

# Thames View Infants



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Dear Parents/Carers;

## Quick Reminders:

1. See us on BBC London News tonight, BBC1 at 6:30pm!
2. Details, dates, times and COVID-steps in readiness for next week's Sports Day & Picnic are in my Parent Mail of 18<sup>th</sup> June.
3. Order your class photos (see ParentMail).
4. School finishes early on the last day – see later on in this letter!

## Important Things You Should Know about next Year!



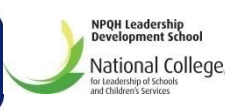
### In September, we'll be back to the old normal at Thames View Infants!

Unless your child is in Year 2 now, you will not know what the old normal looks like at TVI – it's been such a long time since we were truly normal!

Although the most recent government guidance might change again, next year – we hope – will be truly special. There'll be no more staggered starts, with the School Day starting at 8:55 and ending at 3:15. We'll keep the one-way system, but there'll be no need to wear masks on the premises. Our Bubbles will end too. The rules for self-isolation will change also.

There will be exciting educational visits for the children, theatre groups, bring-and-buy sales, community events, dancing, swimming lessons for our Yr 2 children, fun days, open days, come-and-join in sessions (cooking, sports and learning-based), pantomimes, maypole dancing, cinema visits, attendance assemblies, a summer fayre and lots and lots of opportunities for you to come in and see our Outstanding Provision for yourselves at first hand.

We understand that this will be all new to you and we'll be there with you to welcome you back!



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.

## After School Clubs and Breakfast Club...

We hope to be re-starting our Afterschool clubs as soon as possible after the summer break. Please keep an eye on ParentMail since our clubs are always over-subscribed and all tend to book up really quickly.

We also hope to get Breakfast Club, for our working parents, up and running as soon as we possibly can after the summer break. Again, the form will go out on ParentMail and we'll need you to complete it as soon as possible. There will be a nominal charge for Breakfast Club which will be needed, in advance, at the start of every term.



## PE Kits, Reading Books and Holiday Homework...

Please remind your child to take home their PE kit and their reading respond during the summer holidays. The homework section on our school website has over 150 downloadable resources for your child to complete at home with your child during the summer, if you wish.



It would also be a great help if you could also take the time to read as much as possible with your child over the summer. Reading, even just a little bit every day, makes a huge difference to your children's progress.

## Buying Uniform for September...

School uniform continues to be available for you to purchase via ParentMail. Remember, children may wear any colour polo shirt on any day, but it must be a school-branded top. We also sell PE kits as well as jumpers and cardigans for when the weather gets colder.



Please be mindful that at the start of the new academic year we are always inundated with new uniform orders and, although we will try to turn them around as quickly as possible, at our busiest times it may take up to a week to get these orders completed. For those of you with children starting in either our Nursery or Reception settings, please remember that those children are allowed to wear their own clothes for the first few weeks of term, until they have settled in. We would hope that this would then give new parents sufficient time to

Thank you for continuing not to bring your child into school wearing jewellery. If you want to get your child's ears pierced, the summer holidays are a good time to do it in – it allows the studs to have plenty of time to heal properly and decreases the chance of infection when having to take them out for school days.



## Swimming...

We are very pleased to be able to offer our Year 2 children swimming lessons as part of their PE Curriculum across the Autumn and Spring terms.

Children in New Snakes and New Owls will be going swimming once a week, starting in September, until the end of term. New Foxes will be going swimming in the Spring term.

Children will be travelling by bus to the Abbey Leisure Centre in Barking.

- **New Snakes** will have their lessons on **Mondays**, starting on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021.
- **New Owls** will have their lessons on **Thursdays**, starting on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021.
- We will confirm the days for Foxes closer to the time.



They will travel to the pool via bus accompanied by school staff and all swimming lessons will be led by qualified Local Authority swimming teachers.

All children must bring a **swimming hat, swimming costume or trunks (not swimming shorts) and a towel**. If you don't already have one, swimming hats are available from the school office priced at £1.00 and children can choose whatever colour they like from **Red, Blue, Yellow or Green**.

In line with school policy **earrings or jewellery** are not allowed in the pool.

**IMPORTANT Snakes and Owls Parents: Please can you make sure that your child has their swimming kit in school and ready to be used from the first day back on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021.**

## Changes to Staffing...



The new academic year will bring us some fresh faces and I'm excited about welcoming back from maternity leave both Rofiya Begum and Demi Coates.

I am sad to let you know that we also have some staff moving on to pastures new at the end of this term. We wish Ameen Rafiq, Fiona Thomas-Yusuf and Iram Ditta all the very best for the future.



## It's going to be an exciting new year!

From September Adam Dobson will lead EYFS. Amy Windsor will be the Year 1 Leader and Rosa Corcoran Jones will be our Year 2 Leader. I will oversee the entire school and Claire will lead inclusion. It's going to be a very special year!

## Classes for 2021/2022...

Children have already met their new teachers and there'll be more visits over the last week so that this transition is as smooth as possible.

Key Stage One	Yr 2	<p><b>Aziza Farih</b> will teach New Owls during Year 2.</p> <p><b>Rebecca Olley</b> will teach New Snakes together during Year 2.</p> <p><b>Rofiya Begum</b> will teach New Foxes during Year 2.</p> <p><b>Rosa Corcoran-Jones</b> will teach Squirrels and I will teach Zoomers with different children at different times across the year.</p>
	Yr 1	<p><b>James Mcavoy</b> will teach Zebras during Year 1.</p> <p><b>Griff Evans</b> will teach Gorillas during Year 1.</p> <p><b>Lakshmi Harikrishnan</b> will teach Giraffes during Year 1.</p> <p><b>Amy Windsor</b> will teach Tigers during Year 1.</p>
Early Years Foundation Stage	Yr R	<p><b>Elizabeth Akinyemi</b> will teach Pandas during Reception.</p> <p><b>Adam Dobson</b> will teach Lions during Reception and will also be the EYFS Leader.</p> <p><b>Demi Coates and Suzy Waters</b> will teach Koalas during Reception.</p> <p><b>Alastair Solomon-Ayeh</b> will teach Hippos during Reception.</p>
	Yr N	<p><b>Sam Raddar</b> will teach Penguins during Nursery.</p> <p><b>Any Patap</b> will teach Parrots during Nursery.</p>

## Having a Great Holiday and being Ready for September...

The last day of school for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will be on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July** and there will be an early finish for all year groups at the following times:

- Reception: 1:25pm
- Year 1: 1:15pm
- Year 2: 1:35pm



The last day of term for Nursery will be on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July** (at the normal times).

The first day back will be on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021**.

## Attendance...

Please remember that children need to attend school every day right up to and including the last day of term.

The children have missed a lot of school this past year and every minute they spend in school at the moment really does count. We have some lovely activities planned for the children every day,



right up until the last day of term. So please, please make sure that you get your child into school every single day.

## Thames View Infants is one of the best Schools in the country.

With your support we've really done our best for our children. Together, we're an incredible team. Despite the lockdowns, I believe all children are ending the year as clever as they can be!

### We know that:

We have very high expectations for our children and they thrive!

Our children are happy and feel safe in School.

They are incredibly well behaved; disagreements are rare but are quickly and effectively resolved. There haven't been any incidences of bullying (but we always keep a close eye on the children, just in case there is).

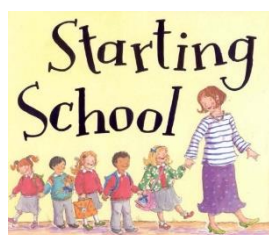
We tell you in great detail what your child will learn during the year with weekly updates. Children learn from an exciting, broad and balanced curriculum, encompassing a wide range of subjects. All our children do well and achieve their best. We give you regular updates about how well your child is doing. We give children with SEND all the support they need to succeed.

When we're back to the old normal, you'll see that your child will take part in clubs and activities at this school. Our School ethos supports children's wider personal development.

On the rare occasion that Parent's raise concerns, they are listened to and dealt with properly.

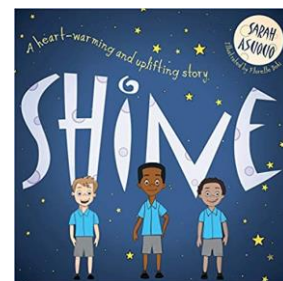
We have a very high and long-standing reputation for excellence. Virtually all of our parents recommend this school to another Parent. The work we have done has been showcased on BBC London News three times this year.

Thank you so much for your support – I'm a very proud, grateful and lucky Headteacher!



Please note that, if your child is due to start Reception or Thames View Juniors in September, there are some helpful videos for you to watch together on our YouTube page to help them "Get Ready" for this next important stage in their learning journey. Click: [www.YouTube.com/user/TVInfants](https://www.YouTube.com/user/TVInfants)

I started my job as Headteacher here at TVI in September 2007 and, having received the highest possible grades in 2 separate Ofsted Inspections, we all should be proud of our "Outstanding" Academy. Our children and my staff have worked exceptionally hard this academic year and we should all be proud of everyone's achievements. Whatever your plans for your family over the Summer, we all hope that you have a good break together and wish you a peaceful and relaxing holiday.



Claire and I will be Tweeting over the Summer - following us on Twitter [@ClaireTVI](#) (Claire) or [@TVInfants](#) (me) is a really good way to stay up to date with everything in school! Enjoy the

remainder of term – but please – before you do anything else, add us on Twitter and sign up to ParentMail if you haven't done so already!

Also, [subscribe to our live feed calendar](#) and get our School diary automatically synced to your phone.



Once again, on behalf of all my staff, we thank you for all the support, encouragement and commitment you have shown our school. We promise to “keep up the good work” and make sure that next year is even better for our community, families and pupils.

Very best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Jordan".

Paul Jordan  
*Headteacher*