Simpson and Miss Blackwell for organising such a great enhancement day for the children.

We finished the week with our brilliant Butterflies Class Presentation, which was full of fun! All the children participated and have clearly loved their 'Dinosaur Planet' theme and being explorers. As well as gaining a lot of knowledge the children have enjoyed opportunities to be creative, inventive and imaginative ~ all so very important!

We hope you will be able to make the family picnic (from 12pm) and sports afternoon on Thursday next week and it is our Year 6 Leaver's Presentation at 9am on Friday (the 14th) and we are looking forward to seeing our Year 6 parents, carers and special others there.

Have a lovely weekend.

Warm regards, Mrs FitzGerald

Please remember your child needs their water bottle every day to stay hydrated and a sunhat and sun-cream would be very helpful too!

Many thanks!

THURLOW: STAFFING AND CLASS ORGANISATION UPDATE ~ SEPTEMBER 2023

As the end of term looms, we wanted to keep you informed of developments related to staffing and class organisation with the new academic year in mind.

You know we have focused on recruitment continuously through the year and been very clear in our desire for a four-class structure going forward. Additionally, many of you will be aware that Mrs Betts is retiring from teaching full-time at the end of this year to spend more time with her granddaughter as well as indulge her passion for History by pursuing a Masters in Medieval Studies. I know you will join me, alongside the Federation team, in offering Mrs Betts our very best wishes as she embarks on this new adventure.

With all this in mind, we have a few changes to current staffing arrangements.

Mrs Read-Graves with her early years and key stage one specialisms and experience will remain with us at Thurlow, teaching the new reception children (15 pupils) who will be Butterflies Class in September.

Bumblebees Class will be reinstated and will include our Year 1 and Year 2 children (18 pupils.) This class will be taught by Miss Allin, who we appointed earlier in the year and brings a wealth of experience across the primary age range as well as expertise in RE and experience of church schools. Miss Allin will be with us for part of our 'Move Up' days so the children can get reacquainted having met as part of Miss Allin's interview back in April.

Otters Class will include our Year 3 and Year 4 children (19 pupils) will be taught by Mrs Tipper, who is close to completing her Teacher Apprenticeship and Miss Buckle, our Deputy Headteacher, who will be based at Thurlow this academic year. Both members of staff are well-known to the children, particularly Mrs Tipper, who worked with them earlier this year.

Mrs Feakes will continue to lead Hares Class, which will comprise of our Year 5 and Year 6 children (16 pupils.)

Mrs Keyte, Miss Jeffs and Mrs Tobin will provide additional learning support for specific individuals and groups of children.

If you have any questions or queries about this please contact me at school.

Warm regards, Mrs FitzGerald

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

SUMMER TERM 2023

(Monday 10th July to Wednesday 12th July ~ Stour Valley Transition Days for Year 6)

Thursday 13th July ~ Rescheduled THURLOW SPORTS AFTERNOON

Join us from lunchtime for a picnic lunch followed by our sports afternoon

Friday 14th July ~ Annual School Reports distributed

FRIDAY 14TH JULY ~ YEAR 6 LEAVER'S PRESENTATION AT 9AM

Year 6 Parents, carers and 'special others' are invited to this special celebration presentation

(Wednesday 19th July to Friday 21st July ~ Unity School Transition Days for Year 6)

Wednesday 19th July and Thursday 20th July ~ 'MOVE UP' DAYS for all pupils

Friday 21st July ~ LAST DAY OF TERM

Please join the PTA straight after Sports Day for fun on the inflatable obstacle course!

Stay until Spm for fun courtesy
of the PTA.
This is a free event provided
by the PTA
All parents are responsible for
their child and must be supervised
at all times

We look forward to seeing you there!





THURLOW KENNELS OPEN DAY & FUN FAMILY DOG SHOW



Sunday 16th July, 2023

2pm onwards FREE ENTRY

Activities during the afternoon include:

Family fun dog show and straw bale scurry
Pony rides, farrier demonstrations
Tractor and trailer tour
Bouncy Castle & much more!
Teas, cakes and ice creams
Local honey & homemade produce for sale



Wadgells Farm, Sowley Green, Thurlow, CB9 7JR

For information, contact: s.j.sheppard@hotmail.co.uk



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Fearless is a site where you can access nonjudgemental information and advice about crime and criminality.

- fearless.org

Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership

A local partnership providing support and guidance for parents and carers.

- suffolkcsb.org.uk

Suffolk Police

Provides information and advice for young people about gang/county lines culture and how to leave a gang.

suffolk.police.uk

NSPCC

Support and tips to help you keep children safe. From advice on children's mental health to staying safe online, support for parents and what to do if you're worried about a child.

- nspcc.org.uk



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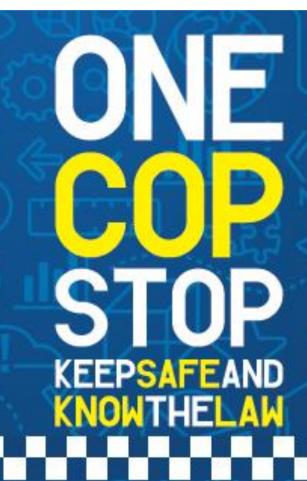


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Call 999 in an emergency only



THINK BEFORE YOU ACT



Is it a crime?

Anti-social behaviour (ASB) is any action that upsets someone or makes them feel frightened or intimidated.

If you're involved in ASB, police will save your name and address on their database the first time you're caught. If it happens again, or becomes a regular occurrence, there may be more serious consequences including having a criminal record.

Shouting and swearing

You don't have to damage something or hurt someone to break the law. Shouting or swearing in public might not bother your mates, but people walking nearby could become upset or scared by it. This makes them your 'victim' and you could be reported to police.

You can also get into trouble if you use threatening words to deliberately intimidate others.

Carrying a knife

Carrying a knife can have serious consequences. Not only can you get a criminal record for simply carrying it, if you are seen by someone who reports the matter to police - or if you are stopped by officers it could affect your future prospects of travel and employment. You also risk putting yourself in greater danger.

Criminal Damage

Deliberately vandalising any property, whether that's a home, garden, place of work or vehicle is considered criminal damage. The damage does not have to be permanent, which means graffiti is classed in the same way.

Smashing windows or throwing eggs at cars, building or people are all a criminal offence, capable of causing damage and injury.

Deliberately setting fire to something, even a pile of rubbish, may seem like a harmless prank but could have serious penalties. The maximum sentence to any arson conviction is life imprisonment and will stay on a person's record for life.

Be Cyber Smart

- Did you know 'sexting' can be considered a criminal offence?
- Creating or sending an indecent image of a person under 18 is a criminal offence
- If you post something publically, anyone can find it. Things you post online (including images) can be copied, saved or shared by other people.
- Never share personal information, like your address or phone number, with someone you don't know.
- Remember to keep passwords secret, even with friends. It's not funny when your online accounts get messed with.
- Personal insults, threats or discrimination online can get your into trouble with the law.

So what?

Once you reach the age of 10, the law states that you understand Right from Wrong.

This means if you break the law and commit an offence, you can be arrested by the police. If you do commit an offence and there is sufficient evidence of this, there are various outcomes that police can consider giving you:

- A Diversion Programme where you will work with the Youth Offending Team.
- A Community Resolution, which takes into consideration how the victim would like the matter dealt with and could be in the form of an apology, damage repair or compensation between the offender and the victim.
- A Youth Caution or Conditional Caution, which will look to provide an intervention programme to prevent further offending. If you already have a caution, the next step could be a formal charge which means you will have to attend court.

A criminal record can also affect your job prospects, including working abroad and any voluntary activities you might want to do.

If you have a criminal record, you will have difficulty in travelling to some countries – including the USA and Canada.

Come and find out more about me and my friends. How many can you find along the New Cut?

Drop by & learn more about Damselflies and Dragonflies. Fun for all the family.

Spotter sheets will be available & Andrea Harrison, a British Dragonfly Society member and Odonata Enthusiast, will be on hand to field questions and help with identification.

(Binoculars useful but not essential)

Clare Castle Country Park
Marking Dragonfly week
Sunday 9th July 2023
12.00pm - 3.00pm (Weather permitting)



