

The Shuttle

Friday 16th June 2023

DIARY DATES

19th June

Y3 and Y4 school trip

26th - 28th June

Kingswood for Y6

28/06/23

Y1 Victorian School trip

5th July

New Class afternoon

07/07/23

Summer Fayre and Break the Rules Day!

10th July

Quarry Dash (more info to come)

WHAT A SCORCHER IT'S BEEN!

SUMMER FAYRE!

As you may know from recent Dojo posts, we are having a summer fayre on Friday 7th July! We are hoping you can come and enjoy the (nearly) end of term fun and we also hope that we can entice community members, ex-pupils and future pupils and families to come along too!

Organising an event like this is a team effort so once again we hope you can help us with some donations...

- **TIME!** - If you are able to help in anyway with the organisation of the event, please keep a look out on the PTA Classlist.
- **CHOCOLATE** - for our Chocolate Tombola.
 - **BOOZE!** - for our Boozebola!
 - **SWEETS AND CAKES**

Please bring any donations to school as soon as possible. **MANY THANKS!**
If you would like a **STALL** it will cost £10 - you will keep all the profits.

Instead of a stall, you can **BRING A BARROW** - here's a chance to sell old toys, books, or whatever you like! Just pay us £5, fill a wheelbarrow and bring it along!

Please get in touch if you have any queries about the above and let the PTA know on Classlist (or message me on Dojo) if you would like a stall.

What a boiling week it's been in school! And what a hot picnic and sports day we've had too! The children had a fantastic time and we hope you did too!

The children did us proud and it was lovely to see them supporting each other during races and from the side-lines.

On Monday 10th July it is our annual **QUARRY DASH** for any keen and enthusiastic runners! I will be sending out more detailed information very soon, but for now, get the date in your diary if your child would like to take part!

Friday's Cheesy But Wise Words of Wisdom

The most precious gift
you can give someone
is the gift of your
time and attention.

Safeguarding Report from Nicky Shaw our Chair of Governors and Safeguarding link governor

On Tuesday 23rd June I had my third termly visit to discuss safeguarding, behaviour and attendance across school. The visit focussed on policy review – an important government and legal requirement that is updated annually and also has to be enacted and operated at the classroom and playground level on a daily basis.

I chatted with the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL), Mrs Gibbins (there are also two Deputy Safeguarding Leaders in school as well) about how all staff / visitors (including governors!) are updated on policy changes and what this means at Thurlstone. It can be a minefield of terminology and a glossary has been produced so that all staff know what constitutes a safeguarding issue and how to report it.

I happened to witness a “restorative conversation” – a chat with a DSL following an incident (involving 2x children + football game + hot weather). It was wonderful to see how the children responded to the conversation, reflected on their behaviour and identified ways in which they might act differently in future. By most schools’ standards this is low-level stuff, but the behaviour expectations at Thurlstone are high and I have observed first-hand the children’s engagement with school behaviour initiatives.

We also discussed attendance, which for the vast majority of children is superb. Where attendance is below 90%, this is generally due to unauthorised holidays or illness. All non-attendances are chased by the school and supported / escalated if appropriate.

On this note, a plea to all parents/carers to minimise lost learning time:

- Please ensure any holidays are taken outside the school term
- Please ensure your child(ren) arrive at school on time in the mornings. When children are late this is disruptive for the respective classes, but more importantly, embarrassing for the child themselves.

Finally, thank you for supporting Thurlstone in keeping the children safe by closing the gates at the bottom of the playground after dropping your children at school.

In my view, from speaking to the DSLs and children, and witnessing the processes for capture, record keeping and incident analysis, the safeguarding practices at Thurlstone are extremely thorough and fully embedded across the school.

Your children are in safe hands!