

Thameside Primary Newsletter Issue 2 September 2018

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The pupils are looking really smart in their new uniforms but sadly, the lost property storage box has almost 100 items of clothing in it already! A polite reminder that clothing and all other items brought into school need to be clearly marked with your child's name please. The lost property store is in the playground outside the demountable classrooms and may be accessed after school each day.



Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs L Billinghamurst

Coffee Mornings

Thank you to the parents and carers who came along to the first coffee morning of the new term with Mrs Bray. There was a good turn-out of numbers attending and enabled parents to share ideas for the school going forward. A reminder that these sessions usually take place every second and fifth Thursday of each half term, and are advertised on the school website as well as the fortnightly newsletter.



Jewellery and PE

There are still a few children who are wearing jewellery and expecting PE staff to remove these items for pupils. Please remember that the school policy is for earrings, necklaces and bracelets to be removed at home on a PE day. Newly pierced ears can be taped for no more than 4 weeks.



Healthy Snacks and Packed Lunches

Please support us in our drive to encourage children to eat healthily by giving your child appropriate snacks for morning break and a balanced packed lunch. We have noticed an increase in the number of chocolate bars, crisps and sweets brought in since returning in September. We also discourage nuts of any kind in lunch boxes as we have a number of children with nut allergies. Thank you for your support with this.

Volunteers

Thank you to the people who came along to the volunteer session earlier in the week. Hopefully, we will soon have you supporting in our classes. If you were unable to attend, we will be holding the next volunteer session early next term.

Bikes and Scooters

Please ensure that any bikes or scooters that are brought to school are not ridden once pupils are on school premises. There are bike racks for pupils to leave their equipment in, during the day, at their own risk. We have had a couple of incidents since September where adults or pupils have had 'near miss' collisions with children riding along paths once they had entered the school gates.



Sunrise Club Reminder



Can we politely remind you of the times and payment arrangements for sunrise club:-

- Sunrise club opens at 7.45am.
- For pupils arriving between 7.45am and 8.15am the cost will be £2 including breakfast.
- For pupils arriving between 8.15am and 8.30am the cost will be £1 with no food.

Please be mindful that there is no admission after 8.30am

Opening of Gates



You may have noticed that the gates are opened earlier on some afternoons than others. This is because the Site Manager will open the gates

only after all PE lessons on the playground have finished and the pupils are inside. If there are no pupils on the playground then the gates are opened a little earlier. Please also bear in mind only one set of gates can be opened at a time by the Site Manager.

Trailblazer payments

Thank you to the parents and carers who have sent in their Trailblazer payment for this academic year. These payments are vital if we are to pursue the experiences and activities that Trailblazer helps provide for our pupils, enabling them to experience a broad and balanced curriculum.

Front Car Park

There is still a small number of parents and carers walking through the car park at the beginning and end of the day. Please ensure you stay on the path at all times. This includes parents taking children to Breakfast club first thing in the morning. This is often when the car park is most busy. We are looking into fencing this part of the

entrance but in the meantime, please support us to keep the entrance as safe as possible by staying on the paths!

Celebration Assemblies

The rota for our class sharing assemblies continues as below. Please note the amendment to the date for 5K which is now Friday 9th November because of a year 5 trip that is taking place on Thursday 8th November. Details of this will follow shortly.

Thursday 11th October	1P & 4D
Thursday 18th October	2A & 6D
Thursday 8th November	3W
Friday 9 th November	5K
Thursday 22nd November	1L & 4T
Thursday 29th November	2J & 6F



the assembly hall

Every class will have two sharing assemblies across the year, so not all classes will have an assembly date for this term.

Key dates for your diary.

October

- 16th – Harvest Festival donations deadline. *More information to follow at a later date*
- 22nd – Half Term Begins

November

- 5th – Children back to school
- No after school clubs 5th – 9th
- 8th – Parent drop-in – 3:20pm – 4:20pm
- 9th – Individual photo day
- 16th – Flu immunisations – *details to be confirmed nearer the time*
- 27th & 28th – Parent's evening – *details to be confirmed nearer the time.*

December

- 17th, 18th & 19th December Church services
- 19th – Christmas Jumper Day
- 19th – Last Day of Term

And finally.....

E-Safety 'tip of the week'

The age ratings that come with games, apps, films, social networks and more, are a good guide to whether they are suitable for your child.