



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,

Though it seems ever so long ago now, Monday was a really busy and exciting day. The Fit Fencing was a great experience of a different sport. You never know it may have inspired the children to take up this sport or at least find out more. (In my youth a friend of mine was a youth national champion in fencing).

The Fire Brigade came with the fire engine as part of the "People who help us" topic. Class 1 were so excited. We have also had Mrs Jones talking about how butter and cheese is made.

The Rugby Tournament for Class 3 has been cancelled as the other schools have withdrawn from it. This is disappointing but they obviously felt that our team was too strong! We have arranged with the provider that both Class 3 and 4 have a training session at Leicester Forest East Rugby Club on Monday afternoon instead. The children need to come to school on Monday in warm outdoor PE kit. (They will also need a coat.) Please pray the weather will be good.

There are lots of photographs on Facebook from this week already but over the weekend some more will be posted.

As you know we have a number of volunteers come into school- many reading with the children. This is really great. The children appreciate it and the volunteers also gain from it. Occasionally, we have volunteers who are training to join the education workforce and we welcome them to our team. Mrs Law will be joining us working regularly each week to gain an official qualification. If you would like to do this and need a volunteer placement please talk to us so the relevant checks can be carried out and you can do it with us.

Class 1 and 2 annual visit to Glencroft Church in Glen Parva is taking place on Monday morning. The church has an exhibition tour from the bible and then various activities including food tasting bible time's food and dressing up. Please ensure your child's class teacher is reminded of any allergies we need to be aware of. The event is free to school with the church paying for everything including the transport there and back. It will all take place in school hours.

We have received some information about Free School Meals Entitlement. If you are entitled to Means Tested Free School Meals please apply. Applications from now on will be reassessed periodically to check on entitlement. However previously entitled recipients will only be reassessed at a change of school phase, for example going to high school.

Thank you to everyone who supported the children in class 4's fundraising efforts on Thursday. I am sure this will benefit the endangered species in the arctic regions.

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)

School council comic relief fundraising raised £117.00. Thank you for your donations.

The children have been busy in the run up to Mothering Sunday (a church calendar festival). A huge thank you to Mrs Matthews for her flower arranging with class 2 which she kindly provided everything for.

Year 3 Open the Book assembly was a great success. They did a wonderful retelling of the story of David and Goliath.

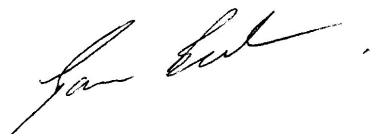
It was good to have Peter Harrison in school to take an assembly on Friday. It is great that the chapel can support the school through regularly visiting us.

Reminders

Leicestershire School Meals Service Notice - Following a recent review of our prices, that show ongoing increases in food costs and the national living wage, we will be applying a 10p increase to the cost of all paid meals from the 1st of April 2025 – taking the cost of all paid meals to **£2.75**.

The PTFA are once again doing a clothing collection. As we move from winter through spring to summer you may be sorting out your clothes. The collection will take place on 23rd May but please keep your clothes in any bag you have until then.

Yours sincerely



Gavin Beetham

Provisional Dates

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

2/07/25 – Leavers Assembly (Note changed date due to transition days)

9/07/25 – School closed until 26/08/25