



Thornford CE Primary School
NEWSLETTER – May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's time for bluebell-spotting and hopefully, we'll see some beautiful wildflowers on our whole school Eco walk today. There are lots of exciting things happening this term, such as the Y6s will be attending their residential to Brenscombe along with Y6 pupils from Buckland Newton School and St.Mary's, Bradford Abbas. This is such a good way of making new friends before moving on to Y7. Miss Gibbs and Mrs.Dycer will be leading the Thornford children on this trip. We also have an Olympic-style Sports Day in June. We look forward to welcoming children from Hudimesnil in France on 13th & 14th June. And we will begin rehearsals for our summer play.... Please don't forget on Monday 6th May we have a Bank holiday.

The KS2 SATs will be taking place during the week of 13th May. We wish all our children the best of luck and I'm sure they will show what they have learnt over their time at Thornford School. We are so proud of the excellent progress they have all made. We are hoping Hollie Barber will be coming in to run some Relax Kids, specifically to support the transition of the Y6s to secondary school.

It is with sadness that I inform you that Caroline Norris will be leaving Thornford School at the end of the academic year (August 2024). She has been at Thornford the same length of time as me (22 years) and is such a huge part of why Thornford is such a great school. We have all benefitted from her outstanding teaching skills and dry sense of humour. We wish her and her family, all the best for the future.

FTS Story Night

Thank you to the Friends of Thornford School for organising a fantastic story night!



Silver for Netball

On 13th March the year 3 and 4 netball team scored lots of goals and played incredibly well in the Sherborne Area Netball Tournament. Some wonderful netball was played and overall they came second. Well done!



Bronze for Football

On Wednesday 13th March, Thornford took part in the SAST Football tournament at Sherborne Abbey. We narrowly missed out on a place in the final after a close match with Sherborne Primary who won on penalties. We pulled together and earned a respectable 3rd place. Well done to Sherborne Primary who went on to win.



ESFA South West Regional Finals

On Saturday 16th March Thornford football team represented Dorset at the ESFA South West Regionals in Keynsham. This is the third year in a row we have reached this stage of the competition - an incredible achievement. The boys played some great football and thoroughly deserve the County Champions title for 2024.



Reminder – Times Table Rockstars and Numbots

Please can parents encourage children to use TT Rockstars and Numbots at home as this will help increase their number fluency/accuracy and recall for their times tables. Class teachers can remind children of their logins.



Wraparound Care

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

Diary Dates	
Wednesday 1 st May	Reception – vision screening Whole School Eco Walk
Thursday 2 nd May	Year 3/4 Football Tournament Dorset Cricket Board – cricket taster session for all classes
Friday 3 rd May	KS2 Parents Assembly
Monday 6 th May	BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Wednesday 8 th May	Reception 2024 – transition morning
Friday 10 th May	KS1 Parents Assembly
Monday 13 th – Thursday 16 th May	SATS Week
Friday 17 th May	KS2 Parents Assembly
Wednesday 22 nd May	Reception 2024 – transition morning Fraser Portraits – class, leaver and sports photographs
Thursday 23 rd May	Year 4/5/6 Girls Cricket Festival – Sherborne Terraces
Friday 24 th May	Oak Class Swimming KS2 Parents Assembly
Monday 27 th to Friday 31 st May	HALF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED
Wednesday 5 th June	Moving Up Day Reception 2024 – transition day Year 6 Gryphon Leavers – transition morning at the Gryphon
Friday 7 th June	Oak Class Swimming Year 5/6 5-a-side football at Sherborne Primary KS1 Parents Assembly
Thursday 13 th June	French Visit – Hudimesnil School visiting Year 5/6 Cricket Tournament at Sherborne Terraces
Friday 14 th June	Oak Class Swimming

	French Visit – Hudimesnil School visiting KS2 Parents Assembly
Wednesday 20th June	KS2 Athletics at the Gryphon
Friday 21st June	Oak Class Swimming
Wednesday 26th June	Acorn Class Trip
Friday 28th June	Oak Class Swimming Olympic Sports Day

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

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