



June 2022

The Thurleigh Times

Hello everyone, I hope you all enjoyed the long weekend to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We were so thrilled to see that so many parents, carers and grandparents were able to attend our Jubilee celebration. How lovely it was to see everyone together again. Thank you for your kind donations of food! This is such a busy but wonderful half term. There are lots of events to be planned. You will also, towards the end of the term, receive your child's annual report. We are expecting to receive the SATs results for our Year 6 children on 5th July. Many of the children are out of school this day, so we will send them out to parents and carers by Weduc rather than making the children wait two days until they are back! This term also brings thoughts of moving on. All of our Year 6 children will be having days at their new secondary schools and we will be welcoming our new EYFS children in for a visit. Everyone staying next year will be 'Moving up' on Wednesday 6th July.

School Uniform

Thank you to those who responded to our surveys on school uniform. Your thoughts do help us as we update our policy and move to new government legislation regarding school uniform. We will send more information out soon, including details of a 2nd hand uniform sale.

Year 6 Camping

Parents and carers of children in Year 6 will soon be receiving information about our end of year camp.

Changes to the Timing of the School Day from September

You may be aware that the government's recent 'white paper' stated the expectation that state-funded mainstream schools should deliver a school week of at least 32.5 hours. In order to be compliant with this, our school day will need to increase by 5 minutes per day. **Therefore, from September 2022, the school day will need to change to 8.50am – 3.20pm.**



Forest School Accreditation

A gigantic well done and congratulations to our Forest School leader, Ranger Nina Sansom, for outstanding work on her Forest School portfolio. Having passed the Level 3 course, she then had to submit a portfolio of work in order for both schools to receive official Forest School status. After several months of hard work, Ranger Nina has passed with flying colours. This means that we are now OFFICIAL Forest Schools and are allowed to display this logo. What an achievement!

Equally Safe

We have been chosen for a partnership opportunity with 'Equaliteach', who have been funded by DfE to run the 'Equally Safe Programme'. The aim is to create safe, equal and inclusive schools and tackling identity-based bullying. It is a year-long project that involves staff attending workshops and training, to make changes to school procedures to ensure we are doing the best for our children and staff.

Part of the process is to consult with parents/carers and children to assist us with the process, so please look out for a parent survey link that we will send to you soon. Again, we would be so grateful for any input on this to help us improve our practice.



Sports Day

Our sports day this year is on Friday 8th July. The children will spend the morning taking part in a round robin of activities in their 'houses'.

After lunch we will have our traditional sports afternoon, which you are warmly invited to. Please make your way to the school field ready for a 1.15pm start.

Parking

A reminder to please park with consideration around our school. Please do not park on the lines at the front of the school as this obstructs the view of other drivers and becomes a hazard. Thank you.

Class structure for the next academic year

For September 2022, the class structure will be as follows:

Oak Class Nursery and YR – Mr Burton, Mrs Spinelli, Mrs Rumble

Willow Class Y1 & Y2 – Mrs Hoyte Mrs Freed, Mrs Beard

Chestnut Class Y3 & Y4 – Miss Calvert, Miss Bates (Miss McLaughlin & Miss Walker 1:1 support)

Ash Class Y5 & Y6 – Mr Cole, Mrs Tough (Mrs Sansom & Mrs Cross 1:1 support)

We would like to invite parents and carers to short meetings to meet their child's new teacher. These will be straight after school on 7th July. Teachers will be in their classrooms to welcome you to a short talk from 3.20 pm. As many of our parents and carers will have more than one classroom to visit and teacher to meet, please just pick one to visit first and then move on. This 'Meet the teacher' event is just for the parents/carers of children who are new to the class. For example children moving into Year 5, not those going from Year 5 to Year 6. Teachers will be preparing leaflets containing key information, so please do not worry if you are not able to attend, as these will be sent home to you.

Safeguarding reminders

At Kymbrook and Thurleigh Primary Schools 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 notify the school on 01234 771252 as early as possible 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 leave the front of the school clear at all times. The village hall car park is available for parking.

If you see or hear anything that concerns you whilst at school please talk to the class teachers or contact the Designated Safeguarding Leads. Designated Safeguarding Leads for the Kymbrook and Thurleigh Federation – Mrs Kathy Augustine, Mr George Cole and Mrs Rachel Smith (based at Kymbrook site).

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

Upcoming Dates for Your Diary

Monday 4th July	Whole School photos
Tues 5th and Weds 6th July	Sharnbrook Transition days – for Y6 children
Wednesday 6th July	Transition day – all children to ‘move up’ to their new class for the day. ‘Meet the Teacher’ after school
Thursday 7th July	Stay & Play morning for Nursery children and their parents 9-11am
Friday 8th July	Sports Day – 1.15pm
Wednesday 13th July	Key worker feedback session – letter sent out to parents who this applies to.
Thursday 14th July	Fiddle Fiesta for our violin pupils. Details already shared by Vicki Edwards
Friday 15th July	Year 6 - Federation activity day, more info to follow
Monday 18th July	Theatre of Widdershins performance for the children
Thursday 21st July	Y6 Leavers Assembly 2pm – Parents welcome.
Friday 22nd July	LAST DAY OF THE SUMMER TERM – AFTER SCHOOL CLUB FINISHES AT 4pm TODAY
Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd September	INSET days for staff
Monday 5th September	Children start back to school

