



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

Maths Observation this week looked at teaching and learning across the school. Big thanks to the teachers and children who are working really hard. Lots of problem solving, wonderful questioning and great explanations from children about the methods they are using. I was accompanied by our Grace Headteacher from St Jude's Infant School to validate judgements and she was very impressed with the planning and delivery of lessons as well as the quality of children's answers. The expectations are very high and children are rising to the challenge.

Masks As you are aware the Government's 'Plan B' restrictions were lifted this week. However, we will continue to wear face masks in communal areas as Covid is still active within our school community, and would encourage all visitors to continue wear face masks. Also, if your child has Covid in their class, you may wish to undertake daily lateral flow tests to make sure we keep our school community as safe as possible to detect any Covid cases early.

Isolation Summary We have received a number of queries regarding isolation periods, whilst it is important that the full guidance is read, as summarised extracts are easily taken out of context and there are often important caveats, we hope that this summary of recommendations below will be helpful:

The early 'test to release' option (negative LFD tests on days 5 and 6, 24 hours apart) for positive COVID 19 cases applies regardless of vaccine status. Unvaccinated COVID 19 contacts of cases are required to self-isolate for the full 10-day period. Fully vaccinated individuals who are COVID 19 contacts don't need to isolate but should take daily LFD tests for 7 days.

Clubs Update We are delighted to have introduced additional clubs for the children this term. Thank you for your understanding and patience as we navigate working with new partners. For health and safety reasons many clubs have restricted numbers and this depends on the activity and age group. We ask each club to 'open back up' at the start of each term so all children have an equal opportunity to apply. It is disappointing when you do not receive a place in club but hopefully there will be other opportunities in the future. If you book a place in a school club or with one of our external partner clubs, please kindly ensure the club fees are paid on time.

Massive thanks to all the awesome class teams who have stepped up to support the children during the absence of an unwell colleague. We are so grateful for your dedication and commitment to the children's learning.

We are still facing quite a challenging time at school regarding absences so please bear with us if we take a bit longer to get back to you.

Balloon Race

We are very excited that FOTSA will be launching a new Balloon Race, there are some fantastic prizes... more details to follow!

Wishing you all a peaceful healthy weekend.

Kindest regards

Mrs Helen Southgate

Headteacher

"Love is what holds you together in perfect unity" Colossians 3:15

General Dates	
February	
Friday 4 th	Parent Voice – Rep Meeting with Headteacher – 9.30am (comments to reps please) Year 1 visit from Chertsey Museum
Monday 7 th	Anti-Bullying Week with e-safety
Friday 11 th	Break up for Half Term – 3pm pick up
	HALF TERM 14th – 18th February
Monday 21 st	Return to school – 8.50am
Monday 28 th	Book Week including World Book Day details to follow
March	
Tuesday 8 th	Emerald Class visit to St Mary's Church – please drop off at Church
Thursday 17 th	Garnet Class visit to St Mary's Church – please drop off at Church
April	
Friday 1 st	Break up for Easter – 1.30pm pick up
Tuesday 19 th	Return to school for Summer Term

Year Group Information

Year R	See general information above
Year 1	4 th February Toy Workshop visit from Chertsey Museum. Please pay on ParentPay 8 th March, children to St Mary's for RE visit
Year 2	See general information above.
Year 3	See general information above.
Year 4	Please remember your P Cornets every Friday.
Year 5	See general information above.
Year 6	See general information above.



Looking for some extra help with maths?

We would like to recommend this new app from White Rose Maths. This app has been reviewed by our awesome 'Maths Lead' Mrs Ambridge. She feels this could be useful for your children. Please click on [1 minute maths](#) for a link to find out more.



Current List of School Clubs

Monday	PS Dance Club	Yrs 2,3,4 & 5	
Tuesday	Coding Club	Yr 3 only	(Yr 4 after Easter)
	School Football Team Training	Yr 5 & Yr 6	(alternate weeks resting the field)
Wednesday	Core Judo	Yrs R-6	(before school 8am)
	Steve Orriss FC Football Club	Yrs 1-3, Yrs 4-6	(alternate weeks)
Thursday	ESG Tennis	Yrs 3-6	
Friday	ESG Gymnastics	Yrs R, 1, 2	
	Warhammer Club	Yrs 3-6	(starting 25 th Feb)

**WE CHALLENGE YOU TO RAISE £20.22P BY
22.02.22!**



Some examples of ways to raise funds:
Bake Sale, Washing up, Tidying Bedrooms,
Washing the car, hoovering the house, sponsored
run.

We challenge the children to think outside the box
and come up with unique ways to raise their funds
and ask the parents to take a step back and let
them lead the way!

If your child does not manage to raise this amount
that's not a problem at all just challenge them to
raise as much as they can.

We ask all the children bring in their sponsorship
form and funds on or before the 22.02.22

www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/FOTSA2022CHALLENGE

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