



# Thameside Primary School

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**"Every Child Every Chance Every Day"**

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for your understanding about today's school closure. We were monitoring the weather situation yesterday and together with the advice from Oxfordshire and the VAT, it looked as though school would open as normal, however the changes over night and the addition of a second red weather warning meant the situation changed in the early hours of the morning and we had to take the decision move to remote learning for the day. School is closed for half term next week. We look forward to seeing the children back on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February.

It has been another very challenging half term as we have had to manage each week with reduced staff numbers, with very little supply cover available. Once again, the staff have been fantastic in their flexibility and willingness to adapt and go above and beyond so we were able to keep almost all the classes open throughout the half term. A huge thank you to you all!

Mark Rice who has worked in the kitchen at Thameside for 4 years has resigned from the catering team in order to reduce the time he has to spend travelling between his jobs. As well as everything he does in the kitchen and dining hall to ensure the children have a successful dinner time, we will miss his cheerful greetings each morning and his fantastic laugh. We wish him all the best in the future.

## New School Uniform

We are very pleased to let you know that our new school uniform will be available to order from our new supplier Trutex in Didcot (14 Cockcroft Road, Didcot OX11 8LL) from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February. We have chosen this supplier as they are the nearest shop that offers a store service as well as Uniform can be ordered on line or directly from the shop. An email with a direct link to the supplier will be sent out during the week. No one is expected to change to the new uniform straight away. As children grow out of existing clothes, please replace these with the new uniform. We will expect all children to be wearing the full new uniform from the start of term in September 2023 (In 18 months time).

- V-neck Sweatshirt £10.00
- Sweatshirt Cardigan £12.50
- T Shirt £5.50
- Book-bag £5.50
- Gym Bag £5.00
- Plain navy-blue joggers £9.00
- Plain navy-blue sweatshirt £9.00



White polo shirts, dark grey trousers, shorts, skirts or pinafore dresses can be purchased from any shops. In the summer children can wear blue checked dresses.

## After School Club

We have had an increase in the number of children requesting places at Stay and Play from 3-4pm. This means that parents will now have to book spaces in advance so that we can ensure we have enough staff available. We are also looking to see if there is enough demand to run Stay and Play Plus from 4-5pm. Please see the separate letter about After School Club for more details.

### Learning Snapshots

This week KS2 have been very busy with their Design Technology cooking units.

Year 3 practised knife skills, peeling and grating to create a delicious healthy salad and made a dressing to accompany their salads. They really enjoyed designing and making their own salads.

Year 4/5/6 linked their DT work to their PSHE unit on healthy eating and worked hard to make delicious healthy soups. The children learnt to use knife skills, peeling and grating safely to create a filling tomato soup. They then did taste tests to compare soups made in a soup maker and in a saucepan.

We would like to say a huge thank you to the PTA who have contributed a large amount of money to provide cooking equipment for in school, including soup makers and electric hobs.

If you think you would be interested in joining the school PTA they are having a meeting on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 3:30pm at school. Please come along to find out more about the great things they do.



### Book Week

We will be having our annual book week from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March. On World Book Day, Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March we invite children to come to school dressed as a character from a book. We encourage children to create their own costumes from clothes and things they have at home. This link should provide some ideas: <https://www.worldbookday.com/dressing-up-ideas/>

The following week children from Years 1-6 will go to The Bookshop in Abingdon to ‘spend’ their World Book Day voucher. The older children will collect books to bring back for the children in Nursery and Reception.

I hope everyone has a safe, restful and happy half term break.

Yours sincerely,

Anna Grice  
Headteacher