

**Thornford CE Primary School
NEWSLETTER – April 2022**



Welcome to the April newsletter.

We were very pleased to be able to offer in person parents evenings this week and hope you enjoyed the opportunity of a face to face meeting with your child's teacher. Furthermore, we look forward to welcoming parents to St.Mary Magdalene Church, Thornford for our end of term Easter Service at 9:30am on 8th April. There are lots of things happening before the Easter holiday. We hope the Y5s have a fun residential at Leeson House <https://leesonhouse.com> next week with Mrs. Lewis and Miss Gibbs.

We sent an email out earlier this week about a lovely community liaison activity: a Village concert arranged by Julian Shortman (music teacher at Perrott Hill school) on 18th June at Thornford Village Hall. He is teaching Oak Class two songs for the concert. Do come along if you can make it.

In this season of new life, may your heart feel renewed and full of the hope that Easter brings.



Parents Forum

On Thursday 7th April there will be a Parents' Forum between 14:30 - 15:10 in the outdoor classroom. Please feel free to come along and discuss any aspect of school life with Katie McManus and Binny Bennett (Parent Governors). This will be a great opportunity to finally resume the in-person forums, which have not run in recent years due to socialising restrictions, and we hope to see many of you there. As always, if you have any queries or feedback please do not hesitate to contact school in the first instance.

Katie & Binny

Easter Bonnet Parade

Please join us for an Easter Bonnet parade and prize giving, together with the draw for the FTS raffle at school on Thursday 7th April at 3.10pm.

Dorset Cricket Board - Chance to Shine

Miss Ford visited school on Wednesday 30th March in her new role as cricket ambassador for Dorset Cricket Board. She delivered fantastic cricket sessions for all classes. If your child would like to join a cricket club after school, please use the link: <https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars> Currently if your child joins 'All Stars' which is for 5-8 year old children they will receive a free goodie bag. Every child that registers will receive a backpack full of goodies. Your child's pack will include:

- Backpack
- Cricket bat
- Cricket ball
- Personalised t-shirt with your child's name



#LetGirlsPlay

In conjunction with International Women's day we participated in the Football Association's Let Girls Play day. The idea is for as many girls as possible across the country to take part in some football-based activities; all girls from Thornford School were given the opportunity to learn some new football skills at lunchtime. #LetGirlsPlay



Dodgeball Tournament

On Tuesday 8th March we took part in the Sherborne area Dodgeball tournament at the Gryphon. We faced some tough competition but played brilliantly and are proud of how well we worked as a team. Congratulations to Sherborne Primary school who took home the cup.



KS1 Tennis Taster Session

Sherborne Tennis Club coaches delivered fantastic tennis taster sessions to KS1 on 31st March. Despite the chilly weather, they thoroughly enjoyed the sessions! The tennis club are running a free taster session at the club for all of the children at the session (an email has been sent with information). They are also running an Easter tennis camps at Sherborne Tennis club for all ages



Easter Tennis Camps

Keep the kids active and entertained with 4 weeks of holiday tennis camps.

Camp Dates

WEEK 1: Monday 28th March - Friday 1st April
9am-12 (first session) and 1pm-4:00pm (second session)

WEEK 2: Monday 4th - Friday 8th April
9am-12 (first session) and 1pm-4:00pm (second session)

WEEK 3: Monday 11th - THURSDAY 14th April
9am-12 (first session) and 1pm-4:00pm (second session)

WEEK 4: TUESDAY 19th - Friday 22nd April
9am-12 (first session) and 1pm-4:00pm (second session)

Early drop off is at 8.40am.

Ideally, we would prefer mini players (U10's) in the morning and juniors (11+) in the afternoon but welcome both in either group if this is not convenient for you.

Cost

	Members	Non-Members
Cost per session	£30	£35
Cost per 2 sessions in a day	£50	£60

How to Book and Pay

All sessions must be paid for in full before the start date using the below bank details:

Sports Select Ltd
Sort code: 206815 Account: 63082059

You can book places via:

Matt: 07403 025881 / mattlong69@hotmail.com
Stu: 07825 660781 / wilsons81@hotmail.com

FTS Raffle

Buy tickets for your chance to win:-

- 2 course lunch for 2 at the Chetnole Inn
- A family swim voucher at Goldenstones
- £15 Story Pig voucher
- A hamper with goodies from Ingredients and The Pear Tree
- A 1:1 pilates session with Tanya Burnham
- Coffee and cake at Boyles
- Ice cream for 4 at Ecco Gelato
- 6-week block of Nipper Kicks football classes
- A voucher for a photography session
- A family swim pass for the Jurassic Fun Centre
- Voucher for family of 4 to Abbotsbury Swannery
- A family swim at Sherborne Sports Centre
- Goodies from Mistral
- £10 Playstation voucher
- A hamper with goodies from Ingredients and The Pear Tree
- Bubbly

Tickets have been sent home this week in your child's bag. £1 a strip or £5 for the envelope of 5 strips. Please ask the office for more tickets if you would like them. All money raised goes to supporting your child in school. Good luck!



Disaster Emergency Committee – Fundraising for Ukraine

We showed our support for Ukraine on Friday 11th March by wearing yellow and blue and donating money to the Disaster Emergency Committee. This charity incorporates charities, including the British Red Cross, Action Aid and Save the Children. They have staff and logistics already in place on the ground and will be able to target support where it is most needed.

We were totally overwhelmed with the support and have raised over £800! **THANK YOU!**

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/thornford-ce-primary-school2>

Trees!

We would like to thank the Woodland Trust who have donated two packs of trees and hedgerow plants to school as part of their 'free trees for schools and communities scheme'.

We have planted:

- Hazel
- Crab Apple
- Rowan
- Silver Birch
- Wild Cherry

These trees and hedgerow plants are supplied as part of two national initiatives:

- The Queen's Green Canopy to mark The Platinum Jubilee of Elizabeth II, to create a network across the UK and a green legacy in honour of The Queen's service.
- The Big Climate Fightback is the Woodland Trust's initiative to get the UK involved in planting 50 million trees to help combat the climate crisis.

We are delighted to be able to take part!

Gardening Club

School is looking beautiful with all of the daffodils, tulips and hyacinths that gardening club planted during the Autumn Term. If anyone has spare garden canes to use later in the growing season, or compost that they could donate, it would be gratefully received. Thank you.



Wraparound Care Premier Education

Premier Education are continuing to run after school childcare sessions on a Wednesday and Thursday. The sessions run from 3.20pm – 5.00pm. The children really enjoy the variety of activities that are on offer; please book your space for these sessions directly with Premier Education: <https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/19827/?location=thornford>

Lower Covey

Lower Covey offer daily after school childcare at their site in Yetminster. Please contact them directly to book a space.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club starts at 8am every school day and is booked via ParentPay. Please book by 12 noon on the Friday the week before a space is required. Thank you.

School Nurse

Help and advice is available from the School Nursing Team, they can be contacted by email: dhc.snadmin.hub@nhs.net

Thornford Kitchen – Recipe of the Month!

Spotted Dog

300g plain flour
½ tsp salt
1tsp bicarbonate
3tbsp caster sugar
100g mixed fruit
1 egg (beaten)
200ml buttermilk



Method

- 2lb loaf tin
- Sift flour, salt, bicarbonate, add sugar dried fruit. Make a well add egg and buttermilk. Mix lightly into a soft dough.
- Press into a loaf tin and bake 35-40 minutes at 170° until the top is golden and firm to touch.
- Turn out and leave to cool.
- Serve thick slices spread with butter.
- Good alternative to hot cross buns!

Support the FTS whilst shopping

AmazonSmile is a simple way for you to support the Friends of Thornford School you shop, at no cost to you! Please visit: <https://smile.amazon.co.uk>

The Giving Machine is linked to hundreds of retailers and you can support the school by shopping through their website, at no cost to you. <https://thegivingmachine.co.uk>

Dates for your diary

Monday 4 th April	FTS – Easter Bonnet Competition – entries to school today £1 FTS – Easter Raffle – please return tickets and money today
Tuesday 5 th April	Year 5/6 Football & Year 3/4 Netball SAST at Sherborne Abbey Beech Class Victorian School Day
Wednesday 6 th & Thursday 7 th April	Year 5 – Residential trip to Leeson House
Thursday 7 th April	2.30pm Parents Forum 3.10pm Easter Bonnet Parade, Prize Giving & Raffle
Friday 8 th April	Easter Service

Monday 11 th April – Friday 22 nd April	Easter break
Monday 25 th April	First day of summer term
Friday 29 th April	FTS – Crazy hair day
Monday 2 nd May	Bank holiday – school closed
Wednesday 11 th May	Bags2School Collection
Friday 20 th May	FTS Story Night
Tuesday 24 th May	Year 1/2 Quad Kids Athletics at the Gryphon
Friday 27 th May	Jubilee celebration
Monday 30 th May – Friday 3 rd June	Half Term
Monday 6 th June	School closed in lieu of additional bank holiday
Friday 10 th June	FTS School Fair
Friday 24 th June	INSET day – school closed
Sunday 26 th – Wednesday 29 th June	Year 6 – Residential Trip to PGL Osmington Mills
Friday 22 nd July	Last day of summer term.

As always, if you have any issue to discuss, please contact myself or my staff at the school.

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