

Thameside Primary Newsletter Issue 6 December 2018

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to share with you that on Wednesday evening at the Active Essex Sports Awards 2018 ceremony, Thameside Primary's PE team was awarded the **Education Champion of the Year Award**. The award is given to a school, college, university or early years setting that gives its pupils a wide range of opportunities to participate in high quality physical education and extra-curricular sport and that is helping young people to understand and embrace daily exercise for the benefit of their health and wellbeing. The winning institution should also show continued commitment to club links.



A huge well done to members of the PE team, past and present who, in the last five years, have developed into a highly skilled team resulting in the school

going from strength to strength. Last year Thameside won the Thurrock school medal table with a clear 500 plus points over second place rivals. Congratulations, team Thameside!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs L Billingham

Christmas Jumper Day

A reminder that next Friday, 14th December, we will be holding our Christmas Jumper Day not on 19th December as was advertised on the school website. The change was made once we confirmed dates for the Christmas



Dinner (also on 14th December) and our visits to Grays Parish Church, which are taking place the following week. Apologies for any confusion the change of date has created.

Christmas Fayre Today!



Hopefully, you have remembered our Christmas Fayre taking place straight after school today. Please try to pop in and support the event. Members of the Friends of Thameside PTA and staff and pupils have been working behind the scenes to ensure as much money as possible is raised for the school. Each of our year groups will have a stall selling items they have made for the event. The total amount raised will be displayed on the school website early next week.

Lateness at Beginning and End of Day

Please ensure your child arrives at school on time and with the correct equipment to start their lessons. Our office staff are continually taking children who attend late, round to their classes, which is then followed by staff having to deliver forgotten equipment for PE, swimming, homework and lunchboxes for the children.

There has also been an increasing number of children left for up to fifteen minutes after their club has finished. All clubs finish at 4.15pm and once children have been collected, staff continue to work so are unable to sit with pupils waiting for parents to collect them.

Please note that any pupil who is collected late on two consecutive weeks will lose their place in the after school club, and the place will be offered to another pupil on the waiting list.

After School Clubs

Please remember that next week is the final week of after school clubs. There are no clubs on the last three days of the term. Clubs will resume on Tuesday 14th January 2019, with pupils attending the same clubs they are assigned to now. New club allocation will take place after the February half term. A letter will be sent out after Christmas with further details.

Celebration Assemblies

Our new rota for sharing assemblies gets under way the second full week of the Spring term. The order of classes is as follows:

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

Dogs in playground

A polite reminder that dogs are not permitted on the school premises whether they are on a lead or held within an outer garment of an adult. This includes all parts of the car park, playground, and the school office/reception area.



Community Working Together

We wanted to share with you that this term, the school community has raised more than £1,000 towards three very worthwhile causes. The money raised is as follows:

- Poppy Appeal £234.31
- Macmillan Coffee Morning Staff Event £300
- 2018 Sport Relief appeal £683.57

Thank you to those of you who contributed to any of these collections.

PE NEWS

Basketball



Years 5/6 boys and girls managed to come 2nd and only losing by one point to West Thurrock at the Basketball tournament at Gateway Academy last Friday.

Football

On Monday the week got off to a good start with the Boys A team beating Chadwell Primary 8-0, with Andre Dike scoring 5 of those goals.

Netball

Last night the Netball B team beat Giffards 4-3 in their game.

Elm Road Entrance

There have been several complaints this week from concerned parents regarding the inconsiderate and potentially dangerous parking of vehicles left in the car parking space outside the Elm Road park gates. Please be mindful that there are many parents/carers with buggies having to negotiate around the vehicles that have been parked in this very small space!

Key dates for your diary.

December

- 10th December – Year 3 Twilight Trail
- 10th & 11th December EYFS Living Library
- 12th December Outside Carol Service to KS1 parents 2.30pm
- 13th December Outside Carol Service to KS2 parents 2.30pm
- 14th – Christmas Dinner Day & Christmas Jumper Day
- 17th, 18th & 19th December Church services
- 19th – Last Day of Term



And finally.....

E-Safety 'tip of the week'

Only add friends and people you know onto social media, don't add strangers!

