

THAMES VIEW JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year!

It has been a really great start to the term. The children have all returned keen, eager and revitalised after their Christmas Holidays. The children in year 3 have settled particularly well into their new classes which is great to see.

The school also looks fabulous. Yesterday a consultant visited the school and remarked on how wonderful our displays are, the quality of the children's work and the outstanding behaviour of the children. This was wonderful to hear. We are now moving into a period of time when we are expecting our Ofsted Inspection, we are confident that the school is a good one. If the school gets a good grading from Ofsted it will allow us to really push and drive the school forward in so many ways.

It benefits us all if the school receives a good or better judgement and most importantly it will have a positive and lasting impact on the children. If you have any ideas of how we can do this together, please come and speak to me.

This term we have signed up to become a Silver Award Healthy School. Could I please remind everyone that playtime snacks should only be fruit or a cereal bar. Chocolate, sweets and crisps are not allowed. Packed lunches should be healthy and balanced for the children.

There are lots of trips and events coming up this term, including Book Week and World Book day in March. I really love this term at school as there is always so much going on and happening. In this newsletter, I have included a range of parent workshops that we will be running for you as well as coffee mornings and Parent Association Meetings. Please try and pop along to an event if you can.

We are running lots of trips this half term and would love some additional parent support. If you receive a trip letter please let your child's class teacher know if you would like to come along and lead a group. It really helps us out and trips, although more tiring for the adults than the children are always good fun!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Sara

Fundraising

At the end of last term we held our first ever Christmas bazaar and it was a resounding success!

We managed to raise £933 overall which can now go into buying things for the children.

I was incredibly overwhelmed by the amount of people that came along to the event and the feedback we received was so positive. It was a fabulous afternoon and we will certainly be running more events like this in the future.

Thank you to all of you that came along!

If you are interested in helping the school raise funds or running an event please do come along to our next Parents Association Meeting. It would be great to see you there and to have your valuable input!

Term Dates

Always handy to know! So please stick this somewhere!

3rd January– Back to School

9th February– Finish for Half Term

19th February– Back to School

29th March– Finish for Easter 1pm finish

16th April- Back to School

7th May– School Closed for Bank Holiday

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 Parent Events

We will be running a series of coffee morning mornings and drop in sessions for parents this term. Some of them will be related to helping your children in school and led by teachers and others will be focused around how to access other services.

Thursday 11th January 9-10.30 – Parent coffee morning– selling nearly new uniform at discount prices, how to access the school website effectively and Parent View.

Friday 19th January– 9.00-10.00– Cyber Safety and awareness of social media access at home. Helping your child in the modern world.

Wednesday 24th January 9.00-10.30– Supporting your child with Maths at home.

Thursday 25th January 4.00-5.00– Preparing for year 6 SATs

Friday 26th January– 9.00-10.30– Reading at home– asking effective questions to check understanding.

Friday 2nd February– 9.00-10.30– Parents Association Meeting.

