

Thameside Primary Newsletter Issue 1 September 2018

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! It gives me great pleasure to introduce myself as the new Head Teacher of Thameside Primary School. I feel very privileged to have been appointed by the governors. I have been married to Terry for 19 years and we have two children, Emily (20) and Hannah (18). I have been a Teacher and Senior Leader in schools in Thurrock for 10 years, my most recent post being Head Teacher at Stanford Le Hope Primary School.



Everyone has made me feel very welcome and I have enjoyed my first couple of weeks. The children have all settled back to the school routine well this week and there has been some fantastic learning taking place across the school.

I will be writing to you regularly (fortnightly) throughout the year to let you know important information about what has been and will be happening in school. Please note the key dates for your diary (overleaf) already in place but also check the website regularly for further updates.

Finally, a polite reminder from our teachers, can we please ask that you refrain from staring into the classroom windows while you are waiting for your child to come out at the end of the day. Teachers have reported that it distracts the children and delays the end of day routines.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs J Bray

Coffee Mornings

The first coffee morning of the new term with Mrs Bray will take place next Friday 21st Sept between 9am-9.45am.

We are always delighted to welcome new parents to these sessions, along with our existing parents who regularly attend. These sessions usually take place every second and fifth Thursday of each half term.



the assembly hall

Jewellery and PE

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.

Celebration Assemblies

The rota for our class sharing assemblies gets underway next week. Please note the amendment to the date for 6S which is now Friday 21st because Miss Swords is attending a training day on Thursday 20th September.

Thursday 20th September	2AL
Friday 21 st September	6S
Thursday 27th September	3R & 5L
Thursday 11th October	1P & 4D
Thursday 18th October	2A & 6D
Thursday 8th November	3W & 5K
Thursday 22nd November	1L & 4T
Thursday 29th November	2J & 6F

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

Polite Reminder

May we remind all parents and carers that it is not appropriate to contact or approach members of staff out of school hours to discuss sensitive or confidential issues. If you have something of this nature that you would like to discuss with someone at school, please contact Mr R Davies (Deputy Head Teacher for Pastoral) or Ms T Perry (Social Worker) on 01375 372188. Alternatively an appointment can be arranged at the main office.



Volunteers

A session explaining how volunteers can help in school is being run by Mrs Billingham on Wednesday 26th September. If you have some spare time on your hands and are interested in doing some voluntary work in school, pop along on to the session, which starts at 2.30pm. Please sign in at the school office as you arrive.

New Equipment

Could we ask that you check that your child's name is on all belongings including packed lunch boxes and PE kits, please? It is very easy for a lunch box to be popped into the wrong trolley at lunch-time but when it is clearly labelled, it can be returned swiftly to the rightful owner!



Attendance and Punctuality

A polite reminder that we do not authorise holiday requests in term time and that it is very important that your child arrives in school in time for their learning. Poor attendance and punctuality panels are held periodically whereby a parent/carer is asked to come into school for a formal meeting with a panel of staff members. Thank you for your support with this matter.



After School Club Applications

A polite reminder that the online booking system for after school clubs closes on Monday evening at 5pm. Some clubs are already full but there are still spaces available across the range of clubs on offer. Clubs start week beginning 24th September.



Here are some 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
- 15th – Deadline for Shoebox Appeal
- 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..... We are sad to share with you that Mrs Sandra Sibley, our school bursar, retired last week. Mrs Sibley had worked at



Thameside for many years in a variety of roles. We will all miss her very much but wish her a long and happy retirement.