

# Thames View Infants



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Dear Parents/Carers;

## March Newsletter

This term seems to be flying by and it's nearly time to start making our Easter Bonnets again! There's lots going on and so I thought I'd send you a newsletter to summarise some of the events that we've got coming up before the end of term – We wouldn't want you to miss out on anything!



### Visits for Years 1 & 2

Our Year 1 and Year 2 children have some visits before the Easter break. Year 1 are visiting Colchester Zoo next week and Year 2 are visiting Rainham Marshes the week after.



**Important: If you're a Year 1 parent, please remember that Colchester Zoo is an early start next week.**

- Gorillas and Giraffes will need to be in for 8am on Monday, and
- Tigers and Zebras will need to be in for 8am on Tuesday.

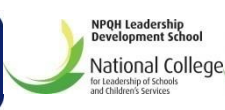


Please don't be late. The coach will be leaving at 8:30am sharp and we really don't want to leave anyone behind.



### Mother's Day Celebrations @TVI – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March

It's Mother's Day on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March and in celebration of this we would like to invite all of our mums / female carers into School next Friday afternoon (17<sup>th</sup> March) for a special Mother's Day Golden Time.

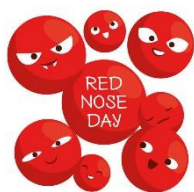


We're a PAPERLESS School – so you must download & register your **ParentMail App** to receive e-newsletters, to book after-school clubs & Parents' meetings or to confirm consent for educational visits.

Please come into school, via the School Office, at 2pm on Friday and get signed in. We will then direct you to class where your children and our Teachers have lots of exciting Mother's Day activities planned for you to participate in.

If you have a child in Nursery, the timings are as follows:

Morning mums / female carers should come into Nursery at 10:45am, and  
Afternoon mums / female carers should come into Nursery at 2:30pm.



## Red Nose Day Celebrations @TVI – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March – Non-Uniform Day

We will also be celebrating **Red Nose Day** on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March.

On this day, if they would like to, children can come into School dressed up as their favourite super hero! Children can be as inventive as they like with their costumes – they don't need to be shop bought, so feel free to get creative! We would just ask for a voluntary donation of £1 to donate to the BBC Comic Relief charity.

## Come to our Craft & Coffee Morning

To allow our parents and carers to get involved, we have ordered lots of super hero masks for the children to decorate with a family member on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March.



Once you have dropped off your child next Friday, please make your way to the main office where you will be signed in. After registration your child will join you and we will set up the hall with lots of tables and chairs and provide you with glitter, glue-sticks, sequins, tissue paper and all manner of arty-crafty bits and bobs for you to use to make a fabulous super hero mask for your child to proudly wear!

## World Down Syndrome Day @TVI – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Odd Socks Day

This year, we will be celebrating World Down Syndrome Day on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March.**



On the 21<sup>st</sup> March we would love it if the children could come into school wearing **ODD SOCKS**. The idea is that it creates conversation which can lead to more awareness of Down Syndrome and the challenges that the Down Syndrome community face.

## Annual School Reports & Parent Meetings

Annual school reports will be handed to all parents / carers collecting children on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March (with the exception of Koalas).

Parent Meetings for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will take place the following week and will provide you with an ideal opportunity to discuss your child's report and progress in school with their Class Teacher. If you haven't done so already, please book your Parent Meeting asap.



**Koalas Parents / Carers** - Parent Meetings will take place for Koalas after the Easter break (date to be confirmed) and you will receive your child's School Report in June.

**Nursery Parents** – Parent Meetings for Nursery children will also take place after the Easter break. We'll be sending out information on how to book your Parent Meeting soon so keep an eye on ParentMail.

### Learning Together in Nursery – 24<sup>th</sup> March

It's Learning Together in Nursery on 24<sup>th</sup> March. Nursery parents you are invited to come in and see your child learn in Nursery on this day. Come in when you drop your child off at Nursery and spend half an hour with us, observing the lesson and seeing how clever your child is!



### World Autism Day – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March - A Spectrum of Colour – Non-Uniform Day

At Thames View Infants, we celebrate each and every child and help everyone achieve their best. We recognise that some children have varying neurodiverse needs, including autism, and we try our best to ensure we are as inclusive as possible.

To celebrate this, we invite all the children to wear a 'Spectrum of Colours' to represent the spectrum of neurodiversity here at Thames View Infants, and across the world. This will take place on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March**, during World Autism Acceptance Week. On this date, children can wear something as colourful as they like, the more colours the better! The children will also have some special assemblies throughout the week too.



### Reception – Local Visit to Christchurch – 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> March

In support of our RE curriculum, our Reception children will be going on a short local visit to Christchurch church at the end of this month. If you are a Reception parent and you would like to help on this visit please speak to your child's Teacher and let them know.

### Easter Bonnet Parade – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March

Weather permitting, this year's Easter Bonnet parade will be held on the last day of term, Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March. It's a day that we all look forward to and our children get to show off their beautiful Easter Bonnets to the local community.



Neighbours, Friends, Parents/Carers, Governors, the children from Thames View Juniors and the children from **Chestnuts** will all be joining in on this very special day and we hope it will be an event that the whole community remembers.



We hope that you will support celebrating this traditional Christian Festival by helping your child decorate their own Easter Bonnet - don't worry if you can't, as children will also be making their own bonnets in class.

I hope that all of our Nursery Families will also come along and join us on our exciting parade too.

### Breakfast Club

Keep an eye on ParentMail for the Summer Term Breakfast Club application form which will be coming out soon. You'll need to apply and have paid by the deadline in order to guarantee your child's place in this provision next term.





## Holiday Dates

Please remember that children must attend school each and every day until the last day of term. Any holidays booked during term time will not be authorised and you run the risk of receiving a fine from the Local Authority and even possibly losing your child's place in school.

## Coming up after the Easter...

There's lots and lots to look forward to after the Easter break and I've summarised just a few of our exciting plans below...



### 100% Attendance Assembly!

Thank you for doing your best to bring your child to school every day this term. Attendance is so important. Our next **100% Attendance Assembly** will be on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April for everyone having attended school every day since 9<sup>th</sup> January. As well as receiving flowers as a "thank you", one child from each year group will win a bike! Look out for your invitation after the Easter break!



## Sports Together

Sports Together will be starting after the break. Each class will have their own morning and it will be a lovely opportunity for you to come into school, help the children in your child's class and join us in the sports activities! Remember to keep a note in your diary for when it's your child's turn.



Sports Together 2023	
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Giraffes
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Gorillas
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Zebras
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Tigers
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Lions
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Pandas
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Nursery – Parrots & Penguins
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Koalas
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Hippos
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Snakes
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Owls
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Foxes
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Squirrels
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Bumblebees

*As usual, we will always endeavour to stick to these dates as much as possible. However, please note that on rare occasions, due to unforeseeable circumstances, we sometimes need to make changes to these pre-planned events. If this happens, we will do our best to let you know of any changes to the above schedule as soon as possible.*

We also have our annual St. Georges Day celebrations coming up, our Eid Fun Day, Maypole Dancing and lots and lots of exciting visits

We have a busy, fun filled few weeks left before the Easter holidays and all of my staff will be working hard to make sure that our children continue to learn lots and enjoy the last few weeks of this term. As usual, we are always here to help and so, if you have any questions or worries at all, please just pop in. We're always happy to help.

got a question?

**askus!**

Yours sincerely,



Paul Jordan  
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