

Thameside Primary Newsletter Issue 8 January 2020



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Dear Parents and Carers,



We would like to start by wishing you all a Happy New Year and hope that you had a good break over the Festive Season.

As you will be aware we currently accept cash and online payments via SimsAgora. We will shortly be issuing a communication to advise you of a change in the way payments are to be made to the school. This is following feedback from parents and having looked at alternative options, are pleased to advise that from February half term online payments will move to the School Gateway system. This system is currently used for all school communication (text and emails) and will therefore allow all actions to be made in one place.

More details will follow shortly, however if you have not registered for the School Gateway App as yet, please follow the link below.

- Apple iPhone users download at: schoolgateway.co.uk/iosdownload
- Android phone users download at: schoolgateway.co.uk/androiddownload

Mrs L Billinghamurst

Governor visit to school

Mrs Shelagh Cosgrow, one of our governors, visited the school just before the Christmas break. Below is the visit report we received;

In December, as safeguarding governor, a visit was arranged with Thameside Primary school to carry out the first of a three-part Safeguarding visit, related to the Osborne Cooperative Academy Trust Safeguarding Audit document. I

met with some pupils (Y1 – Y6) and staff (all with different roles in the school) to ask about Safeguarding in school and benchmarked their responses against the Safeguarding policy and practice in school. The outcomes of the visit are positive, with confidence that staff and pupils are aware of their roles and responsibilities to keep Thameside school a safe and caring learning environment.

Parking Issues

In recent days, we have again received reports of inconsiderate driving by parents and carers near to both school entrances.

Last Friday, one driver parked their vehicle completely across the pavement by the park



entrance, meaning children were having to walk in the road on an already dangerous bend. Residents in Cherry Tree Close have also experienced parents

refusing to move cars parked across drives, which in one case, prevented the resident from picking up her own children who attend other schools in the borough.

At the start of this week there was an incident between a pupil and a car believed to have been driven by a parent. Luckily, the child was unhurt but the consequences could have been serious.

Please drive with care and give consideration to local residents. Remember the roadway surrounding the school is a permit holders only zone and so extra time needs to be taken into account to find a parking space near to the school, if it is not possible to walk your child to and from school.

Attendance and Punctuality

Please remember that we do not authorise holiday requests in term time. It is very

important that your child arrives in school for their learning every day and requests for exceptional leave of absence in term time must be made in advance using a form which is available from the school office.

The main school gates close at 8.50am when all pupils are expected to be in class for registration. Please ensure your child has all the necessary equipment to start their day such as packed lunches and PE kit. Office staff are often having to make several trips to the same classes, delivering items arriving late and handed into reception.



If you know your child will be absent from school for any reason such as illness or a GP/Medical appointment please telephone the office on 01375 372188 as soon as the expected absence is known.

Friends of Thameside PTA Meeting

Our apologies for having to postpone the meeting this week, especially to the parents who arrived and had to go home. We are pleased to advise that the meeting has now been scheduled for Monday 27th January at 9am.

Smart Watch

Earlier this week, a Smart Watch went missing from a Year 2 classroom during a PE lesson. So far, the watch has not re-appeared. Please can we ask that expensive items such as these are not brought to school, to avoid the understandable upset if/when such an item disappears.

Coffee Mornings

Our next coffee morning with Mrs Bray will take place on Friday 28th February between 9am-9.45am. We are always delighted to welcome new parents to these sessions, along with our existing parents who regularly attend.



Names on clothes!!

A polite request that you ensure all clothing is clearly labelled with your child's name and class. This would reduce hugely the number of items that end up in lost property, where we currently have 230 jumpers and cardigans with no name on. This is in addition to numerous coats, trainers and PE bags.



SPORTS NEWS

Dodgeball

Last Friday our dodgeball team competed for Thurrock in an Essex competition. The children played really well and managed to finish 12th. Well done to our dodgeball team.



Multi-skills sport

Congratulations also to our Multi-skills sport team who had a great time representing the school over different events, which included Kurling, hurdles, volleyball and their favourite game, the parachute. It was a fantastic event and the children had a great time.



Football:

Congratulations to our Year 5/6 boys A team who won a league game against Harris Mayflower 3-0 this week. The match was played in very tough conditions, but the boys put in a good performance. Scorers: Damian x 2 and Clayton.

Unfortunately, our B team wasn't as successful against a very strong St. Thomas team, losing 7-0, but well done to the boys for never giving up.

Congratulations to our Year 5/6 girls A team who are through to the next round of the cup after beating Gateway 3-1. It was a good performance from the girls and they will be facing Horndon in the next round. Scorers: Sophie, Selena and Elizabeth.

Upcoming fixtures this week:

20.01.2020 High 5 B Team netball away @Stanford

21.01.2020 Year 5/6 Boys A football match against Chadwell @ home in the league.

22.01.2020 Year 5/6 Boys A football match away@ Bonnygate Quarter finals of the cup.

24.01.2020 Year 3/4 Dodgeball

Kit reminder:

Children must be wearing P.E. kit if they are to participate in the lessons. Furthermore, if your child has a sport that is played on the field such as football or tag rugby, could you please provide them with a plastic bag, so their muddy shoes do not go all over their clothes.

Thank you.

And finally..... Suitable Tuck



We have noticed that an increasing number of children are bringing in chocolate and/or crisps to eat during their morning break. Please help us to ensure children are eating a healthy snack (and packed lunch), by sending them in with appropriate items.

Have a lovely weekend.

Our Shining Stars

Here are the pupils who were picked last Friday;

1P – Janah
1L – Mara P
1J - Ianis C
1VH – Harry P S
2A - Eliza A
2D - Lacie W
2W - Rekha P
2B - Benas A
3J - Drake L
3A - Celine A
3S - Andreea R
3U – Addison B
4R – Hafiza T
4AH – Antoni W
4A - Bahara N
4W – Aram S
5K – Nulok R
5S – Gurtej S
5R - Colin K
6L - Nathan G
6S – Victor A
6C - Far’han O



And here are the pupils who were picked today.

1P – Romany R
1J – Kerri D
1L – Brody P
1VH - Haris A
2A - Emiglen P
2D – Maria L
2W – Muhammed N
2B - Muhammad S
3A – Milan S
3J - Iasmina L
3S - Danny Boy O
3U – Hanifa A
4R – Maya M
4AH – Remus S
4A - Karina B
4W – Tiffany O
5K – Kara L
5S – Henry C
5R – Alfie B
6L - Dino V
6S - Cedrick O
6C - Toju S

