

# Thameside Primary Newsletter Issue 4 November 2019



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Dear Parents and Carers,

A reminder that Parents Evening appointments are taking place on 19/20<sup>th</sup> November. Please book an appointment with your child's class teacher if you haven't already done so through the online booking system. Bookings can be made up to 15<sup>th</sup> November. Niki's Uniform will be here with their pop up shop. Please note that the back gates will be locked so the entrance and exit for the evening will be via the main reception only.

We are delighted to share with you that building work is starting shortly on a sensory room. The room will be furnished with specialised sound and light, sensory equipment and interactive apparatus such as bubble and sound cubes.

'Sensory Breaks' allow time away from an academic environment that some pupils can find stressful and overwhelming and so provide a form of respite from the classroom, allowing children to return in a calmer, more focused frame of mind.

Once completed, there will be an opportunity to view the Sensory room during one of Mrs Bray's coffee mornings.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs L Billinghamurst

## **PE Request**

We ask that all children now have tracksuits in school for PE lessons as it is becoming cold outside. It would also be helpful if you could give your child a plastic bag to put their dirty shoes in please, at the end of their lesson.

## **After school clubs**

Our after school clubs start again next week. Please ensure you are prompt in collecting your child at the end of the session.

## **Guitars for school**

We have heard this week that the school was successful in submitting a bid for £750 to Universal Music UK Sound Foundation for the purchase of a class set of guitars for pupil's music lessons. Currently, we hire guitars from Thurrock Music Services but this grant will enable us to return the loaned guitars and start to use our own.

## **LOST PROPERTY**

The lost property container in the playground is full. There are over 100 jumpers without names on them, footwear and bags of PE kit etc that is unclaimed. If your child has lost any items, please take a look in the container which is open after school daily. In a short time, the remaining unclaimed items will be donated to charity or disposed of. *Please remember that anything your child brings into school must have their name on.*

## **LATE ATTENDANCE**

Many children are arriving in school daily after the 8.50am school start time. (Nursery start time is 8.45am) This causes extra work for the office staff accompanying them to their classes and ordering lunches at this busy time of the school day. Please help your child to optimise their learning time by attending on time, every day!

## UNISON – STARS IN OUR SCHOOLS

Once again Unison are celebrating support staff in schools in the Thurrock area.

Do you know a member of OUR support staff who deserves recognition? It can be anyone in the office, finance, catering, teaching assistants, IT, site staff or pastoral team, in fact anyone who helps the effective running of the school.

Nomination forms are available from the school and the ballot box will be in school from 20th to 22nd November. Entries may also be emailed to [unison@thurrock.gov.uk](mailto:unison@thurrock.gov.uk)

### Did you know next week is....



### Our Shining Stars

Here are the pupils who were picked the week before half term;

1P - Sayed H  
1L - Lucas L  
1J - Migle P  
1VH - Ronny B  
2A - Jersey K  
2D - Rocco Roy B  
2W - Daisy P  
2B - Lena K  
3J - Elizabeth C  
3A - Jacob S



3S - Georgia A  
3U - Andrei T  
4R - Reggie N  
4AH - James Davies S  
4A - Soriah R  
4W - Tashkin B  
5K - Daniel C  
5S - Franky B  
5R - Ceryhs L  
6L - Drake R and Brian A D  
6S - James N  
6C - Rotimi A



And here are the pupils who were picked today.

1P - Zahran A  
1L - Brody P  
1J - David B  
1VH - David E  
2A - Henry C  
2D - Connor H  
2W - Rekha P  
2B - Ayaan B  
3J - Michael C  
3A - Jorian B  
3S - Irene R  
3U - Maya P  
4R - Harry H  
4AH - Elsa K  
4A - Ethan S  
4W - Kacper  
5K - Syed M  
5S - Kyra L  
5R - Lily B  
6L - Courtney SS and Katlin A  
6S - Harvey S O  
6C - Eny K



And finally.....



Any donations and/or offers of help with setting up the event, gratefully received!

