

# Thameside Primary Newsletter Issue 10 February 2020



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Yesterday the school celebrated Internet Safety Day with a focus on "Online identity". This was an ideal opportunity to promote safer and more responsible use of online technology and mobile phones and to remind children of the dangers of giving away personal information online to people they don't know.

It also came to our attention that many children are accessing and in some cases, taking part in online activities that are well beyond their permitted age. These activities have an age limit for a reason. Please be mindful of what your child is accessing online at all times.

If you would like more information about keeping your child safe online, you may like to take a look on the following websites:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<http://www.childnet.com/>

A polite reminder that tomorrow and Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February are non-pupil days. Pupils return to school at the usual time on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

Have a lovely half term. Spring is just around the corner!

Mrs L Billingham



## World Book Day

A reminder that World Book Day is taking place on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020. This year we are changing the dressing up focus and are asking that the children come dressed in their pyjamas, to match our theme of 'Bedtime Stories'. We would also like to encourage children to bring a story into school that they enjoy reading before bedtime. A separate letter about WBD will be sent out after half term.

Thank you for your support with this request.



## SIMsAgora Switch Over

Please remember that SimsAgora should no longer be used for school payments. As from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February we will be using School Gateway. To register, if you haven't already done so, please go to [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com)



## SPORTS NEWS

### Girls Football

Last Thursday the Girls A football team beat Stifford Clays 2-0 away in the league. The game saw an exciting first half with lots of shots and the two goals scored by Aisha and Elizabeth. The second half followed with excitement however, the girls were unfortunate not to score again. Woman of the match was Aishat.

## *Congratulations!*

On Monday the Girls A football team beat Horndon on the Hill 6-0 at home in the quarter final of the cup. Over the duration of the game the girls managed to score three goals each half, with the goals coming from Aisha, Elizabeth, Aishat and Blu. After this victory the girls will now go on to play Tudor Court in the semi-final. Women of the match were Elizabeth and Aisha.

## **Safety concerns**

Please keep the school office updated with any changes of emergency contact telephone numbers or names of people who will be collecting children from school. Children will only be allowed to leave school with contacts that have been previously recorded.



## **After School Clubs**

Please note that the current club groups have now finished and the next round of after school clubs will start week beginning Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Could we please remind you to collect your child promptly once the club has finished, and that only adults with written permission from a parent, will be able to collect a child on their behalf.

## **School Choir Young Voices Event at the 02**

Mrs Allinson and Ms Davies would like to say a big well done and thank you to the choir members they took to the 02 Arena to sing with 7,000 other children on 5<sup>th</sup> February. It was a magical experience for the children and feedback from parents who attended has been really positive, too.



## **Absence from school**

Would parents please remember to telephone school as soon as they know that their child/children are going to be absent from school for any reason. This will save staff time in chasing up absences and enable the registers to be completed correctly. Please also try to get any medical appointments out of school time. We know this is difficult sometimes, but attendance at school enables optimum learning time.

## **Our Shining Stars**

Here are the pupils who were picked last Friday;

1P – Letty – Ann C  
1L – Alfie G  
1J – James C  
1VH – Leah R  
2A – Faizah D  
2D – Kamille B  
2W – Demi M  
2B – Remi S  
3J – Rei A  
3A – Jacob S  
3S – Summer P  
3U – Maria G  
4R – Natalia B  
4AH – Theo W  
4A – Akmeja Z  
4W – Zeina A  
5K – Srejan G  
5S – Tyler R  
5R – Maya B  
6L – Rayan A  
6S – Abdi M  
6C – Rotimi A



## **And finally.....**

Please note that if a child is late for school after 9.15am you/they will not be able to order a hot dinner and your child will be served a cheese wrap. If you know your child is going to be late for a specific reason, you can ring the school before 9.15am to place a dinner order.

Thank you for your support with this issue.