

THAMES VIEW JUNIOR SCHOOL

6TH JANUARY 2017



Headteacher: Sara Rider

Assistant Headteachers: Hans Ramduth, Rebecca Seaton, Rachel Mottershead and Georgina Nixon

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to you all. I hope you had a restful break and stayed away from the cheese and chocolate more successfully than I did.

It was lovely to see all of the children back in school on Wednesday, they have settled back in the routines well and are back at work!

I would like to take this opportunity to warmly welcome Miss Emily Kirwan to our teaching staff. Emily will be teaching in Spruce Class as Miss Padaychee is now on maternity leave. We know that Miss Kirwan's wealth of teaching experience at both Primary and Secondary level will be a huge asset to us at Thames View Juniors.

In the holidays, I received a feedback letter from the Department for Education's Regional Schools Commissioner. The DfE visited us on 28th November to review the improvements and support received from our Academy trust since becoming an academy nearly two years ago. The visit itself was incredibly positive and this was reflected in the feedback.

It was commented that Thames View Junior School, is a place where all children's work is celebrated and that there is a noticeable positive culture from both staff and children.

I have also attached a larger quote directly from the feedback letter, which I believe truly reflects the hard work that has gone on in school.

Sara, who was deputy headteacher, stepped up, first as acting headteacher and then as the substantive headteacher since April 2016. The trust has ensured that Sara has had very good support to enable her to lead and implement a far-reaching set of significant, structural reforms including a relentless focus on raising standards through improving the quality of teaching and a redesigned curriculum underpinned by a sharp emphasis on the mastery of reading, writing and mathematics. The learning walk highlighted where this work had been successful and where there is still work to do. I

As you all know, I am incredibly proud of the school and even more so to be the Headteacher. It is excellent to receive such feedback and gives us clear targets of the work we need to continue with. None of this is possible however, without the ongoing support of our parents and carers. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best Wishes,

Sara