



Thurlow C of E VCP School  
Newsletter 6  
20th October 2017



*Laying the foundations for a bright future*

**Family Celebration Assembly on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November (Class TBC)**

*A note from Mrs Fitzgerald...*

What a super first half-term we have had here at Thurlow ~ the children have been extremely productive, gaining lots of new learning and developing their skills.

I know everyone here is looking forward to the holiday week ahead of us, time with family, to recharge and rejuvenate and we look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday seeing you all on Monday 30th October.

**PARKING**

The parking of cars in the car park as well as near and around our School at 'drop off' and 'collection' times are a constant safety concern ~ I know, without doubt, none of us want a child to sustain an injury caused by a car.

Therefore we ask that our road safety markings are adhered to and if at all possible, PLEASE park elsewhere and take a short walk. If you are dropping off early at Breakfast Club or need to come into School we politely request that drivers remember to drive slowly and use the identified parking bays.



**TELECOMMUNICATIONS BOXES**

**These green boxes, located just near our site provide telephone and other essential communication cabling to both the School and homes in the locality. Whilst robust in construction the boxes are not designed for climbing upon. Please could parents help us by reminding children of this?**

**Many Thanks!**

## MIDDAY SUPERVISING ASSISTANT (MDSA) VACANCY

We are looking to recruit additional casual contracted MDSA's to our current lunchtime team. If you are interested in this role, please contact Mrs Sanders in the School Office for more information about the role and requirements.

## HUNDON AND THURLOW PRIMARY FEDERATION PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

We currently have a parent governor vacancy on our governing body.

Governing bodies are the key strategic decision-making body of every school and have a vital role to play in making sure every child gets the best possible education.

In all schools governing bodies should have a strong focus on three core strategic functions:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- Holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the School and its pupils, and the performance management of staff; and
- Overseeing the financial performance of the School and making sure its money is well spent.

Whilst no special qualifications are needed and the most important thing is to have a keen interest in the School and be prepared to play an active part in the governing body's work we currently would welcome interest from parents with a background and / or skill set related to finance or data analysis particularly.

If you are interested, have relevant skills and time for this role and would like to know more please speak to me or Mrs Emma Pitt, our Chair of Governors, who can tell you more about what is involved as well as the nomination and ballot procedure.

Yours sincerely, Mrs FitzGerald

Don't forget to collect your token at Tesco's Haverhill where we are currently one of the three charities which customers can select to support. Many thanks!



## CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACES

The admissions round opened on September 12th for primary school places starting next September (2018). Please be aware the closing date for applications is January 15th 2018 with the offer date identified as April 16th, 2018. We recommend families apply online as soon as possible in order to secure their places. Further information regarding admissions can be found on our school website or [www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-places/](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-places/)

## CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES

Please be aware the closing date for applications is October 31<sup>st</sup> 2017 with the offer date identified as March 1st, 2018. We recommend families apply online as soon as possible in order to secure their places. Further information regarding admissions can be found on our school website or [www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-places/](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-places/)

## PTA INFORMATION BOARD

There will be a PTA meeting the first Friday after each half term throughout the school year straight after family assembly. The next meeting will be on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

**BLUE BAGS ~ Our next collection is on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.  
Drop off any filled bags at the Village Hall by 9.00am.**



**CHRISTMAS FAYRE FRIDAY 8<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

@ The Village Hall 3.30pm – 5.30 pm

Please speak to any PTA members to find out how you can get involved in the PTA

Please see attached minutes from the last PTA meeting.

We have available some second hand uniform. All we ask for is a donation. Please speak to the office.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
<p><b><u>OCTOBER</u></b> <i>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Halloween Disco</i></p> <p><i><b>HALF TERM 23<sup>d</sup> October - 27<sup>th</sup> October</b></i></p> <p><i><b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> BACK TO SCHOOL</b></i></p>	<p><b><u>NOVEMBER</u></b> <i>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> PTA Meeting straight after assembly</i> <i>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Bags</i></p>
<p><b><u>DECEMBER</u></b> <i>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Christmas Fayre @ Village Hall 3.30pm - 5.30pm</i> <i>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Christmas Dinner</i> <i>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Lego Workshop</i> <i>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> <b>END OF TERM</b></i></p>	

With Christmas looming don't forget you can support your school by using this link when shopping! [www.easyfunding.org.uk](http://www.easyfunding.org.uk)