



Laying the foundations for a bright future

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A little note from Mrs FitzGerald...

Time is flying yet again! I do hope everyone is able to enjoy the bank holiday weekend, fingers crossed for some sunshine for everyone to enjoy!

We are looking forward to our Coronation Day on Friday when the children will be involved in related learning and will enjoy a 'street party' style picnic lunch! Don't forget about the children having the option to wear red, white and blue on this day too!

Best regards, Mrs FitzGerald

Friday 5th May ~ Celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III

The children are invited to wear red, white and blue on this day. We will be engaged in coronation related learning through the day and we will be having a 'street party' picnic lunch.

Sickness and school attendance

From time to time children are sick (vomit) either at home or at school. Unfortunately, it is not possible to distinguish between the causes, and therefore it is essential that the same rule of exclusion apply in all cases of vomiting or diarrhoea.

In the Health Protection Agency document, "Guidelines for the Control of Infection and Communicable Disease in School and Early Years Settings", the guidance states:

Diarrhoea and Vomiting exclusion

Diarrhoea and/or vomiting commonly affects children and staff and can be caused by a number of different germs, including viruses, parasites and bacteria. Infections can be easily spread from person to person (by unwashed hands), especially in children. In general, it is recommended that any staff member or child with diarrhoea and/or vomiting symptoms must stay away or be excluded from the school or early years setting until they have been free of symptoms for 48 hours (the '48 hour rule') and feel well. Personal hygiene whilst ill must be very strict.

If your child is sick at school, we will ask you or your emergency contact to take your child home. They should not return for 48 hours. We appreciate that this is inconvenient in many cases, and you may not believe your child is ill, but you will appreciate that we do this in all cases and it should reduce the risk of infection for all children in school.

Thank you for your understanding with this.

Further guidance about whether your child should attend school can be found on the NHS website [Is My Child Too Ill For School](#) and [Should I Keep My Child Off School Guidance](#) as well as the [Public Health England website](#)

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/>

A note from Mrs Betts!

Dear Parents and Children,

Having worked at Thurlow for the last 7 years the time has now come for me to retire before I get too old to be able to pursue many of my other passions. However, before leaving at the end of July, I would like to take the opportunity to say how much I have enjoyed teaching within the Federation.

I have worked in a number of secondary, middle and primary schools over the course of my teaching career and I can honestly say I have never worked with such committed, kind and caring people as here in the Federation.

The children at Thurlow are a delight to teach, they are enthusiastic about their learning and I will hugely miss getting as absorbed as the children in themed learning especially. I will certainly miss working at Thurlow but I am sure I will pop in from time to time to see everyone!

Having a lifelong love of learning I hope to study for a Masters in Medieval Studies in due course; though not immediately; as well as caring for my lovely granddaughter Elodie at least once a week as well as continuing to teach on a part-time basis. So, in a way I am not retiring but just turning another chapter in the colourful book of life.

Thurlow will always remain a special memory for me.

Goodbye and good luck,

Mrs Betts

STAFFING UPDATE

With this news in mind, I know you, along with myself and the Federation Team will wish Mrs Betts the very best as she moves on from our Federation and onto her new chapter.

As you know, we have undertaken recruitment to maintain and enhance our teaching and learning provision throughout the school year. This has not stopped and we will be interviewing again next week to ensure we are fully staffed for September and return to our more familiar four-class structure.

If you have any queries regarding this or any other matter please come and see me, my door is always open.

Warm regards, Mrs F

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

We will be scheduling information sessions for parents as well as additional workshops / 'booster' sessions for the children in the coming weeks as necessary.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

SUMMER TERM 2023

Monday 1st May ~ Bank Holiday (May Day)

Month of May ~ Year 2 National Curriculum Assessments

Friday 5th May ~ Celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III

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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 Dog Workshop ~ more details will follow

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

FORTHCOMING EVENTS continued...

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

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

