



The Federation Flyer

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News

Welcome to our third issue of 'The Federation Flyer'.

The Governing Body met this week and were pleased to set balanced budgets for the next few years ahead. In a time of ever increasing pressures on school budgets, this is a real achievement. We are still able to sustain excellent ratios of adults to children and have continued capacity to provide resources and improve the school environment. We are also able to fund initiatives such as Forest School, high quality PE coaching, School of Military, whole class music tuition and a wider range of school visits too. During the coming weeks we will be reviewing our curriculum provision and will introduce further exciting changes. There will also be improvements to IT resources.

Those of you who have visited the website recently will have noticed a new look – we hope you like it. We now have information for both schools on the High Peak Federation site. Parents can also now get school information directly to smart phones via our new App. The developers need to make a few final tweaks, but parents can download the App to phones already. Search for School Jotter, and once downloaded look for High Peak Federation. The dashboard page looks like this:



We have also been focusing on becoming more eco-friendly and attached is information about making eco-bricks. We hope to have enough in a few months time to put them together to construct something at both schools. Please send in completed eco-bricks and we will start to collect them.

Finally, we wish everyone a lovely Easter break and look forward to a busy and exciting Summer Term.

News

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Swimming, Forest School, PE lessons and School of Military will all be starting in the first week back, so please make sure appropriate kit is in school to join in.

The cost for DINNER MONIES for the next half term will be £39.90. Please remember payments should be made BEFORE dinners are taken.

The WHITEHALL SECOND INSTALLMENT should have been paid by today – thanks to those who have done this on time.

Class photo orders need to be in school by the end of the first week back – Friday 3rd May, as they are being collected by courier at the start of the following week.

A vacancy for Parent Governor has arisen. We do have a parent who has stepped forward and has the key financial skills required to become part of our Resources sub-committee. If any other parent would also like to become involved, please let us know by Friday 10th May and then elections will follow.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Parry and the Newtown Team.

<u>Thornsett</u> News

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Please get permission slips in for Gardening Club, which will run on Mondays after school.

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We should be welcoming back Miss Tinker after the break. Thank you for coping with the temporary school business officer, but I will be very content to hand the role back to someone far better qualified!

Please use the Easter break to check for / treat children for head lice – we have spotted 'several visitors' in the last few days.

There will be a letter to parents at the start of next term to arrange parental consultations.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Parry and the Thornsett Team

Newtown PFA News

Thanks to all those who supported the Spring Fair last weekend. We raised an amazing £900!



We were really impressed with the entries for the Easter bonnet competition – well done to all those who joined in.

Please contact the following if you would like to get more involved in PFA organised events:

Amy (Ben and Toby's mum)
Cassie (Martha and Stan's mum)
Emma (Ellie and Evie's mum)
Jodie (George's mum)
Rachel (gene and Cary's mum)

Children have experienced the benefit of trips and visits recently and have many more planned for the coming weeks. The PFA have provided contributions to keep costs down for parents and their support is much appreciated.

Thornsett PTA News

A reminder of the dates for several forthcoming events - please put them in your diaries and come along - it is the income from these events that is spent directly on improving provision for the children.

We have our next meeting on Monday 29th April at The Printers for 7.30pm. All welcome to come along.

29.4 PTA Meeting at The Printers (7.30pm) 19.5 Sponsored Fun Run 23.5 Film Night 8.6 New Mills Carnival 23.6 (provisional) New Mills Duck Race TBA Summer Fair

Also, if you've not already done so, sign up to become a Co-op member (it costs only £1) and choose Thornsett School Field as the charity you wish to support.