

# Thames View Infants



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Dear Parents/Carers,

## £20 Argos voucher for the most improved attendance

If we have not met already, my name is Serena and I am the Attendance Leader here at Thames View Infants. Part of my role is to work with parents to help ensure that your child maintains good school attendance, whether in Nursery, Reception or Key Stage 1. Good Nursery attendance means that your child will be set up to have a happy & successful school experience.

Good attendance is usually a good indicator of well-being. Here at TVI we are proud of our good attendance year on year, which directly links to us being in the **top 1% of schools nationally** for attainment. Setting good attendance patterns from an early age, from Nursery, through School, will also help your child later on in life, becoming successful, well-rounded, high achieving adults.

Routinely every fortnight, Paul Jordan & I formally examine the attendance of all our children. Any child whose attendance has become a cause for concern, will either receive a letter making them aware of this, or be invited in for an attendance meeting, to see if we can help improve your child's attendance in any way. If your child's attendance falls below 90%, they are classified as a Persistent Absentee. On a termly basis, we are required by Law, to report all children who are Persistent Absentees, and of statutory school age, to the Department for Education.

Another part of my role is to organise our Attendance Competitions. We run various attendance competitions throughout the academic year, and this is the first of many for this academic year so far.

On the last day of term (Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018) I will award the child with the most improved attendance from each class, a £20 Argos voucher.

Of course, you can help by booking appointments outside of school time, or even (if unavoidable) you can bring your child into school immediately before or after your appointment (if possible). Also, if your child has been a bit under the weather recently, tell their class teacher, and we'll keep a special eye on them.

**As you know, all holidays and visits overseas must be taken during holiday time – doing so, without permission, could result in you losing your Nursery place.**



We're a PAPERLESS School – so you must download & register your **ParentMail App** to receive e-newsletters, to book after-school clubs & Parents' meetings or to confirm consent for educational visits.

We will, of course, still be holding our regular 100% Attendance Flower/Bike Award Assembly in January, so keep an eye out for your invitations after the Christmas break.

As always, thank you for your support and trying to get your child into school every day.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Serena Lee". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S'.

Serena Lee  
Attendance Leader