

THAMES VIEW JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

What a lovely bank holiday weekend we had! I hope that you managed to get out and enjoy it. I have come back to school with a slightly redder appearance than I left with on Friday!

This weeks newsletter is jam packed with information so please make sure you read through it carefully, especially the diary dates. This half term is set to be very busy and I wouldn't want you to miss out on anything!

This week, the children in years 3-5 are being assessed in reading, writing, maths and grammar as part of their ongoing assessments. Next week, the year 6 children will be taking their end of KS2 SATs tests. These are formal assessment tests, taken by all 10 and 11 year olds across the country.

We will be sending home a separate letter to the year 6 children and parents, inviting the children to come into school for a free breakfast with us next week so please look out for the letter.

Last week, the year 3 children worked with a professional graffiti artist and created some really wonderful and creative pieces of art work. They are currently working out where they are going to put them around the school, so please watch out for them!

Mr Sweeney, our PE leader, will be working with all the children across the school this week and early next week running athletics trials. He is looking for 4 boys and 4 girls from each year group to represent our school at the borough athletics competition in June.

Please continue reading for more information and to find out more about our very first International Food Festival Day, which we are very excited about but will need lots of parental support and involvement for.

Have a wonderful week.

Sara

International Food Festival Day

As you will already know from Miss Seaton's letter last week, this year we will be hosting our first International food Festival Day on 23rd May. Throughout the day, children will learn about a country (to be decided) and will be finding out information about the countries heritage, culture and what foods are native or traditional to that location.

They will have the opportunity throughout the day to cook foods and taste them coming together as a whole school at the end of the day to celebrate and share what we have learnt.

You will also be invited into school in the afternoon to eat with your children.

After school, we would love for as many of you as possible to come along and set up a stall for our parents and children (and staff) to sample foods from around the world and celebrate the diverse and multicultural community we have here on the Thames View Estate.

We are also encouraging children to dress in things that are special to them, clothes that identify them and their culture. We will be taking lots of pictures throughout the day so bright and colourful will be the order of the day!

The food tasting event will run from 3.30 until 5pm. If you would like to have a stall, please let the office or Miss Seaton know.

We are hoping that it will be a great day and the start of a long standing tradition here at Thames View Juniors.

I hope to see you all there!

Upcoming Events

Week beg 14.5.18– Year 6 SATs Week

18th May– Year 6– Kick back and Relax Day (non school uniform for Year 6 only)

22nd May– Year 2 Parents-open morning– Year 5 Trip to British Museum

23rd May– Year 2 parents open morning– International Food Festival Day!

25th May– FINISH FOR HALF TERM

4th June– BACK TO SCHOOL

5th June– Year 4 Trip to British Museum

6th June– Year 6 Trip to Imperial War Museum

Week Beginning 11th June– year 3 classes trip to Chocolate Museum

11th June– Year 6 Trip to Chesington World of Adventures–

13th June– Year 6 trip to Imperial War Museum

15th June– Year 6– Territorial Army Trip

20th June– Year 6 Imperial War Museum

22nd June – Race for Life– Family and whole school fun run (letter to follow)

27th June– Year 3/4 Sports Day

28th June– Year 5/6 Sports Day

29th June– Spanish Day!

5th July– Year 6 Prom (after school)

9th July– Year 6 bowling and meal trip

11th July– Summer Fete (after school)

13th July– Summer Concert

18th July– (evening) Year 6 Awards Evening and Year 6 end of year production

19th July–Class parties

20th July– Finish at 12.45pm for Summer

Ramadam Fasting

I know that many of our children will be fasting for Ramadan from next Tuesday. From past experience, we have found that by lunchtime many of the children are hungry and then choose to have a school dinner.

This can cause issues in the kitchen as the dinners are allocated based on the number of children who have asked for one in the morning.

I would, therefore, like to ask that children who are attempting to fast bring a packed lunch into school with them if they get hungry during the day.

If your children is usually school dinners and you do not want them to have a packed lunch, they must request a school dinner. This will be charged to your school account if the children then decide to eat at lunchtime.

By allocating the children with a lunch, it helps the kitchen staff to prepare the correct amount of meals.

We also, as usual, request **DAILY** consent from home that your child is going to fast on that day. If they do not hand in a letter each day, we will give them a lunch.

Children will not be allowed to withdraw from PE whilst fasting as it is a statutory part of the curriculum.

