

# Thames View Infants



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Dear Parents / Carers;

## Autumn Newsletter



We hope you have a lovely Half Term holiday, relaxing and making memories with your children.

I thought I'd send you out a summary of some of the exciting plans that we have in store for the children for when we come back after the break.



### Some News About Coming Back to School for Bumblebees

School re-opens on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November for all of our children except for those in Bumblebees. Our Bumblebees staff are having a special staff training day on this day and so we look forward to welcoming our Bumblebees children back on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

### Covid Tests Before Your Child Returns

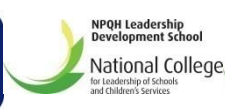
Please [click here](#) for a link to a letter that Public Health England have asked us to circulate to all of our parents regarding the rise in Coronavirus cases in schools. As you can see, their advice is that you get your child tested before they come back to school after the break.

We are keen to avoid any school closures in this coming half term, especially with so many lovely events planned for the remainder of the year and, in light of the above, we are kindly requesting that all children have a Covid test before they return to school on 1<sup>st</sup> November.

In line with the advice from Public Health England, we therefore ask:

- All Nursery and Reception children to have a PCR Covid test before they return to school
- All Year 1 and Year 2 children to have a Lateral Flow Covid test before they return to school.

Because this is so important, please can we ask that you **email the school office the NHS results of your child's test ahead of their return to school on 1<sup>st</sup> November**. Please put your child's name and class in the subject field of your email. The office email address is [Office@thamesviewinfants.org](mailto:Office@thamesviewinfants.org).



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.

### Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Hallowe'en

There will be a themed Hallowe'en lunch for the children on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November and a special Hallowe'en assembly for KS1 children. We'd also love it if the children could take part in our annual **Pumpkin Lantern Competition**, the details of which are detailed in our [Hallowe'en letter which can be found by clicking here](#).



The idea is that you make a pumpkin at home with your child over half term and bring it in on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November (with your child's name on it!) We'll display all the lanterns all around our School for the week and we'll award prizes for the best.

### Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November – Diwali



Our Hindu and Sikh families will be celebrating Diwali when we come back from the break. As a school, we value the rich diversity of our Community and as part of our curriculum we recognise a range of celebrations shared within our families. As you know, we celebrated Harvest just a few weeks ago and Eid earlier this year. In celebration of Diwali, we are holding a special Diwali assembly for our children on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November with a delicious Diwali themed meal for school lunch. Following on from this, on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November, all of our KS1 children will take part in special Diwali Dance workshops facilitated by 'West End in Schools'.

### Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November – Reading Meetings for Reception Parents

For our Reception Parents, there's a special Reading meeting at school on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>



November, starting at 3:30pm (and repeated again at 5pm on ZOOM for parents who can't make the earlier slot). We're going to be starting our phonics lessons with the children over the next few weeks and this meeting will let you know how we teach phonics / reading here at TVI and what you can do at home to help. Please note that this meeting is for Reception parents *only*. A crèche facility will be available at the 3:30pm meeting if



needed.

### Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November – Guy Fawkes Night



To celebrate Guy Fawkes Night at school we'll be holding a special Assembly on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November all about the story of Guy Fawkes and his famous Gunpowder Plot. We'll also be having a special Bonfire Night themed lunch at school. During this week our Year 2 classes will also have interactive workshops with some of our friendly local firemen who will be talking to the children all about fire safety.



### Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need Day

This year we'll be celebrating Children in Need at school on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November. Please read our special [Children in Need letter](#) which will tell you all about what we're going to be doing at school in order to help Pudsey raise money for Children in Need.

Please note that this will be a non-uniform day and the theme will be "Two Pounds for Pudsey" – with children making a £2 donation each towards BBC Children in Need.





### Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>, Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> and Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November – Nursery Parent/Teacher Meetings



On these days our Nursery teachers will be hosting the first set of Parent Meetings for our Nursery families. These meetings are extremely important since they'll let you know how your child has settled into Nursery here at TVI. So, if you haven't done so already, and you're one of our Nursery Parents, please book your meeting now using the ParentMail App. Please note that all Parent Meetings are conducted virtually, via ZOOM, and the Meeting IDs for the Nursery staff will be sent out closer to the time.

### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November – Phonics Together for KS1 Parents

On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November it's Phonics Together for our Year 1 and 2 parents. This is going to be an informative morning where KS1 parents can come into school with their children and see how we teach Literacy / Phonics alongside the children. This is going to be particularly beneficial given that Year 1 children will be undertaking their Phonics Screening tests at the end of this year and Year 2 children will be doing their Curriculum Assessments, (formerly known as SATs).



We'd love to see you there, so please do make a note of this date and time in your diary:

Enter school on 9<sup>th</sup> November with your child. Our specially extended parent-participation lesson will take place from 9:10 – 9:40am and will be followed by a 15 minute Question and Answer de-brief by each Class Teacher afterwards.



Please note that there will be no-admission for parents after 9:10am.

### Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November – Bring and Buy Sale at Thames View Infants

It's a bit early to start talking about ChrXXXmas at school (sssshhhh!), I thought that you might like to make a note in your diary to set aside the afternoon of Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November for the Thames View Infants Bring and Buy Christmas Bazaar! If you would like to book a table, please come into the office and let us know. Tables are £5 each and the event will be held from 2:30 – 4pm across both of our school halls, (access from 2pm for those setting up).



Whether you have items that you no longer have use for, clothes and toys that your children have grown out of, or other car boot sale items, come along and make some money and some extra space in your house before Christmas. And if you're not selling, come along and pick up an early Christmas bargain at this exciting bazaar!



### Attendance Competition

Make sure that you read the [special letter](#) sent out this week from Leandra, our Attendance Leader. Leandra will be running an exciting Attendance competition next half term and the class with the best attendance will all receive a special prize on the last day of term!

And finally – look out on ParentMail for the following:

- The **TVI Open Day** (the School will be yours to explore for the morning) on 20<sup>th</sup> November.

So, as you can see, we really do have a jam-packed Autumn ahead of us! I've not listed everything above, so please do still keep an eye on your ParentMail so that you don't miss out on anything exciting going on here at TVI over the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely,

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

**Paul Jordan,**  
*Headteacher*

