

Thurlow Church of England (VC) Primary School Newsletter Friday 21st April, 2023



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A little note from Mrs FitzGerald...

Welcome back to the summer term! I do hope everyone managed to enjoy some family time over the school holiday. The children have returned with energy and enthusiasm for their learning and settled back into their routines with ease. It has been lovely to see them all this week!

We are really excited about our fantastic learning themes this term with Butterflies Class enjoying 'DINOSAUR PLANET' whilst Otters Class will be exploring their theme of 'EMPERORS AND EMPIRES' and Hares Class are getting enthused by the Victorian era as part of their 'REVOLUTION' theme. I think the latter are going to really enjoy their class text 'The Wolves of Willoughby Chase' by Joan Aiken ~ it's such a classic!

The team and I are very much looking forward to working with you all again this term.

Best regards, Mrs FitzGerald

Friday 5th May ~ Celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III

The children are invited to wear red, white and blue on this day. We will be engaged in coronation related learning through the day and we will be having a 'street party' picnic lunch.

SUMMER TERM SWIMMING

Our youngest children across both our schools will start their swimming sessions in next week in our outdoor, heated swimming pool to develop their water safety and water confidence. The children will need their swimming kits on Tuesday of next week. The children will need:

- A ONE-PIECE swimming costume or pair of swimming shorts / trunks
- A towel
- A swimming hat
- Suitable footwear to walk from the classroom to the pool, (e.g. flip flops / water shoes / crocs,)
 otherwise they will be wearing their school shoes

SUMMER TERM 1 ~ SCHOOL MEALS

For pupils in Years 3 to 6 (Otters Class and Hares Class) the cost of a school meal is £2.30 per day. Next half-term will cost £62.10 in total, (a week of school meals is £11.50.) Children can alternate between packed lunches and school meals as preferred but school meals need to be paid for in advance. Here is the link: School Meals - Suffolk County Council



Here is a little snap from Hares Class visit to Braintree Museum yesterday where they got to try out learning in a Victorian classroom....I think they were quite glad to get back to 2023 by the end of their visit!

Also, here are a few pictures of the children enjoying our lunchtime club provision, each day our coaches from Prestige Sports offer various activities for the children to take part in. Today it was go karting!









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!

SUMMER TERM 2023

Week Beginning: Monday 24th April ~ Reception & Key Stage 1 Swimming starts

Monday 1st May ~ Bank Holiday (May Day)

Month of May ~ Year 2 National Curriculum Assessments

Friday 5th May ~ Celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III

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Monday 8th May ~ Bank Holiday (Coronation of King Charles III)

Tuesday 9th May to Friday 12th May ~ Year 6 National Curriculum Tests

Monday 15th May ~ Guide Dog Workshop ~ more details will follow

Thursday 18th May ~ Maths Day ~ more details will follow

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Thursday 25th May ~ Butterflies Class visit to the Sedgwick Museum, Cambridge ~ TBC

Friday 26th May ~ LAST DAY OF THE HALF-TERM Summer Half-Term ~ Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June

Monday 5th June ~ Non-pupil day (PD Day)

Tuesday 6th June ~ Children Return to School

