



Thurlaston CE (Aided) Primary School
Teaching and Living the Christian Way of Life
Building Our Lives on Jesus

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Dear Parent/Carer,

As you can see from the weather outside school is back as the weather has picked up. We trust you all had an enjoyable and relaxing summer. It was great to see the children returning and our new ones starting.

I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Andrews and her husband have welcomed Aida into their family during the summer holidays. All are doing well and adjusting to new routines. Miss Barwell and her partner were delighted to welcome Ivy into their family and are doing well. We wish both families much joy at this time and always.

We are working on this year's events and will let you know the provisional dates for many of the key events in our next newsletter. Please note that unfortunately we could only secure an afternoon slot for the pantomime this year and so the children will not need to arrive early but will need picking up later than the normal picking up time. We will confirm the approximate time when we can but this will be subject to traffic.

I need to remind you that holidays in term time cannot be authorised and fines are very likely to be issued by the local authority. These will increase on each occasion and on the third occasion the LA are likely to take it to court. (Please note any fines etc. are received by the LA not the school.) However where there are exceptional circumstances I can authorise the absence. Please complete the form to request an absence. The LA will also look at absences (without good reason) equating to 5 days in a 10 week period and decide if fines would be appropriate.

Children in class 4 are allowed to walk home on their own. If you normally have to travel by car to school we recommend parking a little way from the school and you agreeing to meet with them somewhere in the village. This helps get them ready for their next stage in education when they may travel on school transport. (If you do not want this to happen please let school know in writing).

All other classes the children will need to be collected from school. Please let us know if there are changes to who is picking up or provide a list of people who you are happy to collect without the need for further permission.

Gold Award Assemblies- These resume on Monday and start at approximately 9:05 and should be finished by 9:25. All parents are welcome. We will let you know the Friday before if we are giving a certificate to your child. Please also note we love children to share their achievements from outside of school at this assembly and welcome trophies and certificates children have won. The new children will be given a Gold Award Collector Card today.

Class 1 will be holding a new parents meeting week beginning 9th September. Letter to follow with details next week.

Some year 6 pupils are helping out at the "Lighter Lunches" run by the chapel in the village on Tuesday next week.

The PTFA are starting to sort out their events for the year. Please see details of their first event that have been sent home today.

Reminders

- School opens its doors at 8:45 and children should be ready in class for registration at 8:55.
- School finishes at 3:25 and children should be picked up promptly.
- Please ensure all of your child's clothing is named.
- Please be mindful of our neighbours when parking: ideally park a little distance safely from the school and walk the last bit.
- Any medications that children need to take in school need to be prescribed and a permission form from the office needs completing.
- Leicestershire School Food Services are happy to provide school meals on all or some days. However if you only want some days it should be a regular pattern. Please inform us in writing of the pattern.
- Please ensure you keep contact details up to date. Soon you will receive a copy of the details we hold to check. Please sign to confirm if it is correct or make any alterations.
- All payments to school including for dinners need to be cash or cheques made to Thurlaston Primary School. We are looking in the future to provide alternative ways but want to ensure we use the best provider.
- School lunches are £2.65 per day; £13.25 per week
- Please send PE kits in at the beginning of the week and take them home for washing at the end of each week.
- Hole in the Wall are suppliers of our uniforms. The PFTA have preloved uniform you can purchase and welcome used uniform that children have grown out of.

Yours sincerely



Gavin Beetham