

# Thameside Primary Newsletter Issue 14 April 2021



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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to see that the installation of new play equipment in Elm Road Open Space is underway. This will benefit the local community hugely. We have been asked by the Orchards Community Forum to share with you that the contractors have had difficulty accessing the car parking area due to parked cars and have requested that parents and carers keep the car parking area clear for the contractors at all times during the installation. With everyone's co-operation the contractors will be able to get the equipment installed more quickly.

Thank you for your support with this request.

Mrs L Billingham

## Thurrock Council Parent Childcare Survey

A final reminder that the parent childcare survey that Thurrock Council are carrying out closes on 30<sup>th</sup> April. To have your say, visit:

[https://consult.thurrock.gov.uk/parent-childcare-survey?utm\\_source=Facebook&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_campaign=Orlo&utm\\_content=Parent+Childcare+Survey](https://consult.thurrock.gov.uk/parent-childcare-survey?utm_source=Facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=Orlo&utm_content=Parent+Childcare+Survey)



## Arriving Late

Please remember that if your child is going to be late, you must phone in before 9.15am to order a dinner. Any pupils who arrive later than 9.15am and haven't ordered a dinner, will need to bring a packed lunch to school.

## Masks and Social Distancing



Thank you for continuing to wear face coverings when entering the school premises and remember social distancing at all times. Please ensure this includes when you are waiting to collect your child at the end of the day and that you observe the yellow distancing box outside your child's classroom.

## Class Dojo Reward System

The start of a new term and straight away, Sapphire have sprinted into the lead. There were some close contests during the Spring term so come on Emerald, Ruby and Diamond, do your best next week and aim for the top spot!

Scores last week	Emerald	Ruby	Sapphire	Diamond
	860	977	1007	928

## Times Table Rock Stars

Here are the collective scores for the Easter holiday and the first week back. Let's try to catch up with Year 4, other year groups!

9TH APRIL - 16TH APRIL					
Year 4	59	Year 6	46	Year 3	25
Year 5	3	Year 2	1		
2ND APRIL - 9TH APRIL					
Year 4	73	Year 3	20	Year 5	12
Year 2	11	Year 6	9		
26TH MARCH - 2ND APRIL					
Year 4	61	Year 5	30	Year 3	30
Year 2	6	Year 6	3		

## Absences from school

Parents are reminded that if their children are going to be absent for **ANY** reason, you are asked to contact school as soon as possible, so that the school registers can be legally completed for the morning and afternoon sessions. It is an important safeguarding regulation that a school knows where every pupil is during school hours in term time. Messages can be left on the dedicated telephone extension or on schoolcomms.

## Virtual Parent Consultations

As you will be aware our parent consultations are taking place virtually on Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st April between 3:30 and 6:30 pm. Letters have been emailed out to parents with the meeting link on them and a reminder of your day and appointment time. If you have not already received this email, please check your spam filter but, if it is not there, please contact the office and they will be able to provide you with the information. When you sign into the meeting, it is important that you use your child's name so that the teacher knows who they are admitting.



As this is the first time that we have conducted parent consultation meetings in this way, we ask that you are patient should there be any issues. We will be sending out a questionnaire after all of the meetings have been held to gather your views on how well you feel this system has worked.

## PE NEWS

Well done to all years for competing in the virtual cross country competition. A special mention to EYFS, Year 1 and Year 6, who are all placed in the top 3. Year's 2, 3, 4 and 5 are all doing well too in good positions but sitting just outside the top 3.

In other news the Tokyo Challenge competition is still underway, completing a mammoth 764.54 miles in a week, meaning that we have made it past check point 4 - Belarus, heading to check point 5 - Russia. Now that we have moved on from cross country in P.E, we ask that you help contribute to the Tokyo Run at home. All you need to do is record the distance ran, jogged or walked and send the evidence to your class teacher.



Moving into the Summer term, we have changed our sports in P.E to Cricket, Rounders and Athletics with some pupils already showing enthusiasm and promise.

PE team

## Star of the Week

Now that we are settled into the final term for this year, we will be sharing the star pupil chosen for each of the classes in KS1 and KS2. The children chosen this week were;

1P - Lucas R  
1L - Abel N  
1J - Rehaan C  
1H - Robbie B  
2P - Alfie G  
2A - Lacey – Lyn W  
2W - Ashnavi K  
2B - James D  
3P - Leo C  
3A - Dabira A  
3S - Muhammed A  
3D - Haseeb Z  
4R - Rei A  
4A - Navid N  
4K - Daniyal R  
4W - Nadia B  
5ST - Kaitlyn P  
5S - Falisha O  
5U - Natalia B  
5A - Syeda K  
6R - Freddie M  
6S - Charlie Y  
6C - Lucca F  
Footsteps 1 - Leo C  
Footsteps 2 - Eddie A



## Reception Places

Any parents and carers who applied for a Reception place for September for their child will have received their offer letter today. We will be in touch with you next week to explain the next stage of the process and would like to take this opportunity to say we look forward to welcoming another member of your family to Thameside Primary!

**And finally.....** A polite reminder that the visitor's car park is currently not accessible for any parents/carers to use for dropping off and collection of pupils at the start and end of the day unless the vehicle has a blue badge or an exceptional arrangement has been made with Mrs Bray. This includes parents dropping off pupils who are late attending.

Have a lovely weekend.

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