

# Thameside Primary Newsletter Issue 19 June 2019



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Dear Parents and Carers,



A huge well done and thank you to The Friends of Thameside and everyone else who helped in any way towards making the Summer Fete a huge success last Friday after school. The weather was brilliant throughout the afternoon and the magnificent sum of £1,280 was raised in total.

This has been a busy week with Sports Day, Year 6 performance, Year 3's Alice in Wonderland Day, Year 5's Wider Opportunities performance to parents, Year 1's Gruffalo Tea Party, Footsteps Meet and Greet session and Year 6 visit to Adventure Island! Thank you for coming along and supporting each of these events.

The final three days next week will be just as busy as we head towards the Summer break!

Mrs L Billinghamurst

## Music Festivals

Well done to the children in both lower and upper school choirs, who have taken part in the Thurrock Music Festivals recently and also performed at the Summer Fete last Friday. Thank you all for your enthusiasm and commitment.



## Summer Reading Challenge

We have had two visits from Grays Library to share the details of this year's Summer Reading



Challenge, the theme of which is Space Chase, an out-of-this-world adventure inspired by the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first moon landing.

Engaging with the Summer Reading project at Grays Library is a great way to beat those holiday boredom days once the novelty of being off school has disappeared. Certificates will be awarded early in the Autumn term to all pupils who participate in the scheme during the summer break.

## New Teacher Meet and Greet

All pupils will be meeting their new teacher next Tuesday morning and will receive a 'pen portrait' sheet of information about their new teacher to bring home and share with you. The meet and greet session will take place in the new classroom base in readiness for September.

## SPORTS NEWS

### Sports Day

It was lovely to see so many parents and carers come along and support our Sports Day and Picnic



lunch on Tuesday as well as the EYFS event on Monday morning. Our thanks to Mr Smith, Mrs Lee and Mr Pettit for organising the events and to the group of Gateway students who came along on Tuesday to help with the smooth running of activities and the picnic lunch.



Congratulations to Simmonds team who won the double on our sports day on Tuesday. The scores were extremely tight with only 3 points separating second team (Farah) and first position (Simmonds) in the Key Stage 2 sports day.

## Borough Olympics

Well done to all the children who represented the school in the Borough Olympics last Friday. The children did an amazing job and finished 4th overall.

Well done to both Year 6 relay teams who



managed to both come third in their respective races and to the children who received a medal for either their track or field performance. All the pupils should be so proud of themselves for their achievements!!

## Cross Country Champions

A huge congratulations to our Year 1 and 2 cross country team who managed to come first in our last event of the year. Our Year 1 girls and boys both come 4th overall as a team. Our Year 2 boys came second by 2 points and our year 2 girls managed to win their group. With such low scores we managed to win overall and all children should be extremely proud of their performance.

## Club Reminder

Just to remind you that there are no clubs running in the remaining three days next week. Information for new club enrolments will go out at the beginning of September 2019.

## Home Fire Safety Visit

Essex County Fire & Rescue Service recommend that our homes should be fitted with a working smoke alarm on every floor and also advise that smoke alarms (including batteries) should be tested on a weekly basis.

The Home Fire Safety team provide smoke alarms completely free of charge and are happy to make a home fire safety visit for this purpose. If you are interested and would like to know more, contact the Home Fire Safety team on: 0300 303 0088 or follow the Home Fire Safety link on: [www.essex-fire.gov.uk](http://www.essex-fire.gov.uk)

## Safe car parking

Please, please, please do not park on the zig-zag lines at the front entrance to the school. As well as being alongside the traffic island bollard which has restricted the entrance and exit space for

vehicles, it is really dangerous and we fear that a child or adult will be hurt.

## EYFS Graduation

A reminder that EYFS have their graduating ceremonies on Monday. The morning ceremony starts at 9.15am and the afternoon ceremony starts at 1.45pm. We look forward to welcoming you. The EYFS disco is also taking place on Monday straight after school. Parents will need to collect pupils at 4.30pm from their current classroom in the usual way.



## Leavers Assembly and Disco

Our Year 6 pupils will be sharing memories with parents and carers at the Leavers Assembly that will take place on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July at 9.15am. If your child is in Year 6, please try to attend.

A reminder also that Year 6 pupils have been invited to a Leavers Disco on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 4.45pm until 6pm. All Year 6 pupils are to arrive at the front entrance please. There are still a few permission slips indicating whether your child will be collected or whether they are allowed to walk home alone, outstanding. If you have not returned the slip, please ensure we receive it on Monday morning.

## And finally.....

Our last day this term is on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July. Have a wonderful Summer break. Let's hope the weather is kind to us! A reminder that pupils return on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

