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Dear Year 3 Parents,

I thought it would be useful now that the children have had a couple of weeks to settle, to share again some of the information about the school that may have got missed during what I like to call, the 'big rush' at the start of each term.

At Thames View Juniors, we start each day at 8.45am- children enter through the main entrance. Parents will not be allowed round to class from 8.40am as the children are getting settled with their morning routine and our lessons start promptly at 8.45am. If you want to meet or have a chat with your child's teacher, please feel free to do so after school or book an appointment to see them at a time that is convenient for you both.

We want you to come and talk to us. **A problem shared, is a problem solved!**

Alongside myself and your child's class teacher, I have listed some other key staff you may want to talk too.

Miss Mottershead (in charge of Years 3/4)



Miss C (counsellor and nurture lead),



Mr Ramduth (Inclusion Manager)






Miss Draycott (SENCO)



Miss Johnson (Parent Support Advisor).

We welcome volunteers. Many of you have already enquired about volunteering and my answer is always, YES! If you would like to offer some of your time, please make an appointment to see Louise Geach, our Office Manager who will be able to help you get the process started.

At the moment we use ParentPay as our money system to pay for school trips and school dinners. If you have lost your Parent Pay letter we are able to print you another at the Office. Please just ask Miss Hales at reception. You may pay for trips and dinner at any shop with Pay Point or by accessing the website. www.parentpay.com. We are hoping to move to ParentMail by half term, which will make accessing the payment system much easier.



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The behaviour system we operate in school is very simple. The children all start the week on 'Green' and are then encouraged to 'STAY ON GREEN.' For demonstrating our school rules or values or going above and beyond, children are rewarded with moving to Gold or Silver. These children receive a certificate at the end of the week in our reward assemblies.

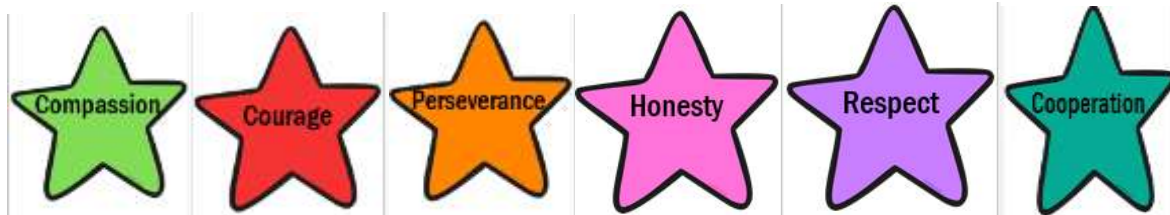
Children who move to orange or red for poor behaviour will miss part of their lunchtime or playtime as a consequence. We firmly believe in children taking ownership for their actions and understanding consequences so that we can make positive changes. If your child has missed part of their lunchtime you will receive a slip to let you know. All you need to do is sign it and return it. In the unlikely event that your child receives 3 slips, you will be invited in



to meet with the Class Teacher and Miss Mottershead so that we can work together to make a positive change to the behaviour.

Children can also be rewarded for demonstrating our school values, they become our values ambassadors and receive a certificate. Below, you will find our rules and our values so that you can see what we expect from the children every day. It would be great if you could discuss these values with the children at home to reinforce what we teach them in school.

SCHOOL VALUES:



SCHOOL RULES:

Our School Rules

1. We come to school every day in full uniform and ready to learn.
2. We are kind to everyone.
3. We listen.
4. We keep calm even when things are hard.
5. We talk through our problems.
6. We keep our hands and feet to ourselves.
7. We take pride in our school.
8. We show respect to all.
9. We always take part and try our best.
10. We strive to be excellent in all we do.

Children change their reading books weekly and only if they need too. Many of the children are already competent and able readers, which is fabulous. We encourage the children to read longer and more complex texts which do not need changing as regularly. We also encourage the children to read outside their school book. If you have a book at home that you are reading, you can sign it in their school reading log. All reading counts!

Homework will be given out at the end of the week inside their homework books. Each half term, the children are able to complete projects with you at home, which they can then bring into school. We like to display these projects to show off the children's creative abilities.





You will be invited into school half termly for a presentation or activity to celebrate your child's work. You will receive a letter from your child's class teacher about this nearer the time.

If your child has lost or misplaced something, as happens from time to time, our lost property box is located in the school hall next to the piano and the Keeping Safe Board. We go through the box every Wednesday afternoon and will hand out any uniform etc. that has a name label back to its rightful owner!

If you are worried that you may not have received a letter, please check our school website by visiting www.thamesviewjunior.com All newsletters can be found under the 'Parents' section. You can also look at the current curriculum maps for your child's year group by going to the 'Ofsted' heading and then clicking on 'Curriculum.' Our term dates and other useful information can also be found on the website.

We are also on Twitter. Our handle is @thamesviewj. I update this regularly with small snippets of information about life at school. Please take a look.

Finally, it has been wonderful to meet so many of you over the last couple of weeks and hearing such positive feedback. I hope that this is the start of a wonderful four years together!

Best Wishes,

Sara

