

Thameside Primary Newsletter Issue 9 February 2019



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Hopefully, next week, we will begin to see the end of the current cold snap of winter weather as temperatures rise a little.



We have included lots of photographs in this newsletter to give you a flavour of the opportunities children have been experiencing across the school. In the next newsletter, we will be including details of World Book Day which is taking place this year on Thursday 7th March.

WORLD
BOOK
DAY

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs L Billingham

Celebration Assemblies

We continue the class sharing assemblies on the following Thursdays. All parents and carers are invited to attend when it is their child's slot.

- 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

Outdoor Clothing

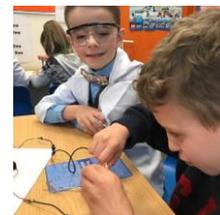
A second reminder to please ensure your child comes to school with a coat during this cold weather. There are still a small number of pupils arriving with just a school fleece or a sleeveless body warmer, which is not adequate clothing at this time of the year.



Mad Science Day



Mad Science Day was a great success last Friday. It was fabulous to see so many of the pupils dressed the part in their mad professor costumes! A whole host of practical activities took place across the school which included investigating ice, surface tension, paper airplanes, bouncing egg experiments, exploding rainbows, powerful pepper, magic M & M's and string telephones!



Next Coffee Morning

On Friday 15th February Mrs Bray will be holding the next coffee morning where the focus will be SEND. The session starts at 9.00am. All parents and carers are invited to attend.



PE NEWS

Sportshall Athletics

Last Friday, pupils from Year 3 and 4 competed in an indoor athletics competition in Hornchurch. The children had a fabulous time competing in the various activities but despite trying their very best in a highly competitive field, only

managed to finish 8th out of 16 schools. Well done to all team members for the good effort that you all demonstrated.

Football

On Monday, Thameside played against Belmont Castle. Both teams played an attacking game and in a tough match the boys managed to win the game 3-1. We showed lots of improvements from the tournament in the previous week, as we were keeping the ball and creating lots more chances, which was great to see. Scorers were Andre 2 and Francisco 1.



On Thursday, the year 6 girl's football team competed in a football tournament at Woodlands School in Basildon. They showed great determination to win their second game 1-0 in a tight match. Although they didn't win the tournament their organisation and team work meant their remaining games were narrowly lost.



E-Safety tip of the week

Limit the time your child has on a certain game. This can help to avoid addictive and obsessive behaviour.



School Choir visit to O2

On Tuesday Mrs Allinson and I took the school choir to the O2 London Arena for the Young Voices concert where they sang with 8,000 other children. Guest artists that the choir sang with included Tony Hadley from Spandau Ballet and Britain's Got Talent star Beau Dermott. Our pupils were impeccably behaved throughout the trip which included a late return to school in icy weather conditions. Well done to you all. You were a real credit to the school. Thanks go to Mr Allinson for accompanying us on the trip and also to the parents and carers who came along to the O2 for the evening performance.



Schoolgateway app

Whilst we have email addresses for almost all parents and carers there are still less than half of our parents who have signed up to our new communication app. If you are unsure how to sign up, please go to the school website for further details.

And finally.....there are a small number of pupils who are coming to school in non-uniform items. As well as instilling a sense of pride in our school, a common uniform promotes a sense of community and belonging and helps to encourage children to socialise with pupils from different backgrounds. The protocol for our school uniform is displayed below for guidance.



WINTER

Girls	Boys
Grey pinafore or skirt	Grey or black trousers
Grey or black trousers or skirts	Red sweatshirts, cardigans, jumpers or fleeces
Red sweatshirts, cardigans, jumpers or fleeces	White polo shirts
White polo shirts	Black shoes suitable for school
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SUMMER

Red and white check dresses	White polo shirts
White polo shirts	Grey or black shorts or trousers
Grey or black shorts, trousers or skirts	Red sweatshirts, cardigans, jumpers or fleeces
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No jewellery should be worn in school. Small stud earrings are permitted, but must be covered with micropore tape during PE.
Long hair should be tied back neatly. No hair colouring is permitted.

PE KIT

Summer Kit	Winter Kit
A pair of plain black shorts	Dark blue/black jogging bottoms and a dark blue/black jumper
Trainers for outside PE (Plimsolls will be acceptable for some weathers)	Plain black shorts
A white round neck t-shirt	Long black football socks
	Shin pads for football
	Football boots – these are essential if your child is representing the school or attending a football/rugby after school club. Football boots can be worn at the parent's discretion for PE lessons

SPORTS DAY TEAM COLOURS:

Farrah – Blue Weir – Green
Ennis – Red Simmonds - Yellow

Thank you for your support to keep Thameside Primary School a smart place to be!