



Thurlow C of E VCP School  
Newsletter 8  
17<sup>th</sup> November 2017



*Laying the foundations for a bright future*

**Family Celebration Assembly on Friday 24th November will be Class 3**

A note from Mrs Fitzgerald...

Goodness me it has been a very busy few weeks, not least this week with our section 8 inspection on Tuesday. You'll appreciate I am not able to share outcomes until we have official notification from Ofsted but it was definitely a good day! Thank you to those parents who found a moment to complete the Parentview questionnaire online or even went to the trouble of sending a text regarding your views ~ thank you so much!

With feedback in mind I hope we can catch up for a 'Parent Forum' session after our Family Celebration Assembly next week (Friday 24th November)? I'd be keen to hear your thoughts regarding our current Parent Consultation process and the information we share about your child's progress using our Milestones approach. Your feedback is much appreciated and I hope to see some of you next week.

Warm regards, Mrs Fitzgerald

### FLU VACCINATIONS

Please make sure you have handed your form into the School Office as a matter of urgency in order to ensure your child does not miss out on their immunisation.

### **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.

Making the world better with a festive sweater!



**Save the Children**  
**CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY**

On Thursday 14th December the children are invited to donate £1 to the charity **SAVE THE CHILDREN** and wear a christmas jumper / something christmassy.

Your donations will help bring essential healthcare, education, protection and food to millions of children around the world who don't have access to these basics.

## 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!

## HUNDON AND THURLOW PRIMARY FEDERATION PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY ~ THURLOW CEVC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

## Play Equipment Reminder

Please can we remind children not to bring play equipment in from home. We have a wide range of equipment for the children to use at school. This equipment is for all children and, as the equipment is school property, any damage, accidental or otherwise, is something school manages, therefore avoiding any individual child being upset by loss or damage and avoids upset being caused by exclusion from the use of personal property.

# PTA INFORMATION BOARD

**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, 2017**

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Our Christmas Fayre is fast approaching and we are looking for helpers in order to make this a super event for all our children.

It doesn't have to be a lot; perhaps helping a few days beforehand with getting things or maybe on the day to set up. If you could run a stall, please let one of the PTA know or if you would be willing to help with tidying up at the end of the fayre ~ all help appreciated!

## **CHRISTMAS HAMPER ITEMS**

There is a list at the front of school of items for a Christmas Hamper prize, please sign up to donate one of the items on the list if you can!

## **RAFFLE PRIZES NEEDED!**

We need donations ~ toiletries through to stationary, sweets, chocolates, biscuits through to bottles, including those of an alcoholic nature, all welcome and much needed.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **NOVEMBER**

*Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November ~ Children In Need Day (NON -UNIFORM DAY)*

*Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November*

### **ROAD SAFETY WEEK**

*Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November ~ Class 3 Ministry of Chocolate*

*Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November ~ Bags for Schools*

*Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November ~ Flu vaccines*

### **DECEMBER**

*Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December ~ Non-Uniform Day  
(Donate a bottle or chocolates)*

*Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December ~ Children's Choice lunch*

*Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December ~ Non-Uniform Day  
(Donate a bottle or chocolates)*

*Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December ~ Christmas Fayre  
@ Village Hall 3.30pm - 5.30pm*

*Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December ~ KS1 Nativity performance - 2:30pm*

*Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December ~ KS1 Nativity performance - 9:30am*

*Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December ~ School Christmas Dinner*

*Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December ~ Christmas Jumper Day*

*Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December ~ Christmas Dinner*

*Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December ~ Christingle service at the Church*

*Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December ~ Lego Workshop*

*Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December ~ **TERM ENDS***