



Message from Governors

Hi, I am Donna Briant and I am one of the parent governors at the school. I have been a parent at Thaxted Primary school for the past 10 years and over that time I've got to know many of the teachers and support staff. I feel lucky that my children have attended (and currently attend) such a thriving community school with such talented and dedicated teachers.

The school currently has 12 Governors which includes 4 parent governors. We each have an area of focus and responsibility and support the school's leadership team at a strategic level. My responsibility is SEND, working very closely with Mrs Jinkerson the school's SENCO. Parent governors hold the unique position of having a parental viewpoint of the school and first-hand experience of the delivery of the curriculum. We are also in the playground most days so please do come and say 'Hello.' We'd love to discuss our role within the school with you and hear your thoughts. You can always email me on d.briant@thaxted.essex.sch.uk or Jon Spencer our Chair of Governors on governors@thaxted.essex.sch.uk

Anti-Bullying Week 2022 will take place from 14th - 18th November

The week will kick off with Odd Socks Day on Monday 14th November, where adults and children wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique.

Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity to encourage children to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!



Difference is often something children can feel uncomfortable with, and as part of our PHSE curriculum we are endeavouring to build up resilience and encourage children to talk about difference, as well as how to tackle unkind comments or actions.

There is no pressure to wear the latest fashion or to buy expensive costumes; just odd socks!

Do read our Anti-bullying policy <https://www.thaxted.essex.sch.uk/policies/>

A definition of Bullying is the repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power. It can happen face to face or online.

UPCOMING DATES:

HEADTEACHERS COFFEE MORNING

Tuesday 6th December
9-10am

Flu Jab

Wednesday 16th Nov
(only for those children whose parents have sent in consent)

Pantomime performance

Wednesday 30th Nov
(an in school experience for all the children)
Oh yes it is!

PTA Dates

Thursday 24th Nov –
Movie Night
Friday 2nd December –
Christmas Fayre

Changeable weather

We know the weather is quite changeable at the moment but can we remind parents to make sure all children have jumpers & coats when the weather is cold.

We do treat this as a safeguarding issue if any child is repeatedly inappropriately attired in poor weather.

Staff have been instructed to speak to parents if coats or jumpers are repeatedly not being brought into school on bad/cold weather days.

If any families are experiencing financial hardships, the school is able to support in some cases with school uniform or warm coats. Please ask to speak, in confidence to Mrs Crompton or Mrs Black.

Celebrations

Our children have been entering various local sporting competitions and all the Sporting events has helped the school achieve our Gold Sports Mark.

A big thank you to all the children who try their best in all the competitions we attend.

A huge thank you to all the staff who support, especially Mrs Quinn who co-ordinates all the competitions and was instrumental in the school obtaining the Gold Mark.

Please do come and look at the exciting pendant we received in recognition of the award. Its currently hanging on the wall in the Office Reception area.

LOST PROPERTY PLEA

Please can all parents put their child's name in any item of clothing. This is the lost property sorted into items with names and without!



WORLD CUP MANIA

Some of our girls recently attended a Girls Football Festival and thoroughly enjoyed it. Don't they look amazing!

Future Lionesses'?

STUDIO UPDATE

The Builders have now finished the refurbishment of the studio (asbestos was totally removed, new windows, doors were fitted, as well as fresh paint and new carpets).

It is nearly ready to be a new classroom for Lewis class, we are just waiting upon a new interactive screen and some bits of furniture.

Once these have arrived we will be swapping classrooms, and Lewis class cannot wait (their room is a little too small for them!)

After school club will then move into their old room and have their usual equipment all around themselves.

PTA Corner

Support is needed with volunteers to help with the Movie night (24th Nov) and the Christmas Fayre (2nd Dec).

More details to follow

Contact us via

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