



# NEWSLETTER

## October 2020

### Message from the Deputy Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

It was lovely to be able to welcome your children back to Thames View at the beginning of the term. Oh, how we have missed them and how some have grown. We are proud of how quickly the children have settled to the new ways of doing things. Many parents have contacted us to say how well organised drop-off and pick up times are and we have had a few contact us with suggestions about how we might make it even smoother. We are grateful for their input, and have already used some ideas to 'tweak things' a little. Just a reminder for all to socially distance when queueing outside the gates and in the playgrounds.

As Term 2 fast approaches, we have yet to receive guidance from the Government about what restrictions will be in place during the run up to Christmas. School is usually a very sociable place for parents and children alike at this time, with many festive events, which are likely to look very different this year.

Whatever happens, we at Thames View will make sure the children have a magical time.

Kind Regards  
Wendy Riddington

#### Term Dates

**Term 1 ends on  
Friday 23rd October**

**Term 2 begins on  
Monday 2nd November**

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

#### Diary Dates for Term 1

13/14 October—Medway Tests.  
12th- 16th October—Caring Hands food donations  
23rd October—Break up for Half Term

#### Diary Dates for Term 2

2nd November—Back to school  
3rd November—Individual and Sibling photos

[More details to follow](#)

November Virtual Parents Evening appointments -  
[More details to follow](#)

# SCHOOL NEWS

## ROCK GARDEN

Thank you to all of you who sent in a decorated rock for our new garden area outside the Year 4 block. It's looking amazing! Some of the rocks are absolutely stunning. We would however still love lots more donations, so feel free to get creative whenever the moment takes you.



The week of 21st-28th September 2020, was **Recycling Week**. Now in its 17th year, Recycle Week is a celebration of recycling, organised by WRAP under the Recycle Now brand. This year, the theme will thank the nation for continuing to recycle despite the challenges that COVID-19 has presented, under the banner 'Together - We Recycle'.



In school the children have been discussing recycling and thinking about how we can recycle more in school. The children who bring packed lunch will be encouraged to think about how they dispose of their waste, either using our recycling bins in school or taking items home to put in their recycling bins and green bins. Some items that cannot go in household collections can be taken to the Medway Foodbank for recycling. Please have a look at the items they accept - we're sure any donations you can take will be gratefully received.



Our school has always supported Caring Hands through our Harvest collections. This year, we are obviously unable to have our usual Harvest assemblies, but Caring Hands have never needed your donations more. To celebrate **World Food Day** on Friday October 16th, we would ask you, if you are able, to send into school during that week, an item or two from the list below. THANK YOU.

## Caring Hands Harvest Collection



### Tinned Goods

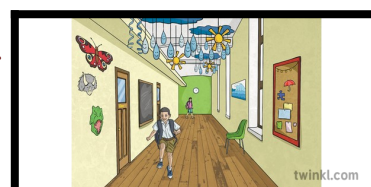
Baked beans  
Soups – any flavours  
Tuna  
Vegetables – any variety  
Tomatoes  
Spaghetti/ravioli  
Hot dogs  
Potatoes  
Fruit – any variety  
Rice pudding  
Custard – tinned and powdered

### Dried Goods

Pasta  
Ketchup, ground salt & black pepper  
Rice  
Smash  
Tea and Coffee  
Sugar  
Powdered milk  
Noodles  
Savoury rice  
Various cooking sauces (jar or packet)  
Pasta sachets (e.g. mug shots)

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October**

The KS1 and EYFS teams are developing their Reading Corridor with an outdoor/garden theme to mirror that of their beautiful Library. They were wondering if any of you have any Astro-turf to donate, (even off-cuts would do). Please ring the school office, if you think you can help. Thank you.



# Share A Worry

## INTRODUCING 'Share a Worry' at TVPS.

We have launched a new 'Share a Worry' scheme, to encourage the children to air their worries through the use of our new Worry Boxes. This can be done at any time and the boxes are situated around the school for Years 2 to 6.



The children can write their worries on a piece of paper (named or anonymous) put it into the secure worry box, these will then be read and actioned by Mrs Stevens and Mrs Stalker on Well-being Wednesday's. We hope the outcome will be that the children can discuss their worries in a safe place within their bubbles or if they wish, there is support for them at school on a more individual basis.

Of course we continue to encourage children to share an urgent worry with their teacher at any time.



Just a reminder that, during 'International Walk to School Month' in October, Thames View Primary is taking on the Hedgehog Hike Challenge.

We will be taking part in the Hedgehog Hike Challenge across the following dates:

**WEEK 1: Monday 5th - Friday 9th October 2020;**

**WEEK 2: Monday 12th - Friday 16th October 2020;**

**WEEK 3: Monday 19th - Friday 23rd October 2020.**

We will be asking the children each morning how they have travelled to school and then sending that information to Medway Council as part of an eco/health initiative.

## ADMISSION TO SECONDARY SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2021 Year 6 Pupils

Details of how to apply for a place for your child to start secondary school in September 2021 can be found following the link below:

[medway.gov.uk/onlineadmissions](http://medway.gov.uk/onlineadmissions)

**Secondary school and UTC applications close on Monday 30th November 2020.**

## Just a reminder or two about PE

**We are finding that with the children wearing their PE kits to school on the day they have PE, it is saving so much time for other things. It also reduces any contact when changing and the need to have PE bags in school.**

**PE days are:-**

**Monday—Year 3**

**Tuesday—YR and Y5**

**Wednesday—Y2 and Y6**

**Thursday—Y1 and Y4**



**Please remember to remove earrings and tie long hair back on PE day.**

## **Online Learning and Home Contact**

Just a reminder to the children to keep on using Spelling Shed and Times Tables Rock Stars—They are both having a big impact on what the children know and how quickly they are able to come up with the answers!

Also, keep keeping in touch via Edmodo or Tapestry and if you haven't yet signed up for either of them—Do it soon!

You're missing a treat!

## **ADMISSION TO PRIMARY SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2021**

**Was your child born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017?**

**If the answer is yes, then now is the time to apply for a school place.**

Please go online at [medway.gov.uk/onlineadmissions](https://www.medway.gov.uk/onlineadmissions) for more information and to apply for a place.

**Applications for a Primary School place close at 5 pm on Friday, 15th January 2021.**