



Thames View Primary School Newsletter



Responsibility

Resilience

Respect

Mrs Rogers Message

This week, Year 5 have been on another adventure for their House Trip to Harry Potter World. This is to celebrate one of our House Authors, J K Rowling, who wrote to us back in the Summer! Year 5 had a magical day, visiting Hogwarts in the Snow and trying some Butter Beer, as well as being brave and venturing through the Forbidden Forest. They learnt about the clever creativity that makes the magic of Harry Potter and all about the special effects! It is year 4s turn this coming Thursday.

We have our third open day this Tuesday for any prospective Reception Parents for the 23/24 intake. If you know of any families who have not yet booked on a tour, please encourage them to contact the school office and get booked on! Our Year 6 children lead the tours and answer lots of questions on the way around the School!

The PTA are busy planning the Christmas activities, including the Christmas Fayre which will be on Thursday 14th December. Please do come along for some festive fun! There is also the Polar Express night coming soon, in the School Hall. If you have not got tickets yet, please buy them online. Any families who need assistance with this, please come to the School Office.

Next Friday (7th December) is Non-Uniform Day where you can help us by contributing items to the PTA for our Christmas Fayre. The items required are on the PTA e-mail. We also have our Christmas Fun Day on the 20th December when our Early Years and Key Stage One children will be experimenting with Circus Skills and our Key Stage 2 children will be enjoying glow dodgeball run by Progressive Sports, which we are all looking forward to!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and stay safe, Mrs Rogers.



Special events coming soon

December:

4th – School Choir to Rochester Cathedral

7th – Yr 4 Harry Potter World

8th – PTA non uniform day

Christmas donations (see pta page)

11th & 12th PTA Santa visits

11th – 9.30am Yr R Nativity

12th – 9.30am Yr 1 Noisy Nativity

13th – 9.30am 2 Noisy Nativity

14th – PTA Christmas Fayre 3.30-5pm

14th PTA Jumper competition closes

14th – 9.15–11.20am – Nursery

Christmas Carols

15th –10am Yr3&4 Christmas @ Church

15th –11am Yr5&6 Christmas @ Church

19th – PTA Polar Express 3.30-5pm

20th – last day of term,

Early Finish for All 1.15pm

January:

3rd- Staff Training Day

4th- Children return to School

8th January- Hook Day

8th- VR Workshop for Year

1(Space) and Year 4 (Oceans)

10th- Year 1 visit to Greenwich Planetarium

Quote of the week





We had a lovely visit from Rebecca Adlington OBE this afternoon, showing the children her Olympic Medals from Beijing and London, talking about her Olympic career and promoting the new Swim! Complex in Chatham.

(leaflets are available in the office reception area)

opening mid-December
making learning to swim the best part of your child's week!

pre opening offer

only £10
until February

only 200 spaces available

join now:
swim.co.uk/chatham

scan using your phone camera

air conditioned viewing lounge

small class size

31° degree heated pool

premium bespoke facilities

led by Olympians

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swim! Chatham, Horsted Retail Park, Maidstone Road, Chatham, ME5 9QF

chatham@swim.co.uk

0300 303 3580

swim!



Year 5 –
Harry Potter World
Visit –
29th November





Golden Ticket is every Friday and a child in each Key Stage 2 class can win the golden ticket for outstanding effort, behavior and for showing our 3 school values, Respect, Responsibility and Resilience.



STARS OF THE WEEK



PE Trophy
Return next week

PE Champions:
Return next week

Year 4 Timetable Stars:
Katie, Mohammed, Igor, Jack, Evie, Nancy, Maisie

Nursery Star:
Leyla

Attendance Stars:
KS1 Kanzi
KS2: Windsor

ECO Class
Enterprise

Class	Star of the week	Star Reader	Star Writer	Maths Champion
Pippin	Callie	Emily	Safiye	Louis
Sunrise	Harvey	Stefan	Chloe	Abigail
Elstar	Reggie	Millie A	Harrison	Cohen
Kanzi	Teddy	Abel	Arabella	Ralph
Fortune	Isla	Mason	Elliot	Alfie
Liberty	Ava	Millie	Albey	Louis
Opal	Lola	Autumn	Samuel	James
Topaz	Alba	Walter	Ralph	Leon
Enterprise	Harriet	Abigail	Alfie	Olivia
Victory	George B	Anthony	Felicia	April
Blenheim	Niyanna	Toby	Parker	Elsie
Windsor	Giselle	Preston	Zachary	Reggie
Discovery	Jessica	Jude	Evie	Bailey
Pioneer	Aston	Thomas	Harry B	Isabelle

Safeguarding Corner

If you have concerns about your child, please come in and discuss these with Mrs Flynn or Mrs Stevens. Each week there will be safeguarding tips here, let us know if we can help! Today's focus is on the digital world and how we can support our children to be safe when they are online and gaming!



Tips for Encouraging Open Discussions about DIGITAL LIVES

The online world is an entirely familiar and commonplace part of life for today's children and young people, far more so than for previous generations. There are many positives to children being able to access online materials, so it's important not to demonise the internet, games and apps, and limit the benefit of their positive aspects. At the same time, we do have a responsibility to educate children about the hazards they may encounter online (just as we would about real-world dangers) so it's essential that we don't shy away from talking to them about the complex – and often sensitive – subject of what they do and what they see when they're online.

Here are some suggestions for kicking off conversations with your child about their digital life ...

MAKE YOUR INTEREST CLEAR

Showing enthusiasm when you broach the subject signals to your child that you're keen to learn about the positives of their online world. Most children enjoy educating adults and will happily chat about what they use the internet for, or what games and apps they're into and how these work. Asking to see their favourite games and apps in action could help you spot any aspects that may need your attention – such as chat functions which might require a settings adjustment to limit contact with strangers. Keep listening even if your child pauses for a long time: they could be considering how to phrase something specific, or they may be gauging your reaction.

BE OPEN AND HONEST, APPROPRIATE TO THEIR AGE

At various stages, children and young people become curious about puberty and how their body changes; about relationships; about how babies are made; and about sexual health. If your child knows that they can discuss these sensitive subjects with you, they tend to be less likely to go looking online for answers – which can often provide them with misleading information and, in some cases, lead to them consuming harmful content. Don't worry if you don't immediately know the answers to their questions – just find out for yourself and go back to them once you have the facts.

REMINDE YOUR CHILD THEY CAN ALWAYS TALK TO YOU

In my role I work with many children and young people who admit being reluctant to tell a trusted adult about harmful content they've viewed online. In case it leads to having their devices confiscated. Emphasise to your child that you're always there to listen and help, reassure them that if they do view harmful content, then they are not to blame – but talking about it openly will help. Children shouldn't be expected to be resilient against abuse or feel that it's their job to prevent it.

KEEP TALKING!

The most valuable advice we can give is to keep talking with your child about their digital lives. You could try using everyday situations to ask questions about their online experiences.

DISCUSS THAT NOT EVERYTHING WE SEE ONLINE IS REAL

Here, you could give examples from your own digital life of the online world versus reality – for example, those Instagram posts which show the perfect house: spotlessly clean, never messy and immaculately decorated. Explain to your child that there are many other aspects of the online world which are also deliberately presented in an unrealistic way for effect – such as someone's relationship, their body, having perfect skin and so on.

TRY TO REMAIN CALM

As much as possible, try to stay calm even if your child tells you about an online experience that makes you feel angry or fearful. Our immediate emotions frequently influence the way we talk, so it's possible that your initial reaction as a parent or carer could deter a child from speaking openly about what they've seen. Give yourself time to consider the right approach, and perhaps speak with other family members or school staff while you are considering your next steps.

CREATE A 'FAMILY AGREEMENT'

Involving your whole household in coming up with a family agreement about device use can be immensely beneficial. You could discuss when (and for how long) it's OK to use phones, tablets, consoles and so on at home; what parental controls are for and why they're important; and why it's good to talk to each other about things we've seen or experienced online (both good and bad). Explaining your reasoning will help children to understand that, as trusted adults, we want to make sure they are well informed and kept safe. Allowing children to have their say when coming up with your family agreement also makes them far more likely to stick to it in the long term.

Meet Our Expert

Rebecca Jennings of RAISE (Raising Awareness in Sex Education) has shared 20 years' experience delivering relationships and sex education and training to schools, colleges and other education providers. A published author on the subject, she also advised the Department of Education on the staff-training element of the PSHE curriculum.

NOS National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday

www.nationalonlinesafety.com @natonlinesafety /NationalOnlineSafety @nationalonlinesafety

Friday 8th December - PTA – non-uniform day



Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 : Please could your child bring in a CHOCOLATE donation for the Chocolate Tombola

Years 3,4,5 and 6 : Please could your child bring in a SOFT DRINK donation for the Bottle Tombola



Friday 15th December 2023

Christmas Dinner / Christmas Jumper Day



We will be supporting the Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day on 15th (officially it is 7th)
Come and visit the school shop they have some Christmas Jumpers available.

Christmas Nativity / Christmas Celebrations

Further details and information will be sent to parents soon, but to confirm the dates and times for your child's performances please see below:

Sparkles Nursery - Thursday 14th December 9.15–11.20am

Year R - Monday 11th December at 9.30am

Year 1 - Tuesday 12th December at 9.30am

Year 2 - Wednesday 13th December at 9.30am

Years 3&4 Friday 15th December at 10.00am, leaving school at 9.30am *

Years 5&6 Friday 15th December at 11.00am, leaving school at 10.30am *

**Times are approximate on leaving school*

KS2 will be walking to St Margaret's Church in Rainham for their Christmas service
(please see the separate email with times for parents)



REMEMBER: to buy your tickets for Santa's visit (see the email previously sent by PTA)
To buy your tickets for the Polar Express event (see the email previously sent by PTA)
To send in a £1 entry fee with your Christmas Jumper design

PTA Events



*** Design a Christmas Jumper Competition ***

£1 per entry ~ and win a fantastic prize !

Start getting your ideas together to design your
Christmassy Jumper !



Father Christmas visiting Thames View

Santa will be dropping by on the 11th & 12th December to visit ...
tickets are now on sale ...



Thursday 14th December – 3.30pm – 5.00pm

We will be organizing two donation days for the Fayre for our :
Chocolate tombola & Bottle tombola (dates to be confirmed)



“Polar Express” event

Tuesday 19th December 3.30pm – 5.00pm

Come along and watch this wonderful Christmas film and enjoy a hot chocolate treat as
we come to the end of term.....

Please see the individual letters with further details of our events and how to book

Thank you all for your continued support

The PTA