



Friday 28th June 2013

Welcome to this weeks newsletter.

Share your views through Parent View

Parents and carers can give their views of our school at any time of the school year and at the time of a school inspection using an online questionnaire called Parent View.

When our school is notified of its next Ofsted inspection, which we expect to be April 2014, parents will be invited to give their views about the school to inspectors using the Parent View online facility as this has replaced Ofsted's paper questionnaire. However, when there are over 3 questionnaires filled in the school also has access to what has been written. We really like your opinions of our lovely school to be seen over time and not just at the time of an Ofsted inspection.

Your views are important in helping inspectors make a decision about our school, and to help us know what is going well and what could be improved. We have made changes due to fantastic ideas from questionnaires in the past, including three reports per year and learning conference times within the school day. We will be sending a separate paper questionnaire as well to find out about specific areas that we have been working on in school over the last year to gauge your feelings about.

At learning conferences next week and in the second last week for the year 6 children, we will have computers available for you to use to fill in the online questionnaire. We urge you to please register with an email address and a password at <http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>. Once your login has been activated, it only takes a few minutes to complete answers to 12 short questions about aspects such as bullying, the quality of teaching, level of homework, etc.

If you do not have a computer or an email address or if you would like help to use Parent View, please come into school and ask in the office.

Parent Governor Elections

Forthcoming Election of Parent Governor(s) at Thurton Church of England Primary School

We have a very supportive governing body who help the school become the best it can be. Over this year we have unfortunately had a number of our wonderful governors come to the end of their term (4 years), with some of the governors doing a double term! We wish to thank them for their wisdom, challenge and time, but most of all some nice cake or biscuits.

From September, we have five vacancies on our governing body, two for a parent governor, two for a community governor and one for a foundation or church governor. We are seeking nominations of parents interested in taking up the role of parent governor in this instance. Being a governor can be very enjoyable and worthwhile, but also helps support the development and progress of our school, which we are of course aiming to be Outstanding.

Parent governors are elected by the parents or guardians of children attending the school.

All parents or guardians of children attending the school are entitled to propose or second candidates and vote. Nomination papers for this purpose can be obtained at the school from the head teacher.

The completed nomination papers must be returned to the above school by: Friday 5th of July 2013



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If the number of nominations received are equal to, or less than, the number of vacancies there will be no need to hold a ballot. If a ballot is necessary, it will be by "postal" ballot and your child will be asked to deliver and return your voting (ballot) paper. One ballot paper per parent or guardian is allowed, irrespective of how many of your children attend the school. Ballot papers must be returned in sealed envelopes to the school no later than: Friday 12th of July 2013 at 3.30pm which will be the "date of the election".

If you are interested in this important process. If you have any queries regarding this election, please contact either Mrs Williams or Mrs Karen Rix (Vice Chair of Governors) through the office and they would be happy to have a discussion about what would be involved in this very important role.

NOTES FOR PARENTS TAKING PART IN PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTIONS

There will be no need to hold an election (i.e. no ballot will be needed) if the number of nominations received are equal to, or less than, the number of vacancies.

The composition of the governing body detailing the number of parent governors is set out in the Instrument of Government of the school.

After reconstitution a parent governor will have a term of office of four years unless the Instrument of Government states otherwise, starting from September 2013.

Under the 2012 School Governance Regulations, a person is disqualified from election or appointment as a parent governor of a school if they are an elected member of the LA (a County Councillor) or if they work at the school for more than 500 hours (i.e. for more than one-third of the hours of a full-time equivalent) in a school year (at the time of election or appointment).

Any governor may resign at any time during their period of office.

A parent governor does not have to resign when his/her child leaves the school, but is able to complete his/her term of office.

Parents standing as candidates in the election may not propose or second themselves.

Each parent/guardian shall be entitled to return one ballot paper irrespective of the number of children in the family attending the school.

Each parent/guardian shall be entitled to vote for as many candidates as there are vacancies in the election. No arrangement shall be made for proxy voting.

Each ballot paper must be returned by the date and time fixed by the head teacher, in a sealed envelope, addressed to the head teacher of the school, indicating it contains a ballot paper and bearing no other mark. Any ballot papers received that are not in sealed envelopes will be invalid. The ballot papers will remain unopened in a secure place until the count commences.

All candidates or their representatives will be invited to attend the counting of the ballot papers.

A notice of the result of the election will be posted on the school notice board for a period of 14 days from the "date of the election". During this period any candidate, proposer or seconder of a candidate, or any ten parents may object to the result of the election.



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Year 3/4 Swimmers

Could parents please ensure that for the next swimming session on 3rd July that the children bring a pair of trousers (not jeans) and a t-shirt as they will be in the pool fully clothed for this lesson.

Bag 2 School

All children were given a Bag 2 School this week if you have any unwanted clothing etc please put in the bag and bring the bag into school no later than Monday 1st July at 9.00am

KS2 Cupcake Bake Off

Next week, we will be holding a Cupcake Bake Off. If your child wishes to enter he/she will have to bring in ingredients as follows:

For example (for approx 6 cupcakes):

- 1 egg
- 100g self raising flour
- 100g castor sugar
- 100g butter or margarine

Plus flavourings/decorations/cupcake cases

(No nut products please)

They are allowed to bake a small batch of cupcakes for the competition which will be judged on flavour, decoration, technical ability as well as aroma. Yr 3/4 will be on Tuesday, Yr 5/6 on Wednesday while the judging will be on Thursday. To enter your child must return the reply slips being sent home in the book bags by Monday 1st July. Many thanks Alicia Young.

Staffing

Miss Whitham told all the staff about some wonderful news for herself but very sad news for us as a school. From August, Miss Whitham will be managing Trios café in Loddon. She has already been making cakes for this café for a couple of years now and the opportunity to manage this is a fantastic opportunity. We will certainly miss her cakes, but also her fantastic ability with the children she works with and being a brilliant member of Team Thurton.

Mrs Young has joined our team as lunchtime Catering Assistant. Welcome to the team.

This Week's Topics

Reception and Yr 1

Reception: Children added speech bubbles to photographs of the characters they liked best in the story of Little Red Riding Hood.

Year 1: Children have worked in pairs drawing characters from the traditional tale Little Red Riding Hood, and they used speech bubbles to create conversations between the characters.

Yr 2

The children thought about what shape a boat will need to be to float they then made and tested the boats from tin foil and lego.



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Yr 3/4

This week the children have been writing poems based on Finn McCool's The Giant Causeway, they have also been learning about the different types of Christians from Protestant, Catholic and Orthodox.

Yr 5/6

This week the children have been writing scripts for their Tudor History Radio Documentaries, and they have started to use the PTA funded Coomber to record their shows. Thanks PTA!

Birthdays

Birthday wishes go to Michaela G and Harry H. We wish you both a very happy birthday.

Well done to all our Big Stars!

Reception/Yr 1:

Lilly T-B for working really hard to learn her Zippy Wallet Words and Matthew S for being very kind and considerate to everyone in class.

Yr 2:

Harry P for his excellent progress in writing.

Yr 3/4:

Ashley G for his Maths power of two, and Cleo G for her Swimming.

Monday 1st July 2013 - Friday 5th July 2013

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
In school event			Swimming Year 3/4 and non swimmers		
Lunchtime					
After school		Netball Club Movie Making Club			Gardening Club CSF Football Club

Dates For Your Diary...

Year 5/6 Brancaster Residential: Wednesday 10th July 2013 - Friday 12th July 2013

Sports Day: Friday 19th July 2013

Summer Term Ends: 24th July 2013

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