

Thameside Primary Newsletter Issue 8 January 2019



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Dear Parents and Carers,



I hope you enjoyed the Festive break and are looking forward to the challenges and opportunities of a new year.

Please ensure that your contact details are up to date at all times. This is especially important when there is a possibility of poor weather conditions. Please inform the school office if your details change at any time.



Wishing you a Happy New Year!

Mrs L Billingham

Celebration Assemblies

A reminder that the new rota for sharing assemblies gets under way the second full week of the Spring term. Here is the order of classes:

- Thursday 24th January 4A & 1W
- Thursday 31st January 6S & 3BH
- Thursday 14th February 5R & 2D
- Thursday 28th February 6D & 3VR
- Thursday 14th March 2AL & 3R
- Thursday 21st March 1P & 5L
- Thursday 4th April 2A & 4D

App for Texting System

Can we please ask that if you haven't already downloaded and registered for the Schoolgateway app that the school is now using for communicating with parents and carers, that you do so as soon as possible. Currently there are only just over 30% of

our parents and carers who have registered with this app which is a cost-effective method of communication. Apple iPhone users can download the app from schoolgateway.co.uk/iosdownload and Android phone users can download at: schoolgateway.co.uk/androiddownload

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Names on clothes!!

A polite request that you ensure all clothing is clearly labelled with your child's name and class. This would reduce hugely the number of items that end up in lost property!



Thameside Children's Centre

The Children's Centre are running a 6 week programme starting on 1st February, called Fun, Food and Fitness. It is aimed at 2-11year olds and is promoting healthy food choices. The session will last for an hour between 3.30pm and 4.30pm. Topics being looked at will include healthy lunchbox ideas, fussy eating tips and portion sizes. To book a place on the course please contact the Children's Centre on 01375 387894 or email them at ThamesideCC@thurrock.gov.uk



Mad Science Day

A reminder that on Friday 25th January we are holding Mad Science Day. We are inviting our pupils to come dressed in a science themed outfit on the day with winners being picked from each year group. Throughout the day pupils will be engaging in a range of exciting science-based activities.

Outdoor Clothing

We have had a small number of pupils arriving without a coat this week. Next week the temperature is predicted to plummet so please ensure your child comes to school with a coat!



Coffee Morning

Mrs Bray will be holding the next coffee morning on Friday 15th February where the focus will be SEND. All parents and carers are invited to attend.



PE NEWS

Mrs Lockwood has started her maternity leave and Mr Smith has taken on the role of PE lead. He has been joined by Mr Pettit, who is also teaching PE at Thameside alongside Mrs Lee.

I would like this opportunity to introduce myself, I'm Mr Smith and I'm currently leading the P.E department. So far, the children have shown great enthusiasm towards their P.E lessons and I cannot wait to see how much they improve over the year. Parents please feel free to ask me any questions regarding your child's participation in sport. It would be great if you could get them into clubs outside of school which will further develop their ability. The P.E department are excited to continue the success of sport at Thameside Primary School.

Jewellery and Outdoor PE Clothing Request

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. Can we also remind parents that pupils need suitable outdoor sports clothing this time of the year for our outdoor PE sessions.

Mr Smith



E-Safety tip of the week

If you see something you don't like, tell an adult about it.

Late Attendance

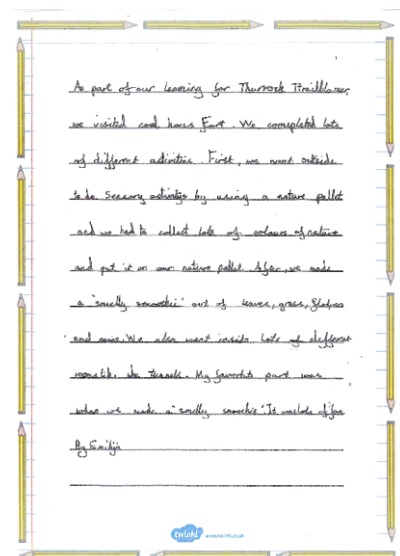


So far this term there have been 94 late attendances. Arriving late means having to queue to give lunch choice to staff and more importantly, leads to children missing valuable learning time at the start of the day. Termly Attendance Panels are held for parents/carers of pupils who are persistently late, as we are keen that all children are given the opportunity to start the day promptly.

Thank you for supporting us with this intention.

And finally.....Coalhouse Fort Trip

4T have visited Coalhouse Fort today and 4A and 4D spent the day there yesterday as part of a Thurrock Trailblazer project. The children had the opportunity to use and apply their English skills in a nature sensory activity in the outside grounds of the fort. In addition to this, the children had the chance to make their very own 'natural smoothie' and develop their historical knowledge about the Fort. Below is a piece of writing one of the pupils produced following the trip yesterday:



Have a lovely weekend.

