



# NEWSLETTER

## February 2020

### Message from the Deputy Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to begin this newsletter with a quote from our Chair of Governors, Ms Claire Passmore.

"I, and my fellow Governors, are pleased with the recent Ofsted report, we recognise the hard work and dedication shown by Mrs Daburn and all of her staff which have helped Thames View Primary School maintain its 'Good' rating."

I would like to echo this message . Everyone has been working hard to make improvements, there is work still to be done, but we are very much heading in the right direction.

It really is hard to believe that we are halfway through this school year. I do hope the weather improves so that you can all enjoy the Half Term holiday.

See you on the 24th of February,  
Kind Regards  
Wendy Riddington

#### Term Dates

Term 4 starts on Monday  
24th February.

Term 4 ends on Friday 3rd  
April

Easter Holiday: 6th—17th  
April

Term 5 starts on Monday  
20th April.

#### Diary Dates for Term 4

**26th February—Class Photos**

**5th March—World Book Day—details to follow**

**12th March—Y5—River Visit**

**9th —12th March—Scholastic Book Fair**

**24th March—Y2 visit to Port Lympne**

**28th March—NSPCC Quiz Night**

**1st April—Sofie Wheeldon—Parent Workshops on RSE**

**2nd April—Mini Youth Games—Netball**

**4th April—PTA Easter Egg Hunt.**

# SCHOOL NEWS

## Eco Squad at Thames View!

A small squad of us in Key Stage 2 are working together to help make the school a more environmentally-friendly place. There is a representative from each class - an Eco Warrior! - to gather ideas from their class and take back news from our Eco Squad meetings.

So far we have introduced a crisp recycling scheme in the canteen, and we are encouraging those who bring packed lunch to also recycle their plastic bottles. The representatives are also making sure we are turning lights off when leaving rooms and making sure their class is using their recycling bin as much as possible. We are also litter picking at the entrance to the school.

These are some of our initial ideas, so watch this space as there are more to come!



If your child has any idea about how we could be more eco-friendly, please ask your child to speak to their Eco Warrior.

## IT'S NEVER TOO LATE FOR SOME GOOD NEWS!

Thames View raised £177.20 for Christmas Jumper Day and  
An amazing £396.24 for Children in Need.

## WELL DONE EVERYONE!

# Attendance

Regular school attendance and punctuality is one of the most powerful ways you can prepare your child for success - both in school and in life. Every learning moment counts and is vital for your child's educational and social development.

## Days off school add up to lost learning

### 175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR

175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments



At Thames View Primary School we are taking the following positive steps to ensure an improvement in our overall attendance figures. **Our overall target for this year is 97%**

- Presenting individual amazing attendance certificates at Celebration Assemblies at the end of Terms 2, 4 and 6.
- Presentation of 'Attendance Ted' to the Key Stage 1 class with the highest level of punctuality and attendance each week, in the Friday Celebration Assembly;
- Awarding a 'Freedom Friday', to any class with a weekly punctuality and attendance figure of 97% and above with **no recorded late arrivals**, which means the whole class can wear their own clothes to school on the following Friday.
- Sharing attendance and punctuality data, hints and tips along with news of the classes with the best attendance on the board outside the main office.
- A new Pastoral Support Link Worker offering attendance clinics to parents/carers who experience difficulties in getting their child(ren) to school regularly and on time.
- Actively using 'Pupil Voice' to seek ideas and feedback from pupils on attendance and punctuality systems and rewards.

We appreciate your ongoing support with this aspect of Thames View Primary School improvement, however, if your child is genuinely unwell, please remember to follow the guidance set out below

### Pupil Absence Due To Sickness

If your child is absent from school it is very important that you contact the school office as soon as possible on the first day of non-attendance to give the reason for their absence. It is important that if your child is suffering from sickness and/or diarrhoea they **should not** return to school until **48 hours after** the symptoms cease. This will stop the risk of infection to other children and staff. Thank you.

## Health and Safety Reminders

At the end of the last academic year an e-mail was sent to parents reminding them about our expectations about suitable uniform. One of the points raised was that the head bands with animal ears or unicorn horns were not part of school uniform, so we ask that only plain head bands are worn to school—Thank You.

We are very fortunate to have Mrs Inkpen to help us cross the road at the crossing. Unfortunately, there are still some people who are choosing to cross at other points along the road.

Bloors Lane is a very busy road, particularly at the beginning and end of the school day. We should hate anyone to get hurt, so please cross at the crossing.

Stay Safe!



## **ALLERGIES**

We are always looking to update our records. Would you please let the Office know if your child develops an allergy to something, even if we don't need to administer any medication for it. Also let us know if there is a change to any of their allergies, particularly the symptoms, so that we know what we are looking for.

### **Crisp Packet Recycling Scheme.**

Just a reminder that the Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance are still collecting all brands of crisp packets, including supermarket own brands and the multi-pack outer packaging can also be accepted. Our new Eco Warriors have placed a container in the Dining Room for them and another container for plastic drink bottles.

