



# NEWSLETTER

## December 2020



### Message from the Deputy Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well, we made it! Or just about, and apart from the very necessary inconvenience of having to close some year group bubbles on the way, Thames View has still fared a good deal better than a lot of other local schools. We thank you once again for supporting all the necessary safety measures we have in place.

The children who have been here have enjoyed nativities, carol concerts, Father Christmas, Christmas lunch and Christmas parties, but it has been a very different run up to the Christmas holidays than we are used to.

May I take this opportunity, on behalf of all the staff, to wish you all a happy, safe and peaceful Christmas and hopefully a more positive start to 2021.

Kind Regards  
Wendy Riddington



### Term Dates

**Term 2 ends on Friday 18th December**

**Term 3 begins for children on Tuesday 5th January 2021**

**Term 3 ends on Friday 12th February**

### Diary Dates for Term 3

Monday 4th January - Pre-scheduled Staff Development Day (*NB. Office will be closed*)

Tuesday 5th January - children start

Friday 5th February - 'Wear your scarf to school' day

Tuesday 9th February– Internet Safety Day

Friday 12th February - End of Term 2

## Arrangements for Term 3

Current arrangements and timings for dropping off/picking up your child/ren, adult wearing of face coverings, children wearing their PE kit on PE day and early finishing on Fridays/Friday Club will continue into Term 3.

There will be no changes to the way our Year Group 'bubble' Friday clubs are run next term. We have limited capacity for more children to attend. However, if your circumstances change in the New Year, please contact the school office to make an individual request for your child, or indeed if your child no longer requires a Friday Club place.

**Please could everyone continue to follow the guidance below.**

- ♦ Please can parents/carers be reminded NOT to arrive too early to drop off/pick up your child/ren, therefore avoiding a long wait in a queue. Please wait in your car a little longer or if walking to school, leave home a little later.
- ♦ Please remember to wear a face covering when entering the school premises, unless you are exempt.
- ♦ Please remember to **keep a two metre distance whilst waiting in a queue**, using the markings on the ground as a guide, **and ensure that your child remains with you at all times**.
- ♦ Please avoid congregating near the school gates or on the school drive to chat to other parents/carers.
- ♦ Please remember only ONE parent/carer should be dropping off/picking up their child/ren.
- ♦ Please remember to stay at home with your child/ren and book a COVID-19 test if you or a member of your family has one of the main coronavirus symptoms:
  - ♦ a high temperature
  - ♦ a new, continuous cough
  - ♦ the loss or change of sense of taste or smell
- ♦ Please remember to report any Positive cases of COVID-19 to the school office ASAP.
- ♦ Please contact the school office to report your child's absence in the usual way.

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## Comments from the School Councillors

- \* **We love wearing our PE kit on PE day—it means you have more time for PE and you don't forget your kit because you're wearing it !**
- \* **We love having separate playtimes—there is more space to run and there are not so many bumps.**
- \* **We miss whole school celebration assemblies—could we have these via Zoom ?**  
*(This is being considered for the New Year)*
- \* **We are cross with children who are running around the line and not staying with their parents, and for breaking the red and white tape, which has to be replaced and costs money and Mr Carlos's time.**
- \* **We like having separate lunch times—it is quieter and easier for some children.**

# SCHOOL NEWS

The Thames View Primary School digital Prospectus for new entrants is now available to view at:

<https://online.flippingbook.com/view/783095/>

*Please note: the start/finish times documented on p5 are for 'Normal' not COVID-19 times'!*

## Christmas Card Competition Winner



Each year, every school in The Howard Academy Trust holds an annual Christmas Card competition, where pupils are invited to design their very own Christmas Card. All of the entries are then judged by Owen McColgan, the Trust's Chief Executive Officer.

The winner of Thames View's Christmas Card competition is:

*Jerusha, Discovery Class, Year 6*

Congratulations, Jerusha! Thank you to everyone for sending in your fantastic entries this year. We loved looking at them all and getting into the festive spirit!

## NATIVITY / CAROL CONCERT—DVD

The children really enjoyed learning about the Christmas story and preparing for their performances which were filmed this year. We missed having parents coming into school and going to the church, but we hope you enjoy the film. Many of you have already purchased a DVD or the right to the digital link (available from Friday 18th December). If you haven't yet ordered your copy please do so via Arbor.



**WE WISH YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY, SAFE AND PEACEFUL CHRISTMAS**

## Christmas Jokes

 <p>What goes ho-ho whoosh, ho-ho whoosh?</p> <p><i>Santa caught in a revolving door!</i></p>	<p>What's white and goes up?</p>  <p><i>A confused snowflake!</i></p>
<p>What did one snowman say to the other snowman?</p>  <p><i>Can you smell carrot?</i></p>	<p>What do you call an old snowman?</p>  <p><i>Water!</i></p>
 <p>What do you have in December that you don't have in any other month??</p> <p><i>The letter D!</i></p>	<p>What goes "oh, oh, oh"?</p>  <p><i>Santa walking backwards!</i></p>
<p>Knock knock! Who's there? Snow. Snow who? Snow use, I've forgotten my name again!</p> 	<p>What do you sing at a snowman's birthday party?</p>  <p><i>Freeze a jolly good fellow!</i></p>
<p>How does a snowman lose weight?</p>  <p><i>He waits for the weather to get warmer!</i></p>	<p>Who hides in the bakery at Christmas?</p>  <p><i>A mince spy!</i></p>
<p>What do monkeys sing at Christmas?</p>  <p><i>Jungle bells, jungle bells!</i></p>	<p>What's impossible to overtake at Christmas?</p>  <p><i>The three wise men!</i></p>

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