



GREAT START TO AUTUMN TERM

We have had a successful start to term, and all our new Reception children have settled in well. All the classes are hard at work practising for their entries to the Thaxted Gardening & Craft show.

Our new Headteacher, Mrs Crompton and our new Business Manager, Mrs Curran are getting to grips with a new school. Like most people these days, they are looking ahead to see if the school can maintain its financial equilibrium with the cost of living increases as the school only has finite resources. So you may notice more requests for resources or help with PTA fundraising activities.

Good communication between school and home is essential for all children and all parents should have received a Parentmail and ClassDojo link. The different methods of communication can be very confusing, so we wanted to make it clear that the ClassDojo system is purely for parents to share the praise their child is receiving in class and for the parent and teacher to discuss any concerns they have about the learning in class.

Class Dojo should not be used to inform the school of any administrative tasks such as a child's absence, medical appointments, your child being picked up by someone else, ordering school equipment such as ties, these areas should all be communicated directly to the school office, either by email to Reception@thaxted.essex.sch.uk or by phone on the school number 01371 830240

ROAD SAFETY

It has been so lovely for Mrs Crompton to meet everyone outside the school, but she has been watching the safety of children coming into school in a morning and she has been assessing the parking situation. Not surprisingly the availability of parking spaces is not good, she will be contacting Essex Highways to see if the road markings can be repainted and the school will be purchasing temporary bollards to go outside the school to make it safe for children crossing, so they do not have to pass through parked cars.

Also some children are being dropped off and then walk into school unaccompanied, this generally is not a problem if the child is aged 10 or older, as they learn a sense of responsibility ready for secondary school.



But if this happens when the gates are closed it is not appropriate for a lone under 10 year old child to wait without an adult.

Please can parents try their best to avoid this situation, if something was to happen, staff at the school may not be aware the child had been dropped off.

If parents wish for children in Shakespeare & Lewis to walk home un-accompanied then can a note be written in their learning diary or message left with the school office.

A huge thank you to the Parish Council for erecting this sign in the coach park for parents.



UPCOMING DATES:

MEET THE TEACHER

It has been lovely seeing the children settle into their new classes and we are sure you have some questions about how their learning is structured this year. To this end, we have set up "Meet The Teacher" sessions for each class where the teacher will be able to inform you about the year ahead.

Each session will start at 2.50pm and run until approximately 3.10pm and will be in your child's classroom. If you are unable to make the session, the information given will be posted on Class DOJO for your convenience.

The sessions are as follows:

**Shakespeare - Tuesday
13th September**

**Lewis Class - Thursday
15th September**

**Carroll Class - Wednesday
14th September**

**Morpurgo - Wednesday
21st September**

**Rowling - Friday
16th September**

**Blyton Class - Tuesday 13th
September**

**Dahl class - Thursday 15th
September**

**Rosen class - Wednesday
14th September**

**Donaldson - Wednesday 21st
September**

YEAR 6 ONLY

As the present Year 6 missed out on their educational visit to Harlow Outdoors last term, this visit has been rearranged for Monday 19th September. Reminder letters should be coming out to you soon.

JOBS AVAILABLE

Part Time Cleaner

5.5 hours per week, term time only
(some overtime available in the holidays)

3.15PM to 6PM Monday and Wednesday

Local Government Pay Scale 1,
£18,333 pro rata (= £2218 per annum)

We are looking for a friendly and enthusiastic cleaner to join our busy Premises Team.

This is a shared role with 2 other cleaners, to maintain a high level of cleanliness within classrooms, corridors, the staffroom and toilets. Duties involve, vacuuming, dusting, mopping, cleaning of washroom areas, tables, chairs, sinks etc. Previous experience would be ideal, but training and detailed instructions will be given.

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Appointments will be subject to satisfactory references and an enhanced DBS check.

For an application pack, including a job description, please contact:

Shelley Curran, School Business Manager
by e-mailing admin@thaxted.essex.sch.uk

Closing date: 26th September 2022
(4.00PM)

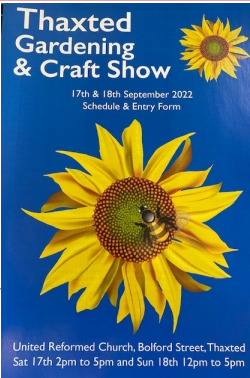
DONATIONS

Mrs Quinn and the Early Years team would like to request for any donations of unwanted toys to supplement our resources in Early Years. We are specifically looking for the list below.

- Small world sets such as Playmobil, Sylvanian families or similar with figures and accessories e.g. small homes, caves, trees, fences etc.
- Larger vehicles such as tractors, aeroplanes, rockets.
- Dolls (toy babies and Barbie sized dolls) and accessories.
- Action figures.
- Puzzles (from 25 -100 pieces).
- Construction sets (We have lots of Lego so would love different alternatives).
- Play dough tools.
- Threading beads.

Forest School

- old pots/pans, big cutlery, utensils etc for mud kitchen (and to use as musical instruments!
- plastic pots to plant in
- fairies/woodland animals
- outside or greenhouse thermometer
- rain gauge
- wheelbarrow
- trowels
- spades
- buckets



LOCAL NEWS

THAXTED
GARDENING &
CRAFT SHOW

PLEASE DON'T
FORGET TO
SUPPORT THE
SHOW on 17th &
18th September 2022