



FROM MR JOLLIFFE

Executive Headteacher



This term I have been teaching Class 2 at Thorverton on Thursday afternoons and over the last couple of weeks we have been learning about World War One, in anticipation of the centenary of the armistice in November 1918. We have been thinking a lot about the impact of war and the effect that it had on the whole world, not just those who were directly fighting in the trenches or at sea.

On Wednesday this week I took the Year 4s to Thorverton churchyard to work with Mr Fice on improving one of the graves of a family affected by the First World War. We cleared the weeds and grass from the top of the grave and washed out all the chippings and replaced them again. The grave looked so much better after less than an hour working on together. This is a real and meaningful way to recognise the sacrifice made by one local family during the war, who lost 3 sons in the fighting. Many thanks to Mr Fice for his help and to all the Year 4 children for their hard work.

FROM MRS HARRIS

Head of School



Dear parents and carers

Congratulations to our wonderful PTA who amazingly raised in excess of £900 at the recent live music event at the parish hall. A huge thank you to everyone that helped organise the event, run the bar or merely supported the event.

This week we have welcomed Miss Crook into Ash class; Miss Crook is a student teacher on placement from the University of Exeter. She is here for two weeks preliminary visit and after that will be returning for the spring term.

Yesterday the whole school set off on the double decker for a trip to the Tivoli cinema to watch Ferdinand as part of the annual Into film festival. The children all enjoyed the film; It's a story of a bull Ferdinand which finds itself in the bullfight ring. The events leading him there are hilarious with good screenplay and touches closely the relationship between man and animals (bull). The movie makes fun of vanity (as seen in the group of horses), it celebrates togetherness, shows love and kindness towards animals! Some of the children really enjoyed the girl rescuing the bull at the end of the movie; whilst others enjoyed the rescue scene at the slaughter house.

Next week we are looking forwards to welcoming some of the school governors who are going to take a look at what we are doing in Maths. We will also be celebrating Children In Need on Thursday 15th November so please do support this very worthwhile cause.

Have a lovely weekend,

Kind regards

Glynis Harris



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THE BIG SPOTACULAR

Next Thursday (15th November)

Pay £1 to wear something spotty or wear your onesie or PJs.

Also, please bring in a biscuit or cake to sell in our 'Spotty Café' – don't forget your money to buy some too!
(Instead of Tuck Shop)



- ❖ Thank you so much to all who supported our first **Coffee and Cake afternoon. We raised £47.94!**
Thank you also for the cake donations and helpers.
- ❖ **Helpers needed** for the Christmas Fair on Thursday 29th Nov 6-8pm
If you are able to help set up, clear up or be on a stall, please look out for the rota on facebook and on the board. We need your support to make the fair a fantastic one for all.
- ❖ **Jazzy Jars** are back! This time we are having a competition for the top 3 best decorated jars. Bring them in by Tuesday 27th Nov. They will be sold at the fair.
- ❖ **Mufti-day** on Friday 23rd Nov. Please can children **bring in a gift**, up to the value of £5 (no alcohol), for us to sell on our 'Wrap a Present' stall. At the fair, children will be able to choose a present for their parent, wrap it up and bring it home for Christmas.

PLEASE HELP FANS (Newton St Cyres School's PTA)

Newton St Cyres School would *really* appreciate your help. They have entered the Aviva community fund (<https://community-fund.aviva.co.uk>) competition to try and get funding towards play equipment. Voting for us is easy, just register and search for "Newton St Cyres" in the project title box or click on the link below. We need a huge number of votes to stand a chance so the support of the federation would mean a lot to us. Thank you.

<https://community-fund.aviva.co.uk/voting/project/view/4-2680>





What's on? Week beginning: 12.11.18	
Monday	Lego Club
Tuesday	Gymnastics Elastic Band
Wednesday	Dance
Thursday	CHILDREN IN NEED Wear a Onesie or something spotty; make biscuits and cakes for our Spotty Café Football club
Friday	Celebration Assembly 3pm Fizz Pop science (Group 2)




Jazzy Jars Competition!

- 1: Find a jar**
- 2: Jazz it up** with Christmassy decorations-stickers, ribbons, tinsel, paints, anything you like!
- 3: Fill it** with something lovely (sweets, toys, stickers, pencils, decorations)
- 4: Bring your Jazzy Jar** into school by Tuesday 27th Nov to be judged.

The top 3 jazzy jars will be announced at the Fair and be given their prizes.
The jars will be available to buy for 50p.

Don't forget to put your name on the bottom!

Mufti Day (non-school uniform) -Friday 23rd November

Please could children bring in a gift for our 'Wrap a Present' stall at the Christmas Fair. Gifts should be no more than £5 and no alcohol please. Children will be able to visit the stall at the fair, where they can purchase a present for their parent, wrap it up and bring it home for Christmas.





USEFUL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 15 th November	Children in Need
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Thursday 22 nd November	from 8:45am Individual and family photos – siblings are also welcome
Thursday 22 nd November	Ash tuck shop
Thursday 29 th November	Christmas Fayre
Friday 23 rd November	Mufti Day for Buy and Wrap at the Christmas Fair
Friday 30 th November	Staff Development Day (SCHOOL CLOSED to children)
Wednesday 5 th December 2.30pm	Christingle and Carol Service at the church
Monday 10 th December	Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime at the Northcott
Tuesday 11 th December 2.30pm	Ash and Oak NATIVITY 'Lights, Camel, Action' (School Hall)
Wednesday 12 th December	School Christmas Lunch (all children are encouraged to have a Christmas meal as we will all sit down for our lunch at the same time).
Wednesday 12 th December 6.30pm	Ash and Oak NATIVITY 'Lights, Camel, Action' (School Hall)

TERM DATES 2018 to 2020

Autumn term 2018

Monday 3rd September to Friday 19th October

Monday 29th October to Wednesday 19th December [SDDs 29th October & 30th November]

Spring term 2019

Monday 7th January to Friday 15th February [Staff Development Day 7th January]

Monday 25th February to Friday 5th April [Staff Development Day 25th February]

Summer term 2019

Tuesday 23rd April to Friday 24th May [SATS 13th to 16th May]

Monday 3rd June to Thursday 25th July

Autumn term 2019

Tuesday 3rd September to Friday 18th October [Staff Development Days 3rd and 4th September]

Monday 28th October to Thursday 19th December [Staff Development Day 29th November]

Spring term 2020

Monday 6th January to Friday 14th February [Staff Development Day 6th January]

Monday 24th February to Friday 27th March

Summer term 2020

Tuesday 14th April to Friday 22nd May [Staff Development Day 14th April]

Monday 1st June to Thursday 23rd July



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WHAT WE'RE DOING...

- Pay £1 to wear something spotty or your onesie
- Bring in some biscuits or cake for our 'Spotty Cafe'

LET'S MAKE THIS THE MOST SPOTACULAR YEAR EVER!

Our school is raising jott with the help of spots for BBC Children in Need. Find out more about who your money is helping at bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/schools/howyouhelp

APPEAL WEEK RUNS FROM 12-16 NOVEMBER 2018

WHEN WE'RE DOING IT...

Thursday 15th November

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