



NEWSLETTER

October 2019

Message from the Deputy Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's hard to believe that we're already at the end of term one. Next term is a particularly long one, at 7 and a half weeks, but, as it is way too early to mention the 'Chr' word, let's just say, there's a lot of good things to fit in!

The children in both buildings are really enjoying the newly-established library areas. We still have work to do on them, but, we're getting there. Incidentally, if any of you come across some books in good condition that your children have outgrown, we would be delighted to add them to our library areas. During the lunch time, a few Year 6 and Year 5 children spend time in the Key Stage 1 library hearing Year 1 and Year 2 children read. It is now a very pleasant environment in which to do this.

It was good to see so many of you at the parents' consultation evenings this week. We look forward to seeing you at the many events being held next term.

Kind Regards
Wendy Riddington

Term Dates

Term 1 Ends for children on:

Thursday 17th October

Staff Development Day

Friday 18th October

Term 2 starts on:

Monday 28th October

Diary Dates for Term 2

- 30th October – Height & Weight Checks – Year 6
- 30th October – Hygiene & Hand washing – Year R
- 5th November – Individual Photographs—Kittle Photographic
- 11th November – Flu Immunisations – Year R – Year 6
- 15th November – Children in Need (Wear Something Spotty for Pudsey)
- 19th November – History Workshop—Year 6
- 2nd December – Nativity Year 2 – 9.30 am
- 2nd December – Carol Service – KS2 – 1.45 pm @ St Margarets' Church
- 3rd December – Nativity Year 1 – 9.30 am
- 3rd December – Carol Service – KS2 – 1.45 pm @ St Margarets' Church
- 4th December – Nativity Year R – 9.30 am
- 9th December – Family Trust Nativity – 1.30 pm
- 11th December – Christmas Lunch
- 13th December – Christmas Jumper Day
- 18th December – Last day of Term 2

SCHOOL NEWS



WALKING BUS

In the past, we have had a very successful walking bus at Thames View and we'd like to give the children the opportunity to take part again. We had three routes coming in to School three times a week, one from Splashes car park, one from the Litchfield Road/ Hereford Close area and the last one was from Holmoaks/High Elms area. Children were taken to the meeting points at a prearranged time and walked in to school together by either their own parents or the parents who were volunteer Walking Bus Coordinators. All Coordinators are trained in road safety by Medway Council and are DBS checked.

The children who take part are given termly rewards by the KM Walk to School charity and can collect stickers to show how many times they have walked with the group. Not only is it good for the children to walk together, it eases car congestion around school and is environmentally friendly.

If you would be interested in taking part or becoming a Walking Bus Coordinator, please let the school office know.

During the afternoon of Wednesday, 9th October, the Year 6 children hosted their annual Harvest Tea for members of the local community. The children had planned their menus, sent out their invites, brought in the food and decorated their tables. It was once again a well-received event and there was some well-deserved praise for their kindness and maturity. The Harvest Tea is a great opportunity for the children to start appreciating their role in the local community. It also provides them with a chance to develop their collaborative skills when working within their team.



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 100% 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

- Please be reminded that Thames View Primary School is still a **'Nut-Free' Zone**. Please would you be vigilant about the ingredients in the food in your child's lunch boxes, the food that you are eating on the site and any food that you send in to school. Please be mindful that some chocolate spreads also contain nuts.

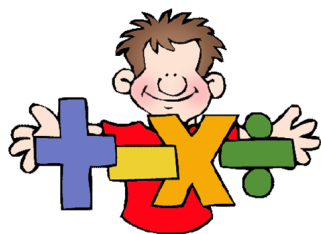


Just a little reminder that children **should not** use the play equipment on either playground before school begins and if children come to school on bikes or scooters, they should **not** ride them around the playground when they arrive, as there are often very little children on the playground.

The bike and scooter rack, which was donated to us by a school in Maidstone, has now been installed on the KS1 playground.

'Memorable Maths Monday'

Monday 28th October 2019



We will be welcoming the children back to school on the first day of Term 2 with an 'off-timetable' day celebrating World Maths Day. Children are invited to come dressed as a mathematical concept (eg, shapes, repeating patterns/prints, prime numbers, zero, symbols, etc. Be as creative as you like – we're counting on you!

We would like to welcome all parents/carers into classrooms at the end of the day to share the learning from our Memorable Maths Monday. Please see the timings below.

Nursery 11 am and 2.45 pm

EYFS and KS1 – 2.45 pm

KS2 – 3.00 pm

Thank You



Please come to the office to sign in before going to the classrooms.

Isabella Knight, in Discovery Class, brought to our attention that the Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance have started a **Crisp Packet Recycling Scheme**. We, at Thames View, think this is a great idea, so will be starting this after the Half Term Holiday. All brands of crisp packet, including supermarket own brands and multi-pack outer packaging can be accepted. We shall have a collection point in each building.

Why not start collecting and make a real difference!

