



# Thorpe Church of England Primary School

*Faith, Love and Excellence*

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**Newsletter No. 1**

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents, Carers, Governors and Staff

## **Welcome back**

A warm welcome back to all our families. We hope you had a wonderful summer break. A very massive thank you for all your amazing good wishes and very kind gifts. They are very much appreciated by us all.

We are all looking forward to a calm, happy term. If any circumstances have changed for your child over the summer break, please let us know, in strict confidence. New babies, pets, change in jobs, houses or partners all have an impact on children and it is always good for us to know these details so we can support your child.

## **Opal Play**

We introduced the children to our Opal Play initiative today and we hope they come home and tell you how amazing it is. We are at the very beginning of this year long project and with your help, it will only get better. Massive thanks to all those involved including the Dennett family who built the Mud Kitchen 'Café du Thorpe'. Everyone will need to bring wellingtons to school in order to make the most of the outside area. Children should also have a waterproof coat with a hood. **If you have any spare wellies or waterproof coats at home, we would love to have them as inevitably sometimes they are left at home.** ❤️

## **Earlybirds and Owls**

Bookings are now open for September on [MagicBooking](#). Owls will still run until 5.30pm only for the time being due to demand. If you are new to our school, you can sign up for an account and book in advance. Children are not allowed to attend these wraparound clubs without payment in advance.

## **Covid-19**

Although we are all praying that this pandemic is coming to an end we are aware that infection rates are still high and people are still dying. Therefore, we have been advised to continue with the strong message regarding signs and symptoms, isolation advice and testing. Please ensure prompt isolation if your child is unwell and get a PCR test as soon as possible. If your child is unwell, please do not send them to school.

Kindest regards

Mrs Helen Southgate

**Headteacher**

<b>Dates for your Diary 2021</b>	
<b>September 2021</b>	
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> am & pm and Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> am	One Stay and Play session for each group in Reception Class
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> and Tues 14 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Class morning sessions – 8.50 to 1.15pm (staying for lunch)
Weds 15 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Class all full time – 8.50am to 3pm
<b>October 2021</b>	
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>INSET Day – Queen’s Platinum Jubilee - School Closed</b>
w/c Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Half-Term
<b>November 2021</b>	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	School re-opens
<p style="text-align: center;">NB - All events are subject to Government restrictions and may be changed</p> <p>Please make sure the office have up to date email addresses and contact details for you, in case we need to communicate during the holidays. Any urgent messages will be posted on the school website <a href="#">HERE</a></p> <p>For Surrey Schools Term and Holiday Dates 2021-2022 please <a href="#">follow this link to our school website</a>.</p> <p><b>INSET Days – School Closed</b> ~ Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022, Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June and Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022 (in lieu of Queen’s Platinum Jubilee)</p>	

### School Meals

Meals will cost **£2.45** each day from September for Key Stage 2 children – Years 3-6, totalling **£85.75** for this half-term. Universal Free School Meals remain cost free to parents for Key Stage 1 – Years R-2. For KS2 meals are payable in advance, online via [Parentpay](#). If you have not yet activated your account please contact the office on [info@thorpe.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@thorpe.surrey.sch.uk) for your activation code.