

THAMES VIEW JUNIOR SCHOOL

19TH FEBRUARY 2018



Headteacher: Sara Rider

**Assistant Headteachers: Hans Ramduth, Rebecca Seaton,
Rachel Mottershead and Georgina Nixon**

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a lovely half term. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support in the week before half term. The issues with the gas and heating were far more extensive than we realised and so having the children in school would have been unsafe. I really appreciate the many kind messages I received from parents. It was a very difficult situation that was made so much easier by you all, so thank you.

This half term is a very busy one in the build up to Easter. I have included in this newsletter lots of dates and events for your diaries including World Book Day which we will be celebrating at school, next Friday 2nd March.

You will all be receiving a letter tomorrow about Parents Meetings which will be taking place on Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th March. This will be the last parents meeting letter that we send out on paper, as from now on, everything will be sent via Parent Mail.

As the last couple of weeks have shown, communication between home and school is vital. Please make sure you have given us your most up to date numbers and have access and signed up to the Parent Mail app as this is how we will communicate with you. I will ensure that a home details and contact sheet is sent out by the end of the week. You only need to return the form if any of the details are incorrect.

Our year 6 children are now in the build up towards their KS2 SATs, there will be a Year 6 SATs meeting for parents on Wednesday 21st February which starts at 4pm. Please try and come along if you have a child in year 6 as we will be taking you through how to support your child at home and what we are doing to prepare them in school.

Finally, lots of trips were cancelled in the last week of term. If your child's trip was cancelled we have new dates for them to attend and you will receive a letter about this over the next couple of days so please look out for them!

Have a wonderful week.

Sara

WORLD BOOK DAY

My favourite day of the year is fast approaching!

This year we are celebrating World Book Day on Friday 2nd March.

There will be prizes for the best dressed character in each class and a special celebration assembly. An author is also visiting us and will be selling books. I will send out a separate letter about this.

Below, I have included some easy ideas for costumes! Enjoy!

Matilda- Roald Dahl's sweet character is very easy to sort. Just put your daughter (or son) in a blue dress, with a red ribbon in her hair and carrying a pile of books.

Boy in a Dress-Put your boy in a dress. Yes, that's all.

Gangsta Granny- All you need is a black eye mask but if you don't have one of those you could use face paint – or mascara, if you have an old one knocking about. Then dress them in a 'granny-style' cardigan or blouse, a black skirt, old slippers and a pair of wrinkly tights. Then grab a sack that would work as a swag bag. If you don't have a grey wig, put some talcum powder in their hair.

George from Georges Marvellous Medicine- This is great if you have a son called George. If not, don't worry – you can put a name tag on them. Then give them a big saucepan (labelled 'marvellous medicine' and a wooden spoon.) Simple.

TinTin-All you need is a blue jumper, some hair gel for his famous quiff and if you've got a white stuffed dog to be Snowey, even better.

Where's Wally- If you have a red and white striped jumper in your wardrobe, this is the perfect time to get it out. Match it with a bobble hat and some black round-rimmed glasses and you have Wally. If you don't have a stripy jumper, you could use tape some red stripes across a white T-shirt.

Harry Potter- The only props you will need are glasses for Harry, some face paint for his scar and a black cape, which often comes on a Halloween outfit. Then you'll need a white shirt with normal school trousers and perhaps a drumstick for a magic wand.

Paddington Bear- Who doesn't love the cute bear from Peru? If your child is a fan, you will need a duffel coat, a black soft hat, red welly boots, an old suitcase and a marmalade sandwich.

Term Dates

Always handy to know! So please stick this somewhere!

29th March– Finish for Easter 1pm finish

16th April- Back to School

7th May– School Closed for Bank Holiday

Week beginning 14th May– Year 6 SATs Week

24th May– Finish for Half Term

4th June– Back to School

20th July– Finish for Summer– 1pm Finish

Other dates related to events in school will be released in the coming weeks.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday 21st February 4.00-5.00– Preparing for year 6 SATs

Friday 1st March– World book Day– Fancy Dress Day!

Tuesday 6th March– Year 3/4 Parents Meetings 1pm– 6pm

Wednesday 7th March– Year 5/6 Parents Meetings 1pm-6pm

Thursday 8th March 9.00-10.30– Supporting your child with Maths at home.

Friday 9th March– 9.00-10.00– Cyber Safety and awareness of social media access at home. Helping your child in the modern world.

Thursday 14th March– Parents Association Meeting 9am– 10am

Week Beginning 19th March– Inter Class Dance Competition.

Thursday 29th March– Spring Sing Song– years 3,4 and 5 at the shops 9.30 am

Thames View Junior School– Striving For Excellence



Partnership Learning