



# Thameside Primary School

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**Every Child Every Chance Every Day**

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Safety at the Beginning and End of the Day**

Please can parents make sure that the play equipment around school is not used by children before and after school. This includes the Trim Trail on the field, the sandpits and other equipment in the Nursery and Reception areas. Health and Safety requirements are that “...*play equipment must only be used under the full supervision of school staff.*”

I would also like to remind parents/carers that cars should not be driven into school when dropping off or collecting children. This includes collecting children after clubs. Please park outside the school grounds making sure the yellow zig zags are kept clear and that consideration is paid to our neighbours.

Inside the school grounds we ask that bikes and scooters are not ridden. Please would adults and children (including younger children accompanying parents/carers) push their bikes/scooters. Children bringing bikes and scooters to school can leave these in the racks by the playground gates.

## **Payments to the office**

We would really appreciate it if payments for dinners, clubs etc could be placed in an envelope and clearly marked with the child's name before handing it into the office.

## **Meet Your Child's Class Teacher**

On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> the teachers in Years 1 – 6 will be outside their classrooms from 2.45pm. They will be sharing information about routines and expectations in class and are available if you have any questions.

For Year 6 there will be a meeting about the residential visit on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> at 2.15pm in the Year 6 classroom.

## **Learning Snapshots**

This year we are continuing with our work on 'Learning to Learn'. This half term we are focussing on 'Listening and Empathy', which is part of being a 'Responsible' learner. Classes throughout the school have been using the book 'The Smartest Giant' by Julia Donaldson. Children have been how the Giant showed empathy to the other characters in the book.

## **Clubs**

Clubs started this week. If you have any queries about places please contact the office.

## **Achievements** - Week ending Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September

**Stars of the Week:** Congratulations to the following children who were chosen as stars of the week by their teachers last week: Year 1 – Ethan, Year 2 – Jack; Year 3– Gracie; Year 4 – Hayden; Year 5 – Mya; Year 6 – Davey.

**Attendance:** Congratulations to Year 6 who had the highest attendance last week with 100%. All classes with attendance and punctuality over our target of 96% earn a token for 5 minutes extra play. Any classes with attendance and punctuality of 100% earn a 10 minute token.

Yours sincerely,

A. Grice  
Headteacher