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Water in School

The water supply for school could be off for three hours tomorrow – please read the letter coming out to you today!!

Half Term Holiday

If I haven't seen you yet - I hope you had a good half term great an enjoyed the sunshine!!

Water Bottles and Sun Hats

Listening to the radio yesterday - apparently we could be enjoying this lovely weather up until July!! So don't forget to please send your child to school with a Sun Hat - but please remember to bring a coat (just in case).

We also have a few children who do not come to school with a water bottle. Please ensure that they have a water bottle in school each morning - which is filled with water and not juice so that they can keep hydrated during the day. Juice/Squash is allowed for lunchtime drinks - but not a 'during the day' drink. On days where the forecast is sunny - please can we also ask you to send your child with suncream already on - I'm afraid we can't put it on for them - and they can't put it on themselves (for Health and Safety / allergy reasons).

Faith and Charity in Action

In the last week of term Mrs Birkby will be travelling to Uganda for 10 days with former member of staff Mr Marshall. This is because THT has long-standing links with the charity 'International Needs Uganda' and it is our chosen charity this year. Some of you may remember that Reverend Justus Miwanda, Executive Director of 'International Needs Uganda' visited THT with 'The Pearl of Africa Choir' in 2018. THT After School Club and some individual members of staff have been sponsoring Ugandan children ever since. Mr Marshall and his family made several visits and helped build a school.

Last year a large amount of money was raised in memory of Joseph Marshall which was donated to 'IN Uganda' to fund a village well, and this Christmas THT parents also donated money which was used to provide Ugandan pupils with school lunches. Mrs Birkby and Mr Marshall will be attending the official opening of the well in Kikwanya and serving some of the school lunches. They will also spend time teaching in schools, and visiting farms and water and sanitation projects.

If you would like to support this wonderful Christian charity further, Mrs Birkby would welcome donated items from the suggestions below to take. It doesn't have to be new items but good condition please.

- Anything with Union Jacks, Coronation or England logo (adult or child size)
- Girls summer school uniform (gingham dresses)
- Baseball caps/hair accessories (any size)
- Flip-flops, sliders, crocs (any size)
- T-towels
- Glasses/sunglasses (adult or child)
- Underwear (child size, not socks)
- Soap/toothbrushes/toothpaste













- Wind-up torch
- Skipping ropes, sports equipment, ball pump, inflatable ball
- Sweets (not chocolate)

Findings from our Parent Questionnaire Spring 2023

During our 'Face to Face' Spring Parents' evening, 70 questionnaires were completed on the night. The questions / statements are that same that are asked by Ofsted on 'Parent View'.

Question 10 asked for your response to the statement: 'The school lets me know how my child is doing.' 6 of you disagreed with this statement.

At THT we provide information to parents / carers at least 3 times a year - letting you know how well your child is doing. During the Autumn and Spring Terms this is done at Parents' Evening and in the summer Term through the end of year report. If your child is on the Special Needs Register you may get more information during each school year. This is in line with guidance from the DfE.

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/school-reports-on-pupil-performance-guide-for-headteachers

Question 11 asked for your response to the statement: 'There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school'.

No one disagreed with this statement with 3 saying that they didn't know.

Celebration Worship

During the Friday before half term we had another lovely yet busy Celebration Worship. Well done to the children who made it to the Bench, they were...

| Reception | Nayara | | |
|--------------------|------------------------------|--|--|
| Year 1 | Paisley | | |
| Year 2 | Dorothy and Charlotte | | |
| Year 3 | Jemima | | |
| Year 4 | Esmae and Henry | | |
| Year 5 | Jessica and Amelia HP | | |
| Year 6 | Ivy | | |
| Singer of the week | Cole in Year 1 | | |
| Headteacher Award | Amelia and Oscar in Year 3, | | |
| | Bethany and Thomas in Year 4 | | |

This Week's Worship - The Holy Trinity

School Lunches

Week 3 of the Summer menu - Week beginning 19th June

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| A Pulled BBQ Chicken | Swedish Style Veggie | Roast Pork, Yorkshire | Booths Beef Burger in | Golden Crumb Fish |
| Melt Tortilla with | Meatballs with Herby | Pudding, Gravy, Roast | a Bun with Paprika | Fingers with Chips and |
| Paprika Potatoes and | Potatoes and Broccoli | Potatoes and | Wedges and | Peas |
| Mixed Vegetables | | Vegetables | Vegetables | |
| or | or | or | or | or |
| Tomato and | Pasta Neapolitan with | French Bread Pizza | Cheese and Tomato | Homemade Pizza |
| Mascarpone Pasta with | Crusty Bread and Salad | with Potato Wedges | Pasta Bake with Crusty | Margherita with Chips |
| Crusty Bread and Salad | | and Salad | Bread and Salad | and Sweetcorn |

Last Week's Attendance

During the week before Half Term week -169 pupils (out of 193 children) attended school for 100% of the time - they didn't miss one session of school.

8 children (from 5 different families) were late for school at least once (after 9.00am).

The best attending classes for the week was Year 4 -with an attendance figure of 99.2% for the week.

A Request from Mrs Warburton...

If you have any spare guttering, drainpipes or cable reels that you could donate to school - please get in touch!!

Some Dates for Your Diary...

Notoriously, the last half term of the academic year gets rather hectic - and by the look of things - is going to be the same this year. So here's a run-down of what we are going to try and squeeze in before the Summer Break:

| Date | Activity |
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| 14 th June | Year 4 Trip to 'The World Museum' in Liverpool |
| 15 th June | Height and Weight Checks for Year R and Year 6 |
| 22 nd June | Year 6 Transition Day for those going to Tarleton Academy |
| 22 nd June | Year 3 Roman Day |
| 23 rd June | Non Uniform Day - Bring a Bottle for the Rose Queen Day |
| 23 rd June - 26 th June | Year 6 Residential Trip to Min Y Don |
| 23 rd June | Year 4 Class Worship (at 2.50pm) |
| 24 th June | Rose Queen Day |
| 30 th June | Year 3 Class Worship (at 2.50pm) |
| 3 rd July | Sports Day - Infants am and Juniors pm |
| 4 th July | Year 6 Leaver's Service at Blackburn Cathedral |
| 7 th July | TASA Olympics Event |
| 10 th July | Year 1 and Year 2 Trip to 'Imagine That' in Liverpool |
| 11 th July | Move Up Morning |
| 14 th July | End of Year Reports to Parents |
| 18 th July | Infant Teddy Bear's Picnic |
| 19 th July | Year 6 Leaver's Service at THT Church – 11am |
| 19 th July | Leaver's Disco for the Whole School - 6.30pm |
| 20 th July | Year 6's Leaver's Lunch at 12.30pm |
| 20 th July | Year 6's Talent Show for Parents - 2pm |
| 21 st July | End of Year Presentation Assembly - 9.30am |
| 21 st July | End of Year Worship in Church - 2.00pm |
| 21⁵⁺ July | School Closes for the Summer Break - approximately 3.00pm |

Please note that some of these dates have changed from the original one advertised on the App and Website. More details and information will come to you before each event…and we are also trying to fit in a 'Break the Rules' Fundraising Day!!

As always...thanks for reading...yours sincerely,

Stephen B. Smith Headteacher

Did you know...

If your child read a book for 10 minutes during every evening of a school day, this would add up to $32\frac{1}{2}$ hours of reading per school year. It's about the same as reading Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone 3 times!!