



Thorpe Church of England Primary School

Faith, Love and Excellence

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Through Christ who strengthens us, all will flourish at our school, with Faith, Love and Excellence.

Newsletter No. 6

Friday 8th October 2021

Dear Parents, Carers, Governors and Staff

We are trialling a new way of sending our newsletter. Please let us know if you prefer the old style PDF or if it is easier to read the information in an email.

Firstly, massive congratulations to Year 5 and thanks to Miss Nicholson for a really successful trip to Kensington Palace this week. We received a really lovely letter in response to their trip this week and all the children had a really fantastic time with this enrichment activity:

Dear Mrs Southgate,

This morning we had the pleasure of welcoming your Year 5 class to Kensington Palace to take part in a school session. They were the first class to experience the programme this academic year, and they were truly a delight. They embraced the learning and were always enthusiastic to take part. The session closes with a debating activity and the children were incredibly astute at forming arguments and responding to opposing opinions. In fact, they are the best debaters I've seen.

Please do pass our thanks to Ms Nicholson for having the confidence to organise a visit in these uncertain times and to the additional staff, who were such great support throughout the visit.

Best wishes - Gail Cameron- Kensington Palace

Our First Football Match for a long time On Tuesday 5th November, Thorpe played a football match against St Cuthbert's School. A few of the team have written a match report for you all:

On the way to the match, we started to get a bit nervous but when we saw the pitch our feelings buzzed with mixed emotions, the adrenalin was rushing through us. We all breathed heavily as the whistle blew. During the first half we began to assess our opponents and worked out a successful route to scoring. Archie made some crucial saves that kept the team going; goals followed from Morgan, Aidan and Joshua. St Cuthbert's started to challenge us in the second half; but the team held their confident lead. There were some excellent plays from Blake - who was on the wing. Despite receiving some minor injuries, the team demonstrated resilience and a desire to keep going. There were some amazing goals from Rufus and Harry. Alex (the goalkeeper in the second half) made some brilliant saves, whilst Tommy expertly held up the defensive line with Riley. All of the fantastic teamwork and sportsmanship led to a huge win for Thorpe - 7-2. We can't wait for our next game!

Written by Morgan, Archie, Harry and Aidan (Y6)

OPAL Play lunch The children loved their OPAL play special burger lunch this Thursday. Thank you for supporting our school kitchen with this event.

Harvest Service at St Mary's Church Year 1 and 2 were superb at the church today, we were so pleased to see parents and carers back in church and Zooming in from home. The children coped really well with the technical hitches and spoke and sang so beautifully. Thank you all so

much for your generous donations too. Runnymede Foodbank and White Lodge will distribute food parcels to families in need in the Borough, using your donations.

Harvest sharing time with Sapphire Class – On Tuesday 12th October, we are inviting ONE parent per family for our Reception Class to attend a sharing time with the children. Please come and share this special Harvest time with your children. Please bring an item of food to donate to Runnymede Food Bank and White Lodge; tinned meat, fish or beans (no tinned tomatoes please) pasta, rice, cereal.

Maths Workshop YR, Y1 and Y2 Many thanks for ‘zooming in’ to hear all about how we teach and how to support your child with their Maths. For any of you who couldn’t attend, the presentation is on our school website [HERE](#).

Parents’ Evenings are coming up in October and will be via ZOOM. Bookings will be via [Magicbooking](#) and are available from today. You will need to create an account for your child/children and appointments will be ten minutes per child. **Please make sure your child is listed in the correct class/year group or your booking will be with the wrong class teacher.**

Dates for your Diary 2021 **October 2021**

Tuesday 12th **Sapphire Harvest Sharing time in the school hall at 9am – Only one parent per child please.** Flu Immunisations – ALL year groups – E consent now closed

Tuesday 19th 3.15-6pm – Parents Evening via ZOOM (Booking via [Magicbooking](#) NOW)

Thursday 21st MUFTI Day ~ Wear a top in your house team colour and bring a donation for the Adult Tombola

4.30-7pm – Parents Evening via ZOOM (Booking via [Magicbooking](#) NOW) **Break up for half-term @ 3pm**

Friday 22nd INSET Day – School Closed

w/c Monday 25th Half-Term

November 2021

Monday 1st School re-opens

Tuesday 2nd Y3 Visit to Chertsey Museum – see separate letter

Weds 3rd Year 4 - Hindleap Warren ZOOM Presentation at 6pm – see email for link

Thurs 4th 9.15-10.15am - Open Morning for prospective admissions in September 2022

Friday 5th MUFTI Day ~ Wear your brightest outfit to school and bring a donation for a Christmas Hamper

Monday 8th Horizon Individual Pupil Photos – **Ruby Class please wear uniform and bring PE kit today**

Thursday 11th Y6 Junior Citizen Workshop – 1-3pm – details to follow

Friday 19th Y4 Viking Workshop in school – details to follow

Prospective Parents welcome to our Open Morning

Thursday 4th November – 9.15 to 10.15am

If you are looking for a place in Reception Class in September 2022 we are pleased to open our doors and show you around our beautiful village school.

Please spread the word amongst your family and friends. Please book an appointment via info@thorpe.surrey.sch.uk and join one of our school tours. You will be able to ask questions and have a look round our amazing facilities.

Applicants for September 2022 close on 15th January 2022. Apply online here : [Surrey Admissions](#)

We hope you have a wonderful weekend

Kind regards
Mrs Helen Southgate

Headteacher

Covid-19 We 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 for the whole family as soon as possible. If your child is unwell, please do not send them to school - <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test>

Exemptions from isolation

From 16 August, there is no requirement to self-isolate if you are notified you have had close contact with someone with COVID-19 and any of the following apply:

- you are fully vaccinated, you are below the age of 18 years 6 months, you have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial, you are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Fully vaccinated means that you have been vaccinated with an [MHRA approved COVID-19 vaccine in the UK](#), and at least 14 days have passed since you received the recommended doses of that vaccine.

Due to this, we currently have children and adults in school who a positive case at home. Please note, if we had a positive case in a class, that class would need to form a bubble, for 10 days, from the rest of the school. They would eat their lunch and play together, but apart from the rest of the school... we will let you know if this happens. The link to our Outbreak Management Plan is [HERE](#)

Uniform Update – Junior boys and girls will have the option to wear **either** a white polo shirt **or** white shirt and school tie all year. *Please note that shirts and ties will be recommended for formal events such as church visits for Junior children.*