

THAMES VIEW JUNIOR SCHOOL

9TH OCTOBER 2017



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Dear Parents,

I hope that you all had a wonderful weekend. The next couple of weeks at school are set to be very busy!

Next Friday, we will be celebrating Harvest with our annual Harvest Festival and assembly. Any donations are gratefully received, please read on for further information.

Next week, the school will be undergoing a teaching and learning review. Headteacher's from local schools and our School Improvement Partner will observe all teachers across the school, look at books, children's progress and will speak with the children about their time at school. These days are invaluable and I always look forward to hearing the feedback from other professionals as it validates the hard work that goes on everyday at Thames View Junior School.

Thank you also for all of your questionnaire responses, I have read through each of them and have been overwhelmed by the positive feedback about the school and very interested in hearing about how we can continue to make the school a better place for the children and you as parents and carers. I will write to you again with more information about the changes we intend to make once all of the data is analysed.

A huge congratulations to our Cross Country Team who competed in the Borough Competition last week, All tried their best and were excellent ambassadors for the school. An extra special congratulations to Precious in Year 6 who brought home an individual gold for winning the year 6 Girls event!

A message from Miss Cook, PSHE Lead

PSHE Newsletter article

Buddy Groups

Towards the end of the last school year, a selection of children were surveyed and asked about their views on the PSHE curriculum and school initiatives. Many students expressed that they would like to have the opportunity to get to know children from other year levels.

From the feedback given by the children, this year we will be having whole school Buddy Groups. The purpose of these Buddy Groups is to provide children with opportunities to form greater connections in our school community and further contribute to our school ethos.

Buddy Groups will consist of children from years 3, 4, 5 and 6 and will provide valuable leadership opportunities for our Year 6's who will act as Buddy Group Leaders and Assistants during group activities.

To launch the Buddy Group Program and inline with our school's target of promoting a love of reading, we will be having a Teddy Bear Picnic in the afternoon of Friday 20th of October. We are asking that children bring in their teddy bear and their favourite book to share with their buddy group. To avoid confusion, please ensure that teddy bears and books are clearly labeled with your child's name and class. If your child doesn't have a favourite book, they are welcome to choose a book from the class library. This is sure to be an exciting and valuable event for our children. Watch this space for photos of the event.

House Captain Elections

For the past few weeks the Year 6's have been working hard preparing their speeches for the House Captains Election. A few weeks ago the children performed their speeches to their house groups and children and staff voted. The speeches were of a very high quality with many worthy candidates applying.

These roles carry a lot of responsibility and high expectations. There will be a jumper presentation to the successful applicants in the following weeks.



Every year at Thames View Junior School we celebrate Harvest with an assembly and through delivering donations to the elderly or those in need within our local community.

We ask for small donations of food to add to our Harvest Table.

Our Harvest Celebration Assembly will take place on Friday 20th October.

If you would like to nominate someone to receive a Harvest Parcel please let Alex in the front office know. We just need their name and address.

Dates for Your Diary

Make sure you jot down these important dates! Other dates will be released later.

Friday 29th September– MacMillan Coffee Morning

Friday 20th October– Harvest Festival Assembly

Friday 20th October– FINISH FOR HALF TERM

Monday 30th October– BACK TO SCHOOL

Monday 6th November– Individual School Photos

Monday 6th November– Year 6 Parent Meetings

Tuesday 7th November– Year 4 Parent Meetings

Wednesday 8th November– Year 3 Parent Meetings

Thursday 9th November– Year 5 Parent Meetings

Friday 17th November– Children In Need Day!

Friday 8th December– Christmas Jumper Day (Fundraiser for Save the Children)

Tuesday 12th December– Year 3/4 Christmas Panto– 10am

Wednesday 13th December– Year 3/4 Christmas Panto– 1.30pm

Thursday 14th December– Year 5/6 Carol Concert– 9.30am

Thursday 14th December– Christmas Dinner

Friday 15th December– Finish for Christmas at 1pm.

Need Hall, Classroom or Field Hire?

Thames View Junior School has a **hall, field and classrooms** for hire **at reasonable rates**. Would be ideal for Zumba and fitness clubs, children's parties, Slimming World, Faith Groups, Sports Clubs etc.



Contact the school on **020 8270 4310** to find out more.

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