



# Thameside Primary School

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***“Every Child Every Chance Every Day”***

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Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to welcome everyone back to the start of a new school year. I would like to send a special welcome to the children and their parents/carers who have started at our school this week; we hope you will be very happy at Thameside.

Over the summer break the Reception and Nursery areas have been redecorated and look wonderful. The builders have worked really hard to complete this in a relatively short time scale. The floors could not be completed in the time available, so these will be done later in the year.

On Monday all the furniture, classroom equipment, books and toys were still stacked in the hall. I would like to say a very big thank you to all the Early Years staff and Premises staff who have worked so hard this week to get the rooms cleaned and all the equipment back ready for the children's return. I would also like to thank all the parent/carers who were so understanding when we had to delay the start of term for the Nursery children.

## **Learning Snapshots**

This term our 'Learning to Learn' focus is Noticing and the children have been very busy honing their noticing skills. Over the next two weeks the classes in KS1 and 2 will be combining these skills with their computing to take, print and display photos. On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September we will be holding an exhibition of the children's work in the Big Hall from 3.00pm.

## **Thameside Staff**

Four new members of staff have joined the team at Thameside. Mrs Kapswarah is the Foundation Stage co-ordinator and Reception class teacher. While Mrs Ottaway is on maternity leave, Ms Blackwell is teaching in Year 6 and Mr Moore will be working at Thameside 2 days a week as Deputy Headteacher. Mrs Khalid has joined the school as a Teaching Assistant.

Miss Polley –SENCo /Acting Deputy Headteacher

Mr Moore – Vale Academy Trust Deputy Headteacher

Miss Higgins-Boyce – Nursery Teacher (Miss Aldworth, Miss Bowers)

Mrs Kapswarah – Reception Teacher (Mrs Foote, Ms Khalid)

Miss Bourne – Year 1 Teacher (Mrs D. Chung, Miss Foster)

Mrs Abdollahi/Mr Medlock – Year 2 Teacher (Miss Formis, Mrs Bremner, Miss Young)

Mr Larkin –Year 3 Teacher (Mrs Hardy, Mrs Bremner)

Miss Cross – Year 4 Teacher (Miss Aldworth, Mrs McGowan)

Miss Clark – Year 5 Teacher (Mrs Commander, Miss Nurton)

Ms Blackwell/Mrs Taylor –Year 6 Teachers (Mrs Russell, Miss Nurton)

Mrs Crawshaw – Support Teacher

Mrs Richardson – Home School Link Worker (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday)

Mrs Winder – Home School Link Worker (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday)

Mrs V. Chung – School Business Manager

Mrs Newman – Office Administrator

Mrs Bremner & Mrs McGowan – Reception/Admin

Mrs Hoskins – Caretaker

Ms Benneworth, Mrs Gurung, Ms Preston – Cleaners

Ms Hale, Mr Rice – Catering

### **School Times**

Nursery sessions begin at 8.30 am. Children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 come into their classrooms at 8.40 am; parents are welcome to come in with their children. The bell is rung on the playground for children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 at 8.40 am. We expect the children in KS2 to say goodbye to parents on the playground and come into school independently. The school day starts at 8.40 am so children are ready for registration at 8.50 am. It is very important that children are at school on time so they don't miss out on essential learning activities. The school day finishes at 3.00 pm.

### **Children's Absences**

If your child is unwell please ring the school before 9.30am in the morning to inform the school office. If children are going to be late or collected early for appointments please let the school office know, and they will inform class teachers. Absences for holidays are not authorised. Parents/Carers taking children out of school during term time may receive a penalty warning notice.

### **Contact Information**

Please make sure that the office has up to date contact information for your child(ren). Please let us know if anyone different is collecting your child. Teachers will not let children go with adults if they have not been informed that there is a chance to collection arrangements.

### **Breakfast Club**

Breakfast Club runs each morning from 7.45 am to 8.30 am. At 8.30 KS2 children will go onto the playground, Reception and KS1 children will be taken to their classrooms.

Sessions are £3.50 for one child, and £2.50 for any siblings attending the same session. A breakfast of toast and cereal will be available until 8.15 am. Sessions can be paid for on Parent Pay or by cash via the school office or when children are dropped off at the Large Hall. Please contact the office if you have any queries.

### **After School Club**

Clubs start on Monday and all children who have requested a club place have been successful. There are spaces left in some of the clubs, please contact the office if you would like a place for your child(ren). Our Stay and Play plus club will also be up and running, 3-5pm, £7 per session. This must be pre-booked, enrolment forms are available on our website or from the office. We are also running a new Yoga Club for children in year 1 and 2 and have spaces left, just let the office know if your child would like to give it a try.

### **School Meals**

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal. Children just need to let their class teachers know during registration in the mornings.

For children in KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5, 6) who pay for school lunch the cost is £2.50. Please pay for dinners via Parent Pay, or send payment in an envelope labelled with your child's name and class. Dinners should be paid for in advance or on the day.

If you believe your child(ren) are entitled to free school meals if you provide the school office with the names of parents/carers, dates of birth and National Insurance numbers they will do an enquiry for you.

**Parents that have supplied their email address to the office will be receiving their newsletter by email. If you find you are not receiving this letter weekly please let us know.**

Yours sincerely,

A. Grice  
Headteacher