



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,

Three of our children took part in the Cross Country Competition at Vipers Rugby Club on Thursday. They all did really well and represented the school excellently. Thank you to Jesse's mum for organising them at the event.

Five of our Year 6 children received Sports Ambassador Training at Countesthorpe College on Wednesday. They are raring to implement all they have learnt and raise the profile of sport in the school.

The PTFA Cake Bake Competition took place today. They all looked amazing. The winners will be announced in the Harvest Service but here is a list also. Class 1 – Lily Saunt, Class 2 - Paisley Little, Class 3 - Jacob Marshall and Class 4 - Joseph Chapman.

The reception children have been doing a Big Moves Course with Learning South Leicestershire School Sports Partnership over this half term. This has been looking at the children's fundamental movements and helping them improve. The instructor was impressed with how well the children were doing. They said they were able to do so much more than they often can with groups because the children listened so well and have a good baseline level of physical movement.

Four volunteers from Class 4 helped out at Lighter Lunches this week. The folk there always enjoy the children helping and it is great for the children to mingle with people from different age ranges to themselves.

We trust you all enjoyed the Harvest Service in Church. Thank you for the donation of food that was sent into school. Rather than take them up to church and back we left them in school and will be passing the items on to the foodbank.

Remembrance Parade (Croft)- We are looking for 2 pupils to represent the school at the Remembrance Parade Service at Croft on 10th November 2024. The 2 pupils will lay a poppy wreath at the memorial on behalf of the school. The service is at 10:55 approximately but you will need to take your child for 10:30 and be responsible for finding the official and other pupil to enable your child to lay the wreath. If you would like your child to be considered please let Mr Beetham know by email by the end Friday 1st November.

Conkers Trip- Please remember the trip for Class 1 and Class 2 is now taking place on 28th October (the first day back). Please check the letters carefully to ensure that you have everything that is needed. The children will all need a packed lunch and suitable clothing as detailed in the letters.

Poppy Day Appeal – The school council will be selling various items for the poppy day appeal each morning before and after school. Please bring cash to make the minimum donations detailed below.

Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. (Matthew chapter 7 verse 24, NIV)

Snap Bands £1.50, Fabric Wristbands £1, Zip Pulls 50p, Adhesive Poppies 50p.
Poppies are also available for a donation.

Reminder- You may have heard in the news concerns being raised about children's well-being online. Online chat can be a problem area for children. (Many adults have had poor experiences with Whatsapp groups for example) Please check if you child is on any online platforms that are not rated for their age. Instagram, YouTube, Whatsapp, facebook, twitter, Snapchat, Wink and TikTok – are rated 13+ so no child in primary school should be on them.

Year 6 children are invited to take part in an online survey for Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust. This is regarding their health and well-being. A separate letter has been sent. The survey will take place in school time but school will not be able to access any of the information included. If you do not wish your child to take part please let the school know in writing before 30th October when we have to run the survey. Here is a video that explains what it is all about that is aimed at the children - <https://vimeo.com/864747417>. We will show the children taking part this video in school before the survey.

I wish you all a safe and restful half-term break. See you all on Monday 28th October.

Yours sincerely



Gavin Beetham

Provisional Dates

17/10/24 – Open Day 9:30-3pm
18/10/24 – Harvest 2pm
Half term – 21-25/10/24
28/10/24 – KS1 Conkers Trip
30/11/24 – PTFA Bazaar
11 & 12/12/24 – Nativity
16/12/24- KS2 Pantomime Late pick-up
20/12/24 – Carol Service 2pm
Christmas break – 23/12/24 to 6/01/25
11&13/02/25 – Parents Evenings

Half Term – 17-21/02/25
6/03/25 – World Book Day
11/04/25 – Easter Service 2pm
Easter Break 14-25/04/25
5/05/25 – Bank Holiday
12-15/05/25 – KS2 SATS
Half Term – 26-30/05/25
24 & 25/06/25 – KS2 Performances
1/07/25 – Sports Day
8/07/25 – Leavers Assembly
9/07/25 – School closed until 26/08/25