



As the school year comes to an end, I look back to September and am amazed at how much has happened. I can honestly say it has been a pleasure getting to know the children, school, the staff, and parents and you all getting to know me.

Thank you to all the parents who came to the coffee mornings and shared your candid opinions and strong support for the school. We will be ensuring there is a robust volunteer program in September as so many parents have offered their time.

There have been and will continue to be many challenges; as those parents who attended the financial coffee morning can attest to, but the team at Thaxted are committed to offering the very best for every child.

Our Ofsted reaffirmed our focus and the existing set of goals that will only enhance our strong educational offer at Thaxted and I am in no doubt that next years visit will only prove what a good school we are.

I know that by continually working together we can excel at any obstacles that face us in the future.

Mrs Crompton

Headteacher

### SAD GOODBYES

It is with great sadness that we will be saying goodbye to Mr. Brown and Mr. Searle, who have been very valued part of the teaching team. Mr Brown has been with us for 5 years and will be sadly missed by all the children he taught or coached in sports clubs. Mr Searle has only been with us for 2 years but we know every class remembers him with great fondness. We do wish them the very best as they go onto new chapters in their careers.

After 8 brilliant years we will also be loosing our amazing cook, Mrs Elvin, who in recent weeks has had to cope with staff shortages. Her home cooking for so many children is a wonder and her roast dinners will be sorely missed by the children and staff alike!

**We will also be celebrating the well deserved retirement of Mrs. Potter who works in our kitchen, who has been a part of the school for an amazing 32 years!! Mrs Potter has had many roles in the school and seen many children, staff and Headteachers come and go.**

**We will truly miss her and are very thankful for all she has done for so many, over her long career.**

### UPCOMING DATES:

Tuesday 11th July –

Carroll & Reception Forest School

Wednesday 12th July –

Non-Uniform day – Bring in tombola prizes for the Summer Fair

6.30pm Year 6 Show with KS2 choir

Thursday 13th July –

1.30pm Year 6 Show with KS2 choir

Friday 14th July –

Summer Fete after school

Monday 17th July—Meet the new teacher morning for children

Wednesday 19th July—Year 6 Leaver's Assembly

Thursday 20th July – Reception Forest School and Year 6 to Welly Boot Wood

Friday 21st July – Last Day

Wednesday 6th September— First day for children

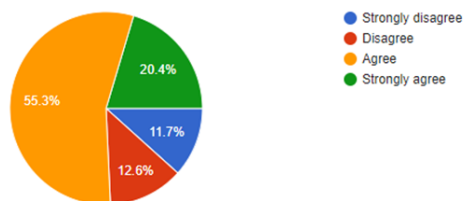
Monday & Tuesday 4th & 5th—Staff training days (NO CHILDREN)

## NEXT YEAR

Thank you to all the parents who completed the survey about the changes to the school day. It has now been decided that we will have a new and

As a parent, I am happy for any changes to lengthen the school day, to meet with the Governments minimum school hours requirement.

103 responses



improved time of **8.40am** (gates will open at 8.30am) and the day will end at **3.20pm**.

This is an increase of 15minutes a day to bring us in line with Government minimum standards.

### Curriculum support

Next year both KS1 and KS2 are learning about Thaxted, so we are hoping to offer a series of events to welcome local elders to share their knowledge of Thaxted over the years. We are also hoping to share our school archive so all can see the wonderful memories we have.

If anyone knows an elder or has a local 'expert' who could either share their knowledge with staff or children do let the school office know in September.

## NEW STAFF

We would like to welcome to our staff

Mrs Fourie and Miss Cranham as new kitchen assistants. Mrs Victoria Panayi our new administrative assistant.

Our new Rowling teacher is Miss Hilliard and our new Dahl teacher is Mrs. Sampson, both will be visiting on Monday 17th July to meet the teacher morning with the children in their classes and will be available after school in the playground to meet any of their classes parents.

After a recent visit by the Fire Service we were asked to share this poster as field fires are such a problem locally.



### PTA Corner

SUMMER FAIR—Friday 14th July at 3.30pm—4.30pm

**Please do come along, have some fun and support the school.**

We have asked the school for a **non uniform day on Wednesday 12th July**, so parents can donate any tombola prizes.

Contact us via [friendsofthaxted@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofthaxted@gmail.com).