



# Thameside Primary School

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*"Every Child Every Chance Every Day"*

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Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

School finishes next week on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 3.00pm for the half term break. We look forward to seeing the children back on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Consideration for our Neighbours**

Please can I remind parents not to drop litter and cigarette ends on the pavement along Cotman Close. The school has been approached by one of our neighbours about the large amount of cigarette ends on the pavement and grass outside of their house.

### **Non Uniform Day**

Next Friday will be a non-uniform day. We will be collecting donations at the gate for The Excellent School in Uganda. The money will be used for a water tank so the children have access to safe, clean water.

### **PTA – Disco**

Tickets for the disco on Thursday will be on sale in Reception. Children have asked about bringing guns as part of their Wild West costumes. As there will be lots of children in the hall and the main focus of this event is the disco, please can parents ensure that guns are left at home and do not come in with the children.

### **Learning Snapshots**

Year 3 and 4 have been on a visit to the Natural History Museum in Oxford. The children went to find out about the swift colony that live in the museum tower. It is the longest studied colony in the world. The children found out about the migration of the swifts to Africa. They learnt about the animals the swifts would pass over on their journey and the different weather conditions they would encounter.

### **Achievements** - Week ending Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May

**Stars of the Week**: Congratulations to the following children who were chosen as stars of the week by their teachers last week: Year 1 – Jenson, Year 2 – Riley; Year 5 – Nkosana; Year 6 - Thomas.

**Writer of the Week**: Cameron (Year 5) was chosen as Writer of the Week for Greek Myth. His writing was detailed and included some wonderful descriptive language. Well done Cameron!

**Learning Hero**: Year 6 were chosen as the week's Learning Hero for all the hard work they have put in while preparing for their tests. Well done to you all!

**Attendance**: Well done to Year 6 who, once again, had the highest attendance with 99.3%. One other class had attendance above our target of 96%.

### **Out of School Achievements**

Leah (Yr 3) is a member of the Didcot rugby club. She was awarded a medal for taking part in her first tournament and was awarded a trophy for being the most improved player.

Ella and Jack (Yr 2) have both been awarded their yellow belts in karate. Ella and Jack haven't been doing karate very long but they have made such good progress that they skipped out the red belt and went straight to yellow.

Wiktor (Yr 1) has been awarded Rosette Three (Yellow) for proficiency in Freestyle dance. We are looking forward to seeing your dance skills at the disco next week!

Yours sincerely,

A. Grice  
Headteacher