

Thurlow Church of England (VC) Primary School Newsletter Friday 14th October, 2022



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Head Teacher's Special Mention Awards

~ Butterflies Class ~ Lailah Philpot

- ~ Otters Class ~ Lyla Walker
- ~ Hares Class ~ Oliver Jeffrey

A little note from Mrs FitzGerald...

Gosh, I cannot believe the first half-term is drawing to a close already and we have just one week to go! We are very much looking forward to our harvest service on Thursday; we hope to see lots of you there!

It has been a busy few weeks! The children have really been working hard across the school. I am so proud of the way they have returned and started; getting (back) into their routines, establishing and re-establishing their behaviours for learning and 'finding their feet' in general in their new classes.

Otters Class were amazing in their Celebration Presentation this morning ~ they were so confident using the microphone and had so much lovely learning to share ~ fabulous!

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Warmest regards, Mrs FitzGerald

<u>STAFFING</u>

Whilst our efforts with in-year recruitment continue, we are pleased to share with you our recent appointment of Mrs Julie Simpson, who will be joining the Federation in January. Mrs Simpson will work across both schools, providing additional teaching support here at Thurlow within Hares Class, working alongside Mrs Feakes. Learning support will continue to be provided by Mrs Leaney and Mrs Tobin, who is also the school's ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant.)

Mrs Simpson is a highly skilled and experienced primary practitioner who will join us from a larger primary school in the west of the county. Mrs Simpson worked with the children earlier this week and will return before Christmas to ensure a smooth start to the spring term.

HARVEST COLLECTION

We are collecting items to donate to the Haverhill Food Bank for their food parcels as part of our harvest this year. This is worthy local charity helps families who are struggling to make ends meet, perhaps needing to borrow money for food or resorting to going without as well as those in crisis having suffered a significant change in circumstances such as loss of their job.

Right now things like noodles, fruit juice, squash, fizzy pop, sauces like ketchup and mayonnaise, pickles and tins, including of meat and fish are needed as are the little indulgences we all need, like a sweet treat at the end of the day or a biscuit with a cup of tea! We hope you will be able to help!

Please refer to the link <u>www.reachhaverhill.org.uk/harvest</u> on items, which are very much needed.

INFORMATION ON PUPIL SUPPORT

In addition to the daily provision of high quality teaching by our extremely skilled and talented teaching and learning teams, we also provide support to individual pupils within the Federation's two schools, who, for various reasons or circumstances, or perhaps related to a learning need; require further input.

This may be for a short time or over an extended period and can take a variety of forms. It may include specific programmes, various interventions, learning support, 1:1, small group input, the involvement of external specialist agencies and providers. This work is confidential and private to those involved and forms part of the extensive pastoral support we offer. It complements our excellent Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHEE) and Beliefs, Religions and Values Education (BRAVE) curriculum.

As parents and carers you need to know this is available to you and your children should a need arise. You need to know this work is currently taking place across our settings for various families and their children and we do not share more detail than this as it would not be appropriate for a parent to be aware of specifics regarding another parent's child.

We share this information so there are no misunderstandings about what is or is not being undertaken within our schools for individuals and to highlight the availability of this support for families within our Federation, now or in the future.

If you have any questions or queries regarding this, or any other matter please do not hesitate to come and see me. Please appreciate there may be things I am unable to share or discuss for reasons of privacy and confidentiality.

Mrs FitzGerald

FACILITATING PIANO LESSONS

Piano lessons will be available in school to children in Years 2 and above after half-term. Lessons last 20 minutes and cost £10 each. If you would like more details, please contact Billie Farr on 07941364423 or <u>farrb756@gmail.com</u>

Places are limited and will be offered on a first come, first served basis.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Others will follow but I know lots of you will want to get these onto the calendar as soon as possible. The team and I are continuing to add to our schedule with special days, visitors and trips, including some additional 'share' opportunities ~ we will keep you posted!

AUTUMN TERM 2022

Thursday 20th October ~ HARVEST SERVICE at the church at 2.15pm

FRIDAY 21ST OCTOBER ~ END OF HALF-TERM HALF-TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 24th October ~ Friday 28th October

Monday 31st October to Friday 4th November PARLIAMENT LEARNING WEEK including School Council Elections

Monday 7th November to Thursday 10th November ~ PARENT CONSULTATIONS (Individual Class Teachers will confirm specific days and times available via Class Dojo) Find out how your child is doing in class with their academic targets.

Friday 4th November ~ Celebration Presentation including introduction of School Council Representatives at 2.45pm Parents of elected School Council Representatives <u>only</u> are invited.

Tuesday 15th November ~ PROSPECTIVE PARENTS OPEN MORNING ~ 9.15am until 12pm

Friday 11th November ~ REMEMBRANCE DAY

Monday 14th November ~ World Kindness Day, coinciding with the start of anti-bullying week and concluding with Friday 18th November ~ Children in Need Day

Friday 25th November ~ Butterflies Class Family Celebration Presentation 9.05am Parents of children in Butterflies Class <u>only</u> are invited.

Thursday 1st December ~ CHRISTINGLE SERVICE at the church (TBC) Thursday 8th December ~ AM & PM Performances of our Reception & Year 1 Nativity

Wednesday 14th December ~ Christmas Jumper Day (TBC)

Friday 16th December ~ 'FANCY FRIDAY' ~ end of term parties (& party clothes!)

Friday 16th December ~ LAST DAY OF THE AUTUMN TERM





Dear Parent/Carer,

We're challenging you to take action for nature and climate this October half term! Support The Wildlife Trusts on our mission to restoring and protecting 30% of land and sea for nature by 2030.

Walk **30km** for the **Big Wild Walk** between **24-30 October**, and raise vital funds to help us reach our

30 by 30 target.

For more information or to take part, visit: www.wildlifetrusts.org/bigwildwalk Or scan the OR code below





#BigWildWalk

Hedgehog Walk

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have a special fundraising challenge for younger ones!

Did you know a **hedgehog** can walk **3km** in just one night?

Join **Timmy and Apricot** of **Timmy Time** and walk **3km** for the **Hedgehog Walk** between **24-30 October**.

We'll also send you on a special mission to collect items for hibernation, and to spot Timmy's friends!

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Gaspard the Fox!

at Carlton Marshes

Saturday 29th October 2022 12.30pm-2.30pm

Carlton Marshes Visitor Centre



Enjoy celebrating all things fox with themed activities and refreshments.

Join Gaspard's creator **Zeb Soanes** and illustrator **James Mayhew** for an immersive book reading, including Gaspard's newest adventure *Gaspard's Christmas*.





