

Thameside Primary Newsletter Issue 15 May 2019



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Dear Parents and Carers,



As we head towards the Summer months, the PTA are beginning to prepare for the annual Summer Fayre, which is taking place on Friday 12th July straight after school. Stalls are available to hire for £15 each, along with a donated raffle prize. If anyone is interested in holding a stall, please leave your contact details at the school office. The PTA would also like to hear from any parents or carers that can come along and assist with the preparations in setting up, please.

As usual we are grateful for any donations of soft toys and teddies (in good condition), for the soft toy tombola stall, tins and packets of non-perishables, unwanted toiletries and gift sets. These will be used on various PTA stalls. Donations of bottles, which can range from soft drinks, water and also alcohol, for our very popular "lucky bottle" stall, are also requested. All donations can be left at the school office.

Thanking you in advance,

Mrs L Billinghamurst

School Clubs

The pick up after school clubs has been much better this week, thank you. Please ensure that if your child attends a sports based club, they have an additional PE kit with them to wear for the activity. A polite reminder that after the half term break, clubs will start again week beginning Monday 10th June.

Water Bottles

Please try to ensure your child brings in a bottle of water to drink during the day. For pupils in the upper school, bottled water can be bought from the tuck trolley during the morning break. Sports cap plastic bottles are preferred as they are safer and easier, and far less likely to spill on a piece of work! Please note that children are not allowed to bring juice and other fruit drinks in their bottles as this leads to sticky drink containers and encourages ants.



E-Safety tip of the week

Talk to your child about how people they meet online may not be who they say they are, even if the pictures look like their friend.



A reminder to parents and carers: WhatsApp's minimum age for use is 16 years. WhatsApp: a guide for parents and carers <https://parentinfo.org/article/whatsapp-a-guide-for-parents-and-carers>



Year 2 & Year 6 SATs

Well done to all the year 2 and Year 6 pupils who worked hard to apply themselves during their SATs tests. A big thank you also to all staff who helped in any shape or form to support the Year 6 breakfast club that took place every morning this week and to members of the Governing Body who facilitated the administration of the KS2 papers throughout the week.

Fun, Food and Fitness Course

A reminder of the Healthy Lifestyle course being held at the Children's Centre throughout the Summer Term. The flier below gives details of the course content. Please contact them directly for further details.

Fun, Food and Fitness

A group for 2 – 11 year olds to promote healthy choices

Portion Sizes



Healthy Lunchbox Ideas

6 week course

Don't forget to book your place



Fussy Eating Tips

Parachute games, Obstacle course and Action songs

Thameside Children's Centre, Manor Road, Grays, Essex, RM187 6EF
☎01375 387894 ✉ ThamesideCC@thurrock.gov.uk

Journey to and from school

Thank you to those parents and carers who are walking to school as much as possible. The entrances are still seeing some congestion at peak times and we would ask that if you are having to drive to school, you park a short distance away from the entrances rather than drive right up to the gates and stop to let children out. This is especially important when the dropping off is happening on the zigzag lines. There are often parking spaces in the roads leading to the school so please try to use these to park in which will help with reducing the congestion outside the entrances.



Next Coffee Morning

Mrs Bray's next coffee morning will be taking place on Friday 14th June at 9.00am when the focus of the meeting will be PE. All parents and carers welcome.

Painting Shirts/Aprons

Any old/unwanted shirts or aprons that could be used for art sessions would be gratefully received please.

And finally.....Some Creative Homework pieces to share with you.



Have a lovely weekend.



Celebration Assemblies

After half term, our Reception children will have their very first class assembly and so we hope to see lots of parents and carers coming along to watch and share the learning. The rota continues as below:

Thursday 13th June

- RT in OAK & RMc in ELM

Thursday 20th June

- RM in OAK & RJ in ELM

Thursday 27th June

- 4A in ELM & 6F in OAK

Thursday 4th July

- 1W in OAK & 3BH in ELM

Thursday 11th July

- 2D in OAK & 3VR in ELM

Thursday 18th July

- 1DH in OAK

