

# Thameside Primary Newsletter Issue 3 October 2020



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Dear Parents and Carers,

We continue to ask that you wear face masks or shields when coming to and from school. Thank you for following the protocols we have put in place to keep everyone as safe as possible. The yellow taped areas near your child's classroom door are there to



protect pupils, staff and parents. Please do not try to engage in long conversations with staff at the beginning and end of the day but to use the

year group emails for communication. If it is a matter of urgency, the school office can be telephoned to ensure a message is given to your child's teacher.

The traffic continues to cause us concern in both the Elm Park area and in Manor Road. A parent drove down Manor Road this morning at an unacceptable speed when there were lots of families walking along the street. **Please do not park on the zigzags or use the entrance and exit of the Manor Road drive way to manoeuvre your vehicle.** These are busy access points for staff and lead to further traffic congestion if they cannot drive straight into the car park. The Traffic Enforcement Officers will be visiting the school boundaries on a regular basis to help us to keep our pupils as safe as possible.

Thank you for supporting these measures. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs L Billinghamurst

## Ordering Lunch

Please remember that all dinners should be paid for via the School Gateway App in advance, preferably on Mondays.

A polite reminder also that if a child is late for school after 9.15am they will not be able to order a hot dinner. The only option available after this time will be a cheese wrap. If you know your child is going to be late because they have a medical appointment or similar reason, you can ring the school before 9.15am to place the order.

## Class Dojo Reward System

Well done to Diamond and Sapphire for gaining the most team points across the school in the last two weeks. The scores for each team were as follows:

Week	Emerald	Ruby	Sapphire	Diamond
1	1438	1370	1327	1453
2	1206	1220	1266	1255



## #HelloYellow Day

A reminder that on Monday 12th October we will be holding a #HelloYellow day which helps to raise awareness of young people's mental health and demonstrates to all young people that they are not alone. As part of our participation on Monday, we are holding a non-uniform day and encouraging all pupils and staff to wear an item of yellow clothing or their favourite yellow costume. If you are able to contribute, we are suggesting a £1 participation donation in order to raise money for the YoungMinds charity and the important work that they do.

## Coats Please!

There are still a few pupils arriving daily without coats. Now that the Autumn has set in, we will be having chilly starts to the day not



to mention heavy showers of rain! Please ensure your child has their coat in school, with their name clearly written inside.

### Drop Off Facility

We have had a number of parents asking why the drop-off point at the front of the school is still not open. It is felt the risk to pupil safety is too high for the drop off system to operate. This has been carefully considered but the front access is currently only open to year 3, year 4 and year 6 parents because of the Covid-19 measures in place and is therefore unfair to other year groups but more importantly, there are too many children walking towards and across the pathways that parent cars would be driving alongside during the drop off time.

### Tiktok

We know that Tiktok is hugely popular and that some videos are very entertaining but please be aware that, like all social media, if your child's privacy settings aren't on the highest settings, they are vulnerable to inappropriate content and online predators.

We have been made aware that some pupils have been filming on their devices on school grounds, after school, and this is not acceptable.

### Snacks from home

As we are not currently running the morning tuck trolley for KS2, we are happy for pupils to bring a snack for morning break to school. However, can we ask that the snack is a healthy option such as a piece of fruit or a cereal bar. We have noticed an increasing number of pupils bringing in chocolate or sweets which are discouraged.



### Half Term Reminder

Next week is our final week in school before the two week half term holiday. Pupils return to school on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

### And finally.....Our Shining Stars

Below are the names of the pupils who have been chosen in the last two weeks as good role models for the rest of their class. They are:

*Week beginning Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September*

1P – Skye D  
1L – Ibrahim S  
1J – Samantha G  
1H – Hamida RB  
2P – Ikhlas A  
2A– Keira D  
2W – Khaylen S  
2B – Luca P  
3P – Elizabeth L  
3A - Natalie J  
3S – Faizah D  
3D – Adam A  
4R – Yilin H  
4A – Paige M  
4K – Lily W  
4W – Stephen JM  
5ST – Arthur B  
5S – Antoni W  
5U – Oliver C  
5A – Emili Z  
6R - Kiiye A  
6S – Alexia C  
6C - Mylene K  
Footsteps 1 – Eddie A  
Footsteps 2 – Conner A



And here are the pupils who were picked today.

1P – Christina N  
1J – Kelsey M L  
1L – Charlie G  
1H - Carter SS  
2A - David A  
2P – Brody P  
2W – Jaxon H  
2B - Jesse P  
3A – Surrinah S  
3P - Seriah W  
3S – Louis P  
3D – Benas A  
4R – Zaman K  
4A – Onome A  
4K - Rahaan R  
4W – Wiktorina B  
5U – Erikas R  
5S – Layla W  
5ST – Arwa K  
5A – David M  
6R - Freddie M  
6S - Ali R  
6C - Haniya R  
Footsteps 1 – Hasina A  
Footsteps 2 – Aram S



