

# Thameside Primary Newsletter Issue 1 September 2019



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Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome back to existing parents and carers and hello to all our new parents and carers who have had children recently joining us. The pupils have settled in remarkably well especially when we consider this is only the first full week back!

Our newsletter is usually sent out fortnightly by email but just in case we don't have everyone's email address, this first edition of the school year is coming out to you as a paper copy. Please inform a member of the office team if we haven't yet got your email address.



We hope you like the improvements to the front entrance of the school. Please ensure you gain entry and exit through either pathway and do not

attempt to walk through the electric gates as they open for a vehicle entering or leaving the car park. The work should be completed by next week and will further ensure the safety and well-being of our pupils at the start and end of the day.

Mrs L Billingham

## After School Clubs

The online booking system for after-school clubs was opened on Wednesday morning and will remain open until Monday evening. Once the booking system is closed, pupils will be notified which clubs they have been allocated, within a couple of days. All clubs restart week commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> September, beginning straight after school until 4.15pm. Please ensure you are here in time to collect your child promptly at 4.15pm.

## Weekend Check

Can you please take a few minutes over the weekend to check that your child's name is on all belongings including packed lunch boxes and PE kits. 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

Please be reminded 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.



## Celebration Assemblies

We are changing our assembly formats this year and will no longer send home a list of dates for class assemblies across the year. Instead, you will be invited into school by your child's class teacher for informal sharing sessions across the year to coincide with the delivery of our new Cornerstones curriculum. Further details will follow shortly.

## No Smoking Zone

The school office staff have received complaints this week that parents/carers have been seen smoking just inside the school gates. Please remember that in the interests of the school community, there is to be no smoking on school grounds.

Thank you for your support with this protocol.

## Volunteers



If you are interested in spending some time volunteering in school, then please consider coming along to an informal meeting with Mrs Billingham on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30pm.

This term we are looking to take on volunteers who are coming into school to hear children read on a regular basis. Miss H Jones, our Reading lead, will also be at the meeting to explain how to get the best out of a short reading session with our young readers.

## Community Invitation from the Riverside Community Big Local Project



## Gardening Equipment

We are asking if any parents/carers have any spare or unwanted items of gardening equipment or furniture that could be donated to Year 3, who are hoping to create a space in the courtyard for planting/growing and a space to sit. Any donations can be left at the school office.

## Speaking to staff

Can we politely remind you that if you have an issue that you feel needs discussing with a teacher at the end of the school day, you wait until all pupils have been collected and that the classroom is then used for the discussion. It is not appropriate to try to talk across to the teacher whilst they are in the process of dismissing the class.

## Aldi

We are now collecting the Aldi 'Kit for School' stickers so ask that you send in any stickers you

receive with your shopping. For every 300 stickers we collect, we will receive an exclusive sports kit for the school.

## Competition Winner

Congratulations to Daniel R in Year 4 for being picked as one of the winners in the Grays Town Centre 'Design a Planter Cover'. Daniel's winning artwork entry appears below and a local artist has decorated a giant planter to replicate his design.

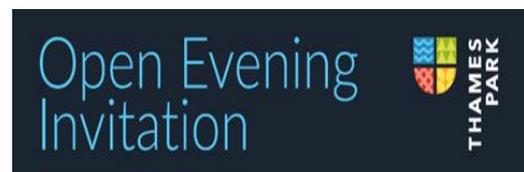


Daniel is to be invited to attend a prize-giving ceremony shortly in Grays Town Centre. Well done Daniel!

## Considerate Parking Choices

Please remember that the roads surrounding the school are now designated for residents only. We have had residents from Manor Road complaining that they have been unable to park near to their house and have seen parents/carers from Thameside parking in the road and walking towards the school entrance. Permit fines are now in operation for anyone found parking within a restricted parking area.

**And finally.....**On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September, between 6pm and 9pm, the Osborne Co-operative Academy Trust invites our Year 6 parents to the first Thames Park School open evening for a presentation and the opportunity to take guided tours of the school's temporary accommodation. See further details below.



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More details can be found on the Thames Park website and Facebook page.

**19<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 6pm to 9pm**

South Essex College - Thurrock Campus  
High Street, Grays, Essex. RM17 6TF

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