



# 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

**World Book Day Reminders - Dress Up Day Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** - Please come dressed as Where's Wally or a book character.  
**Extreme reading photos and Selfies** - Please bring in your extreme reading photos and photos of your bookshelves or add them to google classrooms so we can make a whole school display. **Book Swap Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March** - We are delighted to be raising money for our link school in Sierra Leone on book swap day. Please bring in a book you no longer need and a 50p donation to 'buy' a book for a child in Sierra Leone. All donations will go to Sierra Leone.

This week, **our school kitchen** has been awarded **5 Star Hygiene** rating by Food Standards Agency. This is the highest rating and we are very proud of our lovely cooks; Gilly and Lisa. Thank you both for all your hard work. We now only have two members of staff allocated and they are working super hard to deliver hot meals to all the children. We would love to get our numbers up further so that we could get Debs back, our third member of staff, into our kitchen. If you would like your child to have our yummy school meals, please let the office know. Thank you to those of you who are supporting our kitchen and giving your child a hearty warm meal in the middle of the day. On Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March, the kitchen will offer pancakes for dessert as we celebrate Shrove Tuesday and enter into Lent.

**Living with Covid 19** - From Thursday 24 February, the Government has removed the **legal requirement** to self-isolate following a positive test. They are instead asking adults and children who test positive **to continue to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days**, and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days. **Please note, we have been advised that no one should attend school with any Covid symptoms to reduce the risk of people being infected – we would welcome your support with this.**

**PE at TASIS** - We are very excited to announce that Thorpe children will be visiting TASIS (the other school in Thorpe Village) to use their sports facilities and take part in PE lessons with classes at their school. TASIS will be visiting Thorpe later in the year to take part in PE classes and play sessions. Some classes will also be taking part in friendly matches in a variety of sports. We hope this will broaden the children's experience of sport and physical education, as well as, develop a sense of community between the two schools. Big thanks to our PE team and TASIS for organising this.

The following classes will be visiting TASIS on the dates listed below. We ask your child comes to school wearing their school PE kit.

Year 3 - Monday 14th March  
Year 4 - Monday 7th March  
Year 5 - Thursday 10th March  
Year 6 - Thursday 17th March

**Please can I ask everyone to sign up to StudyBugs.** This is integrated with our systems so **we know right away** if your child is unaccounted for. It's quick and easy to register and use and automatically reminds you to keep us posted. Click below to register if you haven't already. In case you don't know already, we use this secure system for reporting your child's absence due to illness. Please get the free Studybugs app, or register on the Studybugs website, and use it to tell us if your child's ill and unable to attend school. Here's the link: <https://studybugs.com/about/parents>

Today, we showed our KS2 children a short PowerPoint regarding the **trouble in Ukraine**. The message we gave was that Russia wants Ukraine to be part of Russia and Ukraine would like to be independent and other countries are trying to support them. We have suggested that if the children feel worried, they speak with you or a member of school staff and suggested they play a game or plan or do something positive.

Wishing you all a peaceful, calm weekend.

Kindest regards

*Mrs Helen Southgate*

**Headteacher**

General Dates	
February	
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Book Week Fotsa Meeting at School 7pm
March	
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	World Book Day Dress up as 'Where's Wally?' or your Favourite Book Character
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Book Swap Day. Please bring in 50p and a book to swap for Sierra Leone.
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Emerald Class visit to St Mary's Church – please drop off at Church Year 5&6 Football Team v St Cuthbert's Primary School
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Garnet Class visit to St Mary's Church – please drop off at Church
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 5&6 Football Team v Ongar Place Primary School
April	
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Break up for Easter – <b>1.30pm pick up</b>
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Return to school for Summer Term

### Year Group Information

<b>Year R</b>	Please visit Children and Family Health Surrey NHS portal to consent to National Childhood Screening Programme <a href="#">Here</a> <b>Deadline for Consent is Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February</b>
<b>Year 1</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> March, children to St Mary's for RE visit- drop at Church
<b>Year 2</b>	See general information above.
<b>Year 3</b>	Visit to Tasis for PE session Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> March .
<b>Year 4</b>	Please remember your P Cornets every Friday. Visit to Tasis for PE session Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> March 17 <sup>th</sup> March, children to St Mary's for RE visit –drop at Church
<b>Year 5</b>	Visit to Tasis for PE session Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Year 6</b>	Visit to Tasis for PE session Thursday 17th March

The cost for KS2 Dinner Money for this half term Spring 2 is £73.50. 30 days @ £2.45



### £20.22 Challenge

Thank you to all the children who took part in the £20.22p Challenge.

Our wonderful children have been busy on sponsored bike rides, baking cakes and taking part in other fun activities! All money raised will really help support our school with extra equipment and activities.

Please return sponsorship forms by **Friday 4th of March**. FOTSA has arranged for those children who took part to receive an extra 10 minutes of playtime as a BIG thank you for giving up their time to help raise funds.

Funds can be added to the **JustGiving** page below.

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/fotsa2022challenge>