



Welcome back to School, here is our School Newsletter.

DIARY DATES...

w/c Monday 4 April	Easter Egg Competition
Wednesday 6 April	Community Café
Thursday 7 April	Easter Bonnet Craft with Mrs. Parker and Mrs. Warren. Easter Assembly, 2pm, in the Church. End of Term
Friday 8 April	Inset Day
Monday 25 April	Return to school
Monday 2 May	May Day, Bank Holiday
Friday 27 May	End of Term
Thursday 2 June	Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday Weekend
Monday 6 June	Return to School
Sunday 19 June	Father's Day
Friday 1 July	Inset Day
Tuesday 5 July	Transition Day
Wednesday 20 July	End of Term

NEWS...

Forest School: Forest School will be on Thursday afternoons and will be alternate weeks for our classes. Our children will have their lunch at school and be picked up and taken to Whaddon School at 12.45pm and returned for 3pm.

Yoga: will be offered on the alternate Thursdays to Forest School.

Volunteers: we welcome Mrs. Horton on Tuesday and Fridays to our fantastic team from the Summer Term.

REMINDERS...

School starts: promptly at **8.50am**, for all children, and the day ends at 3.15pm. The gate opens at 8:45am, as we like to start with phonics promptly.

Communication: we prefer that you use the **telephone or email** for formal communication. We have an 'open door' policy for you to have face to face communication for a chat with any one of us at any time. **Class Dojo** – is an informal communication between school and parents for very brief messages. **Class story** is used for a link to Padlet. **Padlet** is the overview of the week's learning and it is uploaded onto the school website weekly and found in NEWS.





Attendance: please contact the **school office** by 9:30am, if your child is unable to attend school. We are not able to authorise holidays in term time and any absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

Illness: we follow Government guidance for details of when children can attend school when ill. Some illnesses require a child is kept away from school for a set period of time to limit the spread e.g. sickness/diarrhoea requires a 48hour absence after the symptoms have stopped.

COVID: the new guidance from 1st April 22 is now online <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/people-with-symptoms-of-a-respiratory-infection-including-covid-19>

When children with symptoms should stay at home and when they can return to education

- Children with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend school.
- Children who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people, where they can. They can come back to school and resume normal activities when they no longer have a high temperature and they are well enough to attend.

Children who have a positive test result

It is not recommended that children are tested for COVID-19 unless directed to by a health professional. If someone in the household has tested positive, children should continue to attend school as normal.

- If your child has a positive COVID test result they should stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test. After 3 days, if they feel well and do not have a high temperature they can return to school. The risk of passing the infection onto others is much lower as children tend to be infectious for less time than adults.

Medication and antibiotics: we will support children who require medication and antibiotics in school. Parents are responsible for bringing and collecting medication each day and must complete the necessary forms, prior to the medication being administered. Medication should be in its original packaging and the child's name on the pharmacy label. Antibiotics prescribed three times a day should be taken out of the school day (breakfast, after school, bedtime).

Dogs: please leave your dog at the school or Church gates and not enter the school grounds.

Walk to school: 'Go for Gold' is a walking initiative enabling everyone to walk to school, even if you travel by car. Park past the duck pond and walk into school to receive a sticker for your passport. Let us know if you would like to join.

Parking: please do not park on the grass verges outside of school and the Church.

Clubs: morning provision is available from 8am and the **Friday morning** club session will continue with gymnastics. Our clubs are free, as is our daily morning provision for which we are very happy to offer. We do rely and benefit enormously from fundraising and donations, all of which are 'ploughed' back into the school for the children's learning. Donations and Payments to school can be made to the following account:

Name:	Thornborough CF School
Sort code:	09-01-51
Account number:	49591500

Uniform and PE Kit: please ensure all clothing is visibly named. PE kit is required in school everyday. Uniform, bookbags and PE bags can be obtained from our supplier at www.myclothing.com





TERM DATES 2021/2022...

Summer Term	Monday 25 April	Friday 27 May
2022	Monday 6 June	Wednesday 20 July

Inset Days	Friday 8 April 2022
	Friday 1 July 2022

Transition Day	Tuesday 5 July 2022
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Miss. Quirke
Headteacher

Dotterels & Cuckoos

ALL –

We have had a lovely term in the topic 'Flowering Friendships'. We can all agree that having the ducklings in school was a highlight! We are moving into our new topic of 'Wonderful World'. This means we will be learning more about the wider community to include mechanisms around us, facts about the United Kingdom, everyday materials, inventors and inventions and so much more.

Our computing focus is algorithms and programming and PE will focus on striking and fielding games.

Our art focus is sculptures whilst looking at our inspiration 'Ruth Moilliet' who makes nature inspired garden sculptures. We can't wait to create our own.

We are so very excited to begin new experiences with Forest school at Whaddon primary on a fortnightly basis alternating with a new story led yoga class.

EYFS – Literacy

Our focus books of the term are 'Pigs might fly', 'On Sudden Hill' and the nursery rhyme 'I went to the animal fair'.

KS1 - Literacy

Our focus books of the term are 'The building boy', 'Little Red Reading Hood' and the poem 'If I were in charge for the day'.

EYFS – Numeracy

Numbers to 20 and beyond, first, then and now. Measure, shape and spatial thinking.

KS1 – Numeracy

Geometry – position and direction, Time and problem solving methods.

In design and technology, we will be focusing on mechanisms; designing and making our own fire engine. If you have any shoe boxes or similar, straws or anything else you feel may be useful then please start saving them and we will let you know when they are needed in school.

Miss. Quirke, Mrs. Krelle, Miss. O'Hanlon and Mrs. Meek.

