

Thameside Primary Newsletter Issue 9 January 2020



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Next week is the LAST week of clubs for this half term. There will be **no** clubs running on the 10th, 11th or 12th of February. Letters have gone out today regarding new clubs for next term with details of how to book. Clubs will start again week beginning Monday 2nd March.

A polite reminder that Thursday 13th and Friday 14th February are non-pupil days.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs L Billinghamurst

Friends of Thameside PTA Meeting

Thank you to the parents and carers who attended the meeting here on Monday morning. We are keen to add to the number of people who can help and support the PTA in any way. This includes any parents who may have a financial background and can share knowledge and practice so that crucial roles such as treasurer and secretary can be shared out.

It was agreed at the meeting that the PTA will be organising discos for every year group across the year, on a rolling programme. Further details will be sent out in a separate letter shortly.

A future event to note is that the PTA will be putting together Mother's Day packs which will go on sale during the lunch break in the week leading up to Mothering Sunday. Further details to follow at a later date. The next meeting of the PTA is on 2nd March at 9am. New members are welcomed and encouraged!

SPORTS NEWS

Dodgeball

Well done to the year 5 and 6 dodgeball team who finished 11th best in Essex. They participated in this competition after becoming champions of Thurrock before Christmas. It was a fantastic effort from the team as they narrowly missed out on the quarter finals by a point; however, finishing 11th is still an incredible achievement.

Basketball

Congratulations to the year 5 and 6 basketball team who competed in the Essex winter finals last Friday. The team played exceptionally well throughout the competition to finish 4th best in Essex. Although it was disappointing for the team to miss out on a medal position, they did so with the knowledge that they had already beaten the eventual competition winners 10-2 in the group stage. Finishing 4th in Essex is an excellent feat to be proud of.

Netball



The Netball A team played Little Thurrock Primary School last night and won 13-0. They played some amazing netball and worked very well as a team. Well done to the whole team: Blu, Aishat, Yusuf, Selena, Christian H, Brian A-D, Arina and Aisha. Star player was Christian for his great defending.

Parking and Safety

Yet again, we have received comments about, and photos of, irresponsible parking in the Elm Road open space entrance to the school. The Environment & Highways department of


Thurrock Council has been forwarded this information and we have been informed by the Senior Parking Officer that the enforcement team will be making visits to the location with the intention of specific enforcement being carried out.

There has also been an increase in the number of adults and pupils stepping over the safety barrier from the path into the visitors car park, so that short cuts can be made across the front path of the school. Please do not encourage your child to walk through the car park at any time. The visitors car park becomes very busy at peak times during the school day and no driver would be expecting adults or children to be walking across their pathway as they enter or leave the school grounds, in their vehicle.

Ideally, all pupils leaving school from the front entrance at the end of the day, should walk straight along the main pedestrian pathway that leads straight into Manor Road, rather than walk along the front of the school building.

Please support our focus on the safety and well-being of our pupils.

Internet Safety Day

We will be recognising  Internet Safety Day on Tuesday 11th February with the pupils across the day. This year the focus is on "Online identity" and assemblies will be based on this theme. Many children do not always think about the dangers of giving away personal information online and this day will be a good opportunity for us to guide them in being safer.

Year 1 Royal Tea Party

Year 1 Parents are invited to their child's class on Wednesday 12th February for a royal tea party and book sharing session. Please arrive at 2pm. The session will take place across the afternoon until the end of the day.

Year 5 Time Traveller Art Exhibition

This half term Year 5 have produced a range of art work as part of their foundation curriculum and are putting together an exhibition of the work to share with parents and carers. This will take place on Monday 10th February at

2:45pm. When you arrive, please go to the entrance by the minibus parking space as the Exhibition will be in Elm Hall. We hope to see as many of you as possible there!

Our Shining Stars

Here are the pupils who were picked last Friday;

1P – Oluwaseni A
1L – Alfie E
1J - Laura R
1VH – Sofia B
2A - Ahmed H
2D - Ife
2W - Scarlett C
2B – Muhammad Q
3J - Keiaan D
3A - Alex A
3S – Ernestas R
3U – Daniyal R
4R – Flakron S
4AH – Akmal P
4A - Mnah N
4W – Syeda
5K – Marla T
5S – Amaya E
5R - Lewis P
6L - Damian E
6S –Banmeet S
6C - Omar A



And here are the pupils who were picked today.

1P – Sienna F
1J – Maddison I
1L – Alfie G
1VH -Temi A
2A - Melie O
2D – Daniel W
2W – Akay E
2B - Hanna M
3A – Brigid O’C
3J - Aisha M
3S - Andreea C
3U – Daisy E
4R – Gabriela M
4AH – Michelle A
4A - Lily L
4W – Emily Z
5K – Rachael C
5S – Nicole P
5R – Laila M
6L - Aleeya R
6S - Ismael K
6C - Ranna H



And finally..... There are still many children bringing in chocolate and/or crisps to eat during their morning break. It may be that some of these items are being taken from lunch boxes by the children to eat early but we ask that if you would like your child to have something during the morning break, it is a separate item such as a piece of fruit or a cereal bar. Thank you for your support with this request.

