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A little note from Mrs FitzGerald...

What a super week it has been and we have even had some sunshine to enjoy! Fingers crossed the forecast is better than predicted and we all get to enjoy the long weekend and some time outside.

It has been lovely to see so many children in red, white and blue to celebrate the King's Coronation! The children enjoyed their 'street party' style lunch and our special Collective Worship session.

Next week our Year 6's, alongside all their peers nationally, will be sitting their statutory assessment tests in Maths, Reading, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation. Everyone is very proud of how hard the children have worked to prepare. The children are amazing!

On a separate note, please be sure to read this newsletter carefully as it contains several items of importance to all families.

Best regards, Mrs FitzGerald

UNITY SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP TWO-WEEK HALF TERM 'PILOT' IN OCTOBER 2023

Our Chair of Governors recently wrote to yourselves detailing Thurlow Church of England (VC) Primary School's position and views regarding Unity's 'pilot'.

To be clear, **we are a Suffolk County Council maintained school**, retaining our autonomy as a self-governing primary school. **We are not part of the Unity Schools Partnership.**

Suffolk County Council sets our term dates centrally, more than two years in advance. We cannot alter our term dates and Thurlow's half-term will not be the same as Unity's. It will be **Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October** as previously published.

We do not agree with the rationale put forward and have shared our views and concerns with **Tim Coulson, Unity's Chief Executive**, highlighting the **negative impact on pupils, families and staff**. **We do not believe the benefits of the 'pilot' outweigh the children's loss of learning.** We have also raised the matter with our local MP, Matt Hancock.

We know Unity's 'pilot' is going to **adversely affect many of you financially, practically and logistically**.

What can you do?

Contact the Chief Executive of Unity Schools Partnership, Tim Coulson, TCoulson@unitysp.co.uk and tell him!

Sign the parent petition: change.org/unitypetition

Contact our local MP, Matt Hancock, matt.hancock.mp@parliament.uk and tell him!

Supporting Children and Young People to Manage their Emotions ~ a free online session

Wednesday 17th May, 2023 ~ 10:30am to 11:30am

Booking is open for an online session for parents/carers hosted by SENDIASS and delivered by specialist teachers from the Social, Emotional and Mental Health Service. This will explore ways to help children and young people to understand and manage their feelings.

<https://suffolksendiass.co.uk/2023/04/supporting-children-and-young-people-to-manage-their-emotions/>

NATIONAL CURRICULUM STATUTORY ASSESSMENT DATES

Key Stage One	YEAR 2 Reading and Maths Assessments (Y2) Teacher Assessed Writing (Y2) Teacher Assessed Science (Y2)	ADMINISTERED IN MAY
	YEAR 1 Phonics Check	ADMINISTERED Week beginning 12th June
Key Stage Two	YEAR 4 Multiplication Tables Check	ADMINISTERED Week beginning 12th June
	YEAR 6 KEY STAGE TWO ASSESSMENTS Tuesday 9th May ~ English Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling (GPS) & Spelling Wednesday 10th May ~ English Reading Paper Thursday 11th May ~ Maths Paper 1 (arithmetic) & Paper 2 (Reasoning) Friday 12th May ~ Maths Paper 3 Reasoning	ADMINISTERED Week beginning 8th May

MORNING SPORTS CLUB / AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB ON A WEDNESDAY ~ CHANGES

The **numbers** using the additional childcare we facilitate through provision of **daily morning sports club** and our **after-school club on a Wednesday** have **increased significantly** since their introduction. To **accommodate** this **rise in numbers** we will be **increasing** the **staffing levels** within these clubs. This is to **ensure all aspects of child protection and safeguarding** are met and the **health and safety** of those in attendance is assured.

Whilst we will continue to **subsidise the costs incurred by this provision**, primarily using our PE and Sports Funding, we **cannot financially support** the **increase to staff costs**.

From September, attendance at morning sports club and after-school club will incur a **'flat-rate' charge of £2.00 per session, per child**. This will need to be paid in advance of attendance Places will continue to be limited, allocated on a first come, first served basis and priority given to working parents and those in receipt of pupil premium funding.

Prestige Sports will continue to deliver this additional childcare provision, ensuring school staff can concentrate on the core business of teaching and learning.

As before, we direct working families with extended childcare requirements to our associate 'HAPPY DAYS CHILDCARE'. They are located a mere 8 minutes from us, just off the A143 and have provision available from 7am until 6.30pm, Monday to Friday, including transport to and from school and light meals as needed. Sessions cost from £8.00. HAPPY DAYS CHILDCARE can be contacted on 01440 829027 and via email at hello@happy-days-childcare.co.uk

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Please check back regularly as additional dates added as and when activities / visits are confirmed!

SUMMER TERM 2023

Month of May ~ Year 2 National Curriculum Assessments

Monday 8th May ~ Bank Holiday (Coronation of King Charles III)

Tuesday 9th May to Friday 12th May ~ Year 6 National Curriculum Tests

Monday 15th May ~ Guide Dogs for the Blind Workshop ~ more details will follow

Thursday 18th May ~ Maths Day ~ more details will follow

Thursday 25th May ~ Butterflies Class visit to the Sedgwick Museum, Cambridge

Friday 26th May ~ LAST DAY OF THE HALF-TERM

Summer Half-Term ~ Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June

Monday 5th June ~ Non-pupil day (PD Day)

Tuesday 6th June ~ Children Return to School



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