



January 2019

The Thurleigh Times

A warm welcome back after Christmas and a Happy New year to you all! The Spring Term has arrived and the children have made a fabulous start to their new topics. Early Years and Years 1 & 2 have embarked on a new topic entitled 'Adventurous Me', Years 3 & 4 have started 'Mountains High and Oceans Deep' and Years 5 & 6 have just begun 'Is there a Solution to Pollution?' If you would like to see what your child will be learning this term, then more details and subject coverage can be found on the school's website at www.thurleighprimary.uk under 'Our Learning'.

Sarah Moore



Welcome to Pumpkin

I am sure that you will have heard the excited chatter about our newest member of the Thurleigh team...Pumpkin the Hamster. She has already become somewhat of a celebrity and has taken up residency in the school library. As part of learning about responsibility, Pumpkin is being cared for by Ash Class, particularly our school librarians Eva and Kathryn. Their job is to clean out Pumpkin's cage, ensure her food and water is topped up and to supervise her exercising in her hamster ball.

NSPCC Non-Uniform Day

On Thursday 24th January we will be visited by a member of the NSPCC as part of their 'Speak Out. Stay Safe' safeguarding programme. Each class will attend an age appropriate assembly which will focus on themes such as 'the right to speak out and be heard' and 'the right to get help when they need it'.

To support the invaluable work that the NSPCC tirelessly continue to do, we will be having this event as a Non-Uniform day. Donations of £1 per child (which will go to the NSPCC) would be greatly appreciated.



Calling all parents and carers...

As you know, we greatly value the role that parents/carers play at home, in supporting the learning and progress made by your children.

Any parents/carers who feel they would also be able to give some of their time, in a voluntary capacity, to help in classrooms, primarily with reading, please speak to Mrs Augustine.



Christmas Donations

Thank you so much for all who kindly donated at Christmas following the Christmas Performances in the church. A fabulous £207.87 was raised!

Governing Body Update

Following the resignation of Cathy Friend as Chair of Governors, we have been working closely with Bedford Borough to appoint a successor. I am delighted to announce that Cathy Piotrowski has agreed to stand as Chair for the next year. Cathy was part of the Interim Executive Board last year so knows both schools well and the journey of the Federation so far.

We are hugely grateful to Cathy Friend for her dedication and hard work and wish her all the best for the future.

As well as welcoming Cathy Piotrowski as Chair, we also welcome Simon Davies who is Parent Governor for Kymbrook, and Jasbir Sondhi, who has an education background.

This Half Term's Upcoming Dates for Your Diary

Monday 14 th January	FOTS meeting after school. All welcome.
Thursday 24 th January	NSPCC – Non Uniform Day.
Thursday 31 st January	Tempest class photos.
4 th - 8 th February	Children's Mental Health Week (to also include Safer Internet Day on 5 th Feb.)
Friday 8 th February	Break up for Half Term
11 th -15 th February	Half Term
Monday 18 th February	All staff and children return to school.

Safeguarding Reminders:

At Thurleigh Primary we take safeguarding very seriously, so to ensure the safety of every child in our care, we would like to remind you of the following:

- Please try to notify the school by 9.30am if your child will not be in.
- If you are not going to be the person picking up your child from school please remember to let us know in advance.
- Please remember to shut any gate as you enter/leave the premises. In particular please pay special attention to ensure that the playground gates are kept closed at all times and that you accompany your child if they leave the playground.
- Please remember to leave the yellow zig-zag lines at the front of the school clear at all times and avoid parking on the hill outside the school to avoid congestion.

If you see or hear anything that concerns you whilst at the school please talk to the class teachers or contact the Designated Safeguarding Leads. Designated Safeguarding Leads for the Thurleigh Kymbrook Federation - Mrs Sarah Moore/ Mrs Kathy Augustine.

Mrs Rachel Smith (based at Kymbrook site)

Remember that safeguarding is everyone's business. Thank you for your support.