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The Thurleigh Times

Hello everyone, welcome to a new academic year. I hope that you have all had a relaxing and enjoyable summer, even though it will now be a distant memory. As always, classes have hit the ground running in terms of diving straight into their new topics. There is a great deal of exciting learning going on and the school has a very happy buzz.

This 'welcome to the new year' newsletter, has information which should help you to plan the term, outlining events and dates for you to make a note of.

Harvest

We would like to invite you to our Harvest celebrations on Wednesday 12th October at 9am. This will take place in the church and will involve all classes, with the service being led by Sue Ives who is an Associate Minister for the parish and regularly conducts assemblies for the children.

This year we are collecting donations for the Kings Arms project.

'King's Arms Project is a charity tackling homelessness, displacement and isolation in Bedford and beyond. We provide person-centred support, accommodation and opportunities for growth and community.'

More information will follow soon regarding the type of donations they would like to receive this year.





Bikeability

Last week our children in Years 3-6 (KS2) took part in 'Bikeability'. This is a scheme funded by the Department for Transport, which the Bikeability Trust then distributes across England.

This cycle training equips children with the important life skill of riding a bike confidently. Our children were given the opportunity to gain independence and develop cycling skills, with our oldest children also being taken out on to the local roads by qualified instructors. A great start to the new term!

Parent/Carer Workshops

This term we will be offering a range of parent/carers workshops for you to attend to get advice and practical ideas for supporting your child at home.

Miss Calvert – Times Tables Workshop Y1-Y6

Mr Cole – Maths Calculation Workshop. Y3-Y6

Mr Cole – eSafety Workshop. This is aimed at Y3-Y6, but parents of younger children are also welcome.

Mr Burton/Mrs Hoyte – Phonics and Reading Workshop YR-Y2

Please see 'Important Dates for Your Diary' section below for when these workshops will be taking place.

School Uniform and PE Reminders

Please could we send a polite reminder that in line with our school uniform policy, the **wearing of jewellery is not allowed**, except for a watch and only small, plain stud earrings, if children have pierced ears. (These will then need to be removed during PE lessons.) This is for health and safety reasons, as we have a duty of care to ensure the children are able to participate actively in all school activities without endangering themselves or those working around them.

Please do talk to your child's class teacher if you have any questions regarding this.

Breakfast & After School Club Update from Ms Bown:

Breakfast Club



For the start of the morning, the Breakfast Club focuses on quieter activities, such as Lego, mindfulness colouring (with different medians: coloured pencils, felt tip pens, wax crayons) and card games.



From 8:00 to 8:30 am - a selection of healthy cereals with milk and toast with honey, jam or marmite is provided on request of the child or parent. Please inform the school of any dietary requirements that your child may have.

After School Club

The activities on offer are organised to provide a fun and stimulating environment, under staff supervision. These will help develop your child's sense of unity and teamwork while playing with others. Your child will be engaged in learning through play, developing their social skills and boost their self-esteem and self-confidence.

From 4:00 to 4:15 pm - a snack will be provided. As in main school, children have access to their water bottles or cups of water can be given.

3:30 pm	Registration
3.35 pm iPads: TT Rockstars, Purple Mash, Bug Club and Phonics Play	To improve your child's maths skills and challenge others in TT Rockstars. Learn IT skills with Purple Mash. Read books and play interactive games on Bug Club Phonics and play sound games on Phonics Play.
4:00 to 5:00 pm	Different clubs over week
	A choice of 'U rated' age appropriate films will be shown with a popcorn snack.
	There will a focus on different themes or creations, using a range of arts and craft techniques and medians.

	<p>We have a selection of board games for your child to play with:</p> <p>Card games – Uno, Snap, 21, Top Trumps. Dominoes and Rally Dominos, Scrabble, Monopoly, Buckaroo, Operation, Frustration, Connect4, Battleships and Jigsaw Puzzles. Learn how to play and master Chess and Draughts and compete in challenged tournaments, individually and in teams.</p>
	<p>Your child will have the chance to manipulate Lego bricks to develop their co-ordination, puzzle solving, persistence, sense of achievement and use their imagination to design their creations.</p>
<p>5:00 to 5:30 pm</p>	<p>Library Time accessing TT Rockstars, Purple Mash and Bug Club, or a chance to relax reading a book</p>

Upcoming Dates for Your Diary

<p>Thursday 6th October</p>	<p>Mr Burton & Mrs Hoyte Phonics & Reading Workshops YR-Y2 3pm & 5pm Sharnbrook Academy open evening</p>
<p>Monday 10th October</p>	<p>Miss Calvert's Times Tables Workshop</p>
<p>Wednesday 12th Oct</p>	<p>Harvest Festival 9am in the church</p>
<p>Monday 17th October</p>	<p>Robotics Workshop Parent/Carer Consultations</p>
<p>Wednesday 19th Oct</p>	<p>Robotics Workshop</p>
<p>Friday 21st October</p>	<p>Break up for half term</p>
<p>Monday 31st October</p>	<p>Training day</p>
<p>Tuesday 1st November</p>	<p>Children return to school</p>
<p>Monday 7th November</p>	<p>Mr Cole's Maths Workshops Y3-Y6 parents 3.30pm & 5pm</p>
<p>Thursday 10th Nov</p>	<p>Athlete visit – Peter Bakare (morning)</p>
<p>Friday 18th November</p>	<p>Children in Need</p>
<p>Monday 21st November</p>	<p>Mr Cole's eSafety Workshop – more info to follow</p>
<p>Tuesday 29th November</p>	<p>Theatre of Widdershins</p>
<p>Thursday 1st December</p>	<p>Decoration Day – parents/carers & grandparents are invited to join the children in their classrooms to make Christmas decorations and enjoy some refreshments together</p>
<p>Tuesday 6th December</p>	<p>Christmas Performances in the church 2pm & 6pm</p>
<p>Thursday 8th December</p>	<p>Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day</p>
<p>Tuesday 13th December</p>	<p>Workshare – all parents and carers are invited to come in and look at children's work straight after school.</p>
<p>Wednesday 14th Dec</p>	<p>Children's Christmas Parties</p>
<p>Friday 16th December</p>	<p>MK Theatre Panto Y3-Y6 BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS</p>