



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

Safeguarding your children is a vital part of our role. If your child tells us something that is worrying them, or we are worried about your child, we will let parents know. We will always be **transparent about disclosures** children make. We know from experience that communication about worries and honesty is the best way to make things better.

It has been so lovely to meet our **new Sapphire Class** and they have settled really well. Massive thanks to our Reception parents and Team Sapphire for supporting these children to be confident coming into school.

Please note we are a **Nut Free School** as we have some children in school with severe nut allergy that could result in a serious medical reaction. Please be careful when sending in children with processed snacks. Where possible, please send your child in with a piece of fruit or vegetables for their snack.

Thanks so much for those who came along to the **FOTSA AGM** last night. It was a very successful meeting and we elected the new committee. I am delighted to announce our new Co-Chairs: Kayleigh & Daniel Drawwater, Treasurer: Ula Malysa, Secretaries: Donna Price & Bethany Smith. A very huge massive thank you to the out-going committee and to those who are on the current committee but not the three posts above. FOTSA will be setting up a FaceBook page... watch this space for further details. For all FOTSA information, please visit their website [here: www.fotsa.co.uk](http://www.fotsa.co.uk)

It was lovely to see so many parents at the coffee morning this week. Many thanks to Miss White for facilitating the **Reading & Phonics Workshop** for Infant children. We hope you found the morning useful. If you have any further queries about your child's reading, please email office@thorpe.surrey.sch.uk and we will support you.

Thank you if you have already given us **your change of** emails, phone numbers and addresses. If you have a change in living arrangements or financial situation please let office know in strict confidence.

Apologies for the delay in some classes getting their **home learning**. We appreciate home learning is important to consolidate your child's learning and we really value your support with these activities. Please let us know how your child is getting on with these activities.

Earlybirds and Owls Bookings are on [MagicBooking](#). If you are new to our school, you can sign up for an account and book in advance. Please note that children can only attend these wraparound clubs with payment in advance.

Many thanks to **Linda Gillham and Margaret Alderson** our Co-Chair of Governors, who came to school today, met the children and saw how wonderfully the children have settled to school for this new academic term. We also went through SurreyCC Fair Funding Consultation document together.

Communication is such a key part of a successful school, if you feel we could be doing something better, please let us know.



STUDY BUGS...

Please can I ask everyone to sign up to StudyBugs. At the moment, only 70% of our school community are using 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 download 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>

We hope you all have a peaceful weekend and look forward to welcoming the children **back on Tuesday 20th September** after the Queen's funeral closure on Monday.

Sending our love and prayers to the Reeves family at this very difficult time.

Kindest regards
Mrs Helen Southgate
Headteacher

Please note that we are a **HEALTHY SCHOOL** – please do not send your child to school with cakes or sweets for their birthday. This is for various reasons, which we are happy to discuss.

Some parents bring in a book, game or puzzle for the class. These do not need to be brand new! Thank you!

General Dates	
September	
Tuesday 20 th	Open Evening for The Magna Carta School, Staines 6-9pm
Wednesday 21 st	Open Evening for Jubilee High School, Addlestone 5-8pm
Friday 23 rd	Bags2School Collection – please leave outside the school. Parent Voice – Zoom details to follow – everyone welcome. Please email info@thorpe.surrey.sch
Thursday 29 th	Open Evening for Chertsey High School 6-8pm
Friday 30 th	Year 3 Prehistory Workshop from Chertsey Museum
INSET DAYS for 2022-2023: (1) 01.09.22, (2) Friday 16.12.22, (3) Tuesday 03.01.23, (4) Monday 17.04.23, (5) Friday 23.06.23	

Safeguarding

At Thorpe Church of England Primary School, we are **fully committed to ensuring that your children are safe**. All Staff, volunteers and outside agencies are subject to statutory vetting and DBS checks, and the school maintains an up-to-date Single Central Record. During the school day, all adults and visitors must sign in at reception and receive a visitors' badge. Out of hours, if you come into school, please contact a member of staff; sign in at the office and collect a badge.

The Designated Safeguarding Leads for our school are Mrs Southgate
Deputy DSLs: Miss White, Mrs Neathey, Mrs Orriss & Mrs McLaren