



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.

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Dear Parents, Carers, Governors and Staff

Thank you to those of you who came along to the Zoom parent meetings this week. Also, thank you for your feedback and lovely comments about our hard working teachers. It is very much appreciated.

We hope you like the new look diary dates section and you are able to find information for your child's class more easily. Also, we will endeavour to only send one email a week with all the information you will need; it will be via this newsletter. However, there may need to be interim reminders so please bear with us.

Parent Governor Elections We have two vacancies for parents to join our Governing Body. To register your interest, please contact info@thorpe.surrey.sch.uk and we will send the information to you.

Parents' Evenings Thank you to those of you who came along for the parents' evening to find out how your child is progressing at school. If you were unable to come along, please contact your child's class teacher and they will arrange for a time to talk. Sapphire and Topaz parents' evenings will be after half term.

Athlete Visit **Frederick Afrifa** came to visit this week and the children had a wonderful time taking part in the activities – we hope they were motivated by his passion for sport. He was very engaging and all the children joined in with the sporting activities to music. His motto is “keep moving forward” and he talked about how important it is to be resilient and to get back up when you get knocked down. He talked about his aspirations and challenges. Thanks to Miss Nicholson & Mrs Ambridge for organising.

Opal Play The children have enjoyed a half term of amazing playtimes. This has only been possible with the support of our amazing school community. Thank you for your donations, for coming to help and your suggestions. A reminder that all children should have wellington boots so that they can use the field. Those children who wish to play football, will need football boots, shin pads and a change of trousers (*lunchtime football will be on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays - football will not be available on Mondays and Fridays*).

Mr Lubbock has been busy today building new sheds to make our school look a bit tidier and for the children to have better access to the equipment (*thank you Mr Lubbock!*)

The first week back we will be getting some exciting new equipment so watch this space...

The best childhoods – Last week I had several conversations with parents who were concerned about their children and their children's friend spending too much time on various electronic platforms such as TikTok*, Instagram*, PlayStations, TVs, Computers etc and the content that they may be seeing and posting.

It reminded me of an article I read about how most parents want to give their children a great future. The article stressed that it's not a great future that parents need to give their children, it's a great past. Giving your children a great past is something you can do right now.

They will not remember the hours they spent staring at a screen; they will remember the fun times they had together with parents, siblings or friends; walks with a picnic, a trip to the park to climb a tree or a train ride somewhere exciting.

We have very little control over their future, but we do have control over giving them amazing childhoods☺

Praying that you all a very peaceful, fun, healthy half term break.

Kind regards

Mrs Helen Southgate

Headteacher

**Both have an age 13/15 limit due to graphic content that is available.*

General Information

Monday 1st November	Back to school
Thursday 4th November 9.15 – 10.15	Open Morning is now full but additional dates for Look Around School visits Thursday 18 th , Tuesday 23 rd , Thursday 25 th and Friday 26 th November. Booking is essential.
Friday 5th November	Mufti day ~ Wear your brightest outfit to school and bring a donation for a Christmas Hamper – Parents, Carers, Governors, Relatives... We urgently need your support with this as our stocks are completely depleted – thank you in advance
Monday 8th November	Individual Photos
Friday 12th November	Remembrance Service (for Junior children only)
Wednesday 17th November	Maths workshop for Junior parents – find out how we teach your children and how you can support your children with their home learning.

Year Group Information

Year R	Thank you for your good wishes to Mrs Fisher, she is feeling much better.
Thursday 4 th November	Parents' Evenings 4.30pm – 7pm for your original time. Zoom link to follow
Tuesday 9 th November	Parents' Evenings 3.15pm – 6pm for your original time. Zoom link to follow
Year 1	See general information above.
Year 2	
Monday 8 th November	Ruby Class please wear uniform and bring PE kit
Year 3	
Tuesday 2 nd November	Visit to Chertsey Museum
Year 4	
Wednesday 3 rd November	Hindleap Warren Meeting 6pm online – details to follow
Friday 19 th November	Viking Workshop in school – see separate email
Year 5	
Wednesday 10 th November	Victorian Day – children to dress up as a Victorian child
Year 6	
Tues 2 nd & Thurs 4 th Nov	Rescheduled Parents' Evenings for your original time. Zoom link to follow
Thursday 11 st November	Junior Citizen Workshop – 1-3pm – see separate email
	Applicants for September 2022 close on 15th January 2022. Apply online here : Surrey Admissions Secondary applications for Year 6 close on October 31 st . Apply online HERE

We have been asked to pass this message on to you from Surrey Fire and Rescue Service asks residents to 'Scare Safely' this Halloween

It took under a minute for a monsters Halloween t-shirt to be engulfed in flames during a fire safety screen test by Surrey Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) and Buckinghamshire and Surrey Trading Standards.

The screen test included a variety of garments and accessories such as witch hats, capes, skeleton tights and pumpkin tops. Three of the garments tested caught alight within a few seconds and will be submitted for further testing and investigation.

Ian Smith, Trading Standards Supervisor shares four simple tips to be safe this Halloween: "Always look at the label, it must have a UKCA or CE. Remember to check wigs, masks and if you're going to make a costume, check the material you're using. Get children to wear clothes under their costume for added protection should the worst happen."

"Another great tip, which people don't think about as much, remember to use face paints rather than a mask. You can buy from a reputable retailer, however, do an allergy test first to make sure there is no reaction against the skin."

Matt Harper, SFRS's Fire Investigation Station Commander recommends a new way of lighting our pumpkins this year: "One of the safest things that you can do this Halloween is to swap out your tealights for torches or glow sticks. This can greatly help to reduce the risk of costumes catching fire. Halloween should be spooky, but not dangerous!"

You can report any [consumer issues to the Citizens Advice Bureau](#) who will then pass on the information to the right Trading Standards service who will be able to advise you on your problem. Please always look for a UKCA or CE mark on costume labels - this means they have been tested so should be safer.

Watch the video: [Surrey Fire and Rescue Service - Scare safely this Halloween!](#)