



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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Friday 7th October 2022

Dear Parents, Carers, Governors and Staff

Parent teacher meetings will be held on Tuesday 18th October from 3.15 to 4.30pm and Thursday 20th 4.30 to 7pm. Booking slots will be available on Magic Booking as soon as possible. Please ensure you enter the correct year group / class. You may lose your chosen time and day if the class is wrong. If you are unsure about this, please let us know and we will do our best to support you.

FOTSA Christmas Cards

Your children have been busy designing amazing Christmas cards for the past week, and these are now available to order [on line](#).

As well as being a lovely memento for grandparents and other family members, it also raises money for our school. FOTSA receive 20% commission on all orders placed. In addition, until 20th October you can get 10% discount on your orders, by entering the discount code **ThorpeCE** at the checkout.

Leaflets explaining how to order will be coming home today with your child, please look out for them.

**Please support us to be a healthy school by
sending your children in with fruit and
vegetables for snack. For birthday treats, we ask
that you do not send cakes or sweets but a book
or game for the whole class
(this does not need to be brand new)
Thank you so much for your support!**

Please do not send your child in with chocolate snacks for morning break. Many of these also contain nuts and we have children who are severely allergic to nuts. Please send fruit or vegetables instead.

Last week, Year 3 Amethyst Class had a wonderful **visit from Chertsey Museum** who delivered a "Prehistory" Workshop which brought the children's learning to life. The activities included an introduction to caves, cave art, Bronze & Iron Age homes and stone tools. We really want to enrich children's learning with **School Trips and visitors**. However, we will only be able to do this if there are enough payments from parents to cover the costs. Thank you to those who were able to pay the voluntary £3 towards the above visit.



Vacancies at Thorpe. If you have worked in a school setting before, or know anyone who may like to come and work at Thorpe, please let us know. In addition, we would like to build a bank of supply TAs to support at lunchtime and during the school day in class if someone is off sick. If either of the above are of interest to you, please email us and we can arrange a time to meet; office@thorpe.surrey.sch.uk



STUDY BUGS...

Again, please can I ask everyone to sign up to StudyBugs. At the moment, we have gone from 70% of our school community are using StudyBugs to 74% but would like to be nearer 100%. 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. Here's the link: <https://studybugs.com/about/parents>

Attendance – our goal is 96% (last year we finished at 91%! This year we need all children in school all the time so that they flourish and reach their potential). Please ensure your child comes to school every day!

Religious Jewellery; if your child wears religious Jewellery, please can you let us know and we will put measures in place to ensure everyone stays safe during PE. Many thanks

Have a happy, relaxed weekend.

Kindest regards
Mrs Helen Southgate
Headteacher

Thank you so much but we still need more for Opal Play – Please help us!

We would welcome donations of the following for our Opal Playtimes.

Please could we ask that all items are washed, sanded and in a good condition for the children to use.

Also, if you are creative and have some time, we would really value your support to make some sofas with pallets we have accumulated – ideally, we also need a donation of fake grass to cover them.

If you feel you can do this, please get in touch.

Thank you so much for all your support; Crates in good condition, Clean Tyres – possibly painted, Strong Netting, Ropes, Tarpaulins, Old sheets, Sanded down bits of wood for den building, Pushchairs in good condition, Scooters in good condition, Dolls/Baby, stuff, Footballs, tennis balls and basket balls, Duplo/Lego, Pens/Pencils/Colouring books and, Sand.



Attendance

Good attendance is very important for a child's education. They should attend school everyday unless there is a valid reason for them to be absent.

We would remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), they will be liable to receive a penalty notice.

Currently the amount payable under a penalty notice is £60.00 per parent/carer per child if paid within 21 days. Thereafter the amount increases to £120.00 if paid between 21 and 28 days. If the penalty notice remains unpaid after 28 days, the Local Authority will consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court. Please note that penalty notices are issued per parent/carer per child so a family of two parents and two children will receive 4 penalty notices.

Saturday Craft Club

SPELTHORNE
Resource
CENTRE

Staines Park,
Commercial Road,
TW18 2QJ



Our Saturday Morning Craft Club provides children aged 5-9 years with the opportunity to take part in art and craft activities, learn new skills and have fun. With guidance from staff the children will be able to make and create their own art and craft masterpieces.

Times:

Sessions last one hour and runs on Saturday mornings during school term. Session one is 10am-11am and session two 11.30am-12.30pm

Cost:

Each session costs £4.80. Fees are payable in advance at the beginning of each half term and must be pre-booked as spaces are limited.

Location:

The Resource Centre is situated in Staines Park, Commercial Road, Staines-upon-Thames, TW18 2QJ.

Booking:

To book, please visit
www.spelthorne.gov.uk/craftclub

