



Newsletter

Week 1 7th September 2018

A very warm welcome back to school, I do hope you have had an enjoyable summer break. During the summer break Ms Morgan had a wonderful wedding day and is now Mrs Peake and is teaching in Year One, Mrs Ward has begun her maternity leave and we wish her the very best with the imminent arrival of her new baby. We welcome several new members of staff to our growing team of staff, I am sure you will soon get to know them as the year goes on.

I am sure you will have all noticed that phase one of our build has been completed and we now have a wonderful Early Year outdoor area as well as six new classrooms that our new reception children will use along with three of our current year one classes. We would like to welcome you in to school to take a look around the new EYFS area on Thursday afternoon between 3:15pm-4:00pm, the wooden gate to the side of the new outdoor area will be open from 3:15pm to allow access.

Phase Two of the works have begun in school, starting on Monday there will be a fenced compound to the rear of the sports hall, the work in this area will create a new community entrance to the hall during out of school hours. The new office block and school reception will also be created in the current entrance to the community hall. I would ask for your support during these works and encourage you to speak to your children about staying safe and not entering building sites etc. There will be an assembly on Monday with the theme of New Beginnings, this is the SEAL (Social, Emotional aspects of Learning) focus, the children will be encouraged to think about what they are looking forward to experiencing this year and to address concerns about starting new classes. Part of this assembly will address the areas in school that have changed and to remind children about staying safe and making good choices in their behaviour.

Please take some time to look at the website, it has all of our curriculum overview on as well as curriculum statements that will enable you to understand what will be expected of your child in their new year group. We have changed our approach to homework, this will be explained in detail via a letter being sent out today, but will enable more parent/carer visits into school to share your child's work with us.

I am sure we will have a fantastic year and together will work to make your child's educational experience an enjoyable and exciting time.

Mrs Coates

News from Year Four

The children have settled incredibly well into year 4, working hard across all subjects. In maths, we have been focusing on place value. The children have used a range of resources to consolidate their understanding of the value of a number.

During English, the children watched a short clip about a robot. They then went on a vocabulary hunt to find examples of higher level vocabulary around the classroom, using dictionaries to guide them with definitions. To complete the week, the children worked together to write a story opening, full of fantastic descriptive phrases to hook the attention of a reader.

News from Year One

Year One have had a very exciting week exploring our new classrooms and have already been working really hard. In English we have been developing our understanding on what makes a good sentence. Mysterious boxes were left in our classes and we have had to work out what was in them! In Maths, we have been practising our counting forwards and backwards as well as finding missing numbers!

This half term, we will be learning all about toys both from the past and the present. We have been exploring different types of toys in class and some of us have enjoyed building our own toys in the construction area! As a whole year group, we had lots of fun playing some team games in the outside area. We are very excited for the year ahead!

Congratulations to RA in 5VS for her hard WORK in organising and running the bake sale at the end of last term. She raised a massive **£125.63** for Cancer Research. Well done.

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SCHOOL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 18th September— Year 6 SATs Parents Meeting
 Wednesday 19th September—Year 2 SATs Parents Meeting
Friday 21st September—Jeans4Genes Day
Wednesday 3rd October—Open Day (By appointment)
 W/C 15th October— Parent Consultation Meetings
 Thursday 18th October—Year 2 Harvest Festival & Grandparent Tea Party
 HALF TERM—22nd October—2nd November

Library Challenge

We will be available until 4pm on the 6th, 7th, 13th and 14th September at East Tilbury Library (in the **Village Hall**) for any children who wish to come and **complete their Summer Reading Challenge** which finishes on 15th September.

The PFA AGM is taking place on **Thursday 13th September at 9am** at East Tilbury Primary School. Please do come along to hear up coming news and events.



Jeans4Genes

Pupils can wear jeans to school on Friday 21st September as part of their uniform for a donation. Funds raised go to fund projects that provide nursing care, equipment, activity weekends, online support and counselling.

Open Day for prospective parents/carers on Wednesday 3rd October 2018

We will be holding an Open Day for any parents or carers who have a child due to start in Reception next year, or a child at another school who would like to look around our school. Tours will be conducted at 9.30am, 11.00am and 1.30pm. Appearances can be made by contacting the school office.

Education Awards 2018 - You can nominate any of our staff members

Don't miss out on nominating your child's teacher for the Thurrock Education Awards. Go to thurrock.gov.uk/education-awards#ThurrockEA2018

Do you think our head teacher is ace? Why not nominate them for #ThurrockEA2018 at thurrock.gov.uk/education-awards

Have members of our team gone the extra mile for your child? Nominate them for a Thurrock Education Award at thurrock.gov.uk/education-

Applying for Secondary Education placement

If your child was born between **1 September 2007 and 31 August 2008** you must apply for a secondary School place for **September 2019**. You must apply for their secondary school place between **3 September 2018** and **31 October 2018**. Go to Thurrock.gov.uk/admissions, click on **Secondary school admissions** and follow the instructions on screen. There you will also be able to open an electronic copy of Thurrock Council's composite prospectus for Thurrock Secondary Schools which you should read before completing an application.

You should also go along to school open evenings/days and one of the Council's briefings for parents before you complete an application: **Wednesday 19th September 2018 Civic Hall, Blackshots Lane, Grays, Essex RM16 2JU. First session begins at 4.00pm—5.30pm and the second session begins at 7.00pm –8.30pm. Offers will be available for online applicants from 12:30am on 1 March 2019** by logging into your account.

If you **do not** complete the application and return it by the closing date of **Wednesday 31st October 2018** you will be allocated a place at a school with space available, after all online applications have been dealt with. For more information please contact the Admissions team on **01375 652883** or by email on school.admissions@thurrock.gov.uk.

ATTENDANCE

Best attendance in **EYFS & KS1** goes to **1CS** with **100%**. Well done to these classes. Congratulations to **1CS** who won **EYFS & KS1** highest attendance for this term and **4AW** for **KS2**. **Well done to 4AW for winning highest attendance for the whole academic year!**
 Our whole school attendance finished 94.8%.

EYFS & KS1 – Wednesday 5th September – Friday 7th September 2018							
RG	RRD	RT	1CS	1HM	1SH	2JC	2JP
			100.00%	97.24%	91.11%	95.71%	94.07%
2MB	2MH						
93.57%	95.17%						
KS2 – Friday 6th July—Thursday 12th July 2018							
3CB	3DL	3JM	3MG	4AW	4BG	4RM	
98.40%	95.65	93.91	93.33	96.00	100.00	98.67	
5LC	5VS	6CP	6KC	6VP			
96.88	93.75	89.09	98.18	90.53			