

# Tudor Court Newsletter

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## Message from the Head Teacher

As you will be aware this week children in Year 6 across the country have been taking part in SATS. Our children have shown remarkable resilience, focus, and determination throughout, and we couldn't have asked more from them. It has been great to see them rise to the challenge with such maturity and positivity. I am incredibly proud of them all.

I would also like to thank all the staff involved, both this week and throughout the year. The success of our pupils is a reflection of the dedication and commitment of staff not only in Year 6, but across all year groups who have supported their learning journey from the very start of primary school.

Our school Governors are currently looking to organise a Community Task Force to help improve our outdoor environment. This is an exciting opportunity to make a real difference to our school grounds. Please look out for a letter and sign-up form on Monday if you'd like to get involved.

Plans are well underway for this year's FTCA Summer Fete, which promises to be another fantastic event! Please save the date: Saturday 5th July. We'll soon be sending out requests for volunteers to help us make the event a success, any support you can offer will be greatly appreciated.

We've recently noticed an increase in children not wearing the correct uniform. A consistent and smart appearance helps to maintain our school's high standards and sense of community. Please ensure that your child comes to school dressed in the appropriate uniform, which is outlined in our school prospectus, which can be found on the school website:

- **Tops:**
  - Reception: Pale Blue Polo Shirt
  - Years 1–6: White Polo Shirt
  - All Years: Royal Blue Fleece/cardigan/jumper
- **Bottoms:**
  - Grey school-style skirts, trousers, or shorts
  - Pale blue checked or striped summer dresses (optional in warmer months)
- **Footwear:**
  - Black school shoes (not boots); heels no higher than 3cm. Plain black trainers are also permitted but must be plain black.
  - Canvas shoes are not suitable for everyday wear
  - In summer, blue or black sandals with closed toes may be worn
- **Hair:**
  - No extreme hairstyles or colouring (including coloured braids)
  - Long hair must be tied back using plain hairbands
- **P.E. Kit:**
  - Royal Blue top and Black Shorts
  - Black plimsolls for indoor P.E.
  - Plain black trainers for outdoor activities
- **Jewellery:**
  - Small stud earrings only; must be removed by the child for all sports activities
  - Newly pierced ears may be taped over for the first six weeks
  - No other jewellery, makeup, or nail varnish is permitted

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring that children are ready for learning.

Enjoy the weekend.

*Phil Kyriacou*  
**Head Teacher**

# School News ....



## Attendance Trophy Awards

Well done to all of the classes who have won the Attendance Trophy!! Keep up the good work!

### Week Beginning 2nd May:

Year	Class	Teacher	%	Wins
R	4	Ms Green	98.8	11th
1	6	Mrs Tedder	99.1	11th
2	9	Mrs Routley	97.5	10th
3	12	Mrs Puhlhofer / Mrs Arnell	99.1	8th
4	17	Miss Goldsmith	98.8	10th
5	20	Mr Cole	99.1	6th
6	22	Mrs Elmaghraby / Mrs Clark	99.2	5th

### Week Beginning 9th May:

Year	Class	Teacher	%	Wins
R	4	Ms Green	96.7	12th
1	6	Mrs Tedder	98.9	12th
2	11	Mrs Payne	96.1	11th
3	12	Mrs Puhlhofer / Mrs Arnell	97.3	9th
4	15	Mrs Sukutiene	96.3	11th
5	21	Miss Comley	98.6	9th
6	22 / 25	Mrs Elmaghraby / Mrs Clark & Mr Raymond	100	6th / 5th



## Congratulations

Macey Lad competed in the Ju-Jitsu's Welsh Nationals in Llanelli securing both a silver medal in sparring and a bronze medal in ground fighting!

Good luck at your next event in June competing in the Great Britain Nationals.



## Message from Thurrock Food bank

On behalf of all of us at Thurrock Foodbank, I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for your generous donations and unwavering support throughout the past financial year.

Your contributions have made a significant impact on our work and the communities we serve. We are truly grateful for your continued partnership and commitment to helping us achieve our mission. We fed **8,153** people in the last financial year, **3,653** of them being children.

Thank you once again for standing with us. We look forward to continuing this meaningful relationship in the year ahead.



Thurrock  
**Foodbank**  
Together with Trussell

**Thank  
you**

**TUDOR COURT  
PRIMARY  
SCHOOL**

1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2024-  
31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2025

WE ARE INCREDIBLY  
GRATEFUL FOR YOUR  
CONTINUED SUPPORT AND  
GENEROSITY. YOUR  
DONATIONS HAVE MADE A  
SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE  
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR,  
AND WE TRULY APPRECIATE  
YOUR KINDNESS.

Thurrock Foodbank is part of  
Thurrock Christian Fellowship  
a registered Charity (Number  
297569)

**TOTAL WEIGHT  
362.2KG  
TOTAL CASH  
£119.90**

# News & Information ....



## Documents for the office

Please can we ask that any documents for the office be posted in the Red Post Box on the wall outside the office.

There is no need for parents to queue to hand in documents as this box is emptied every day.



## Break time snack - Update

We are grateful for the valuable feedback and discussions we have had with families regarding the changes to our break time snack policy. We understand that changes to routines can take time to adjust to, and we appreciate your ongoing engagement in this process.

After carefully reviewing the feedback, **plain breadsticks** and **plain rice cakes** will now be included as suitable snack options for the breaktime. Our aim is to keep the list of permitted snacks simple and easy to manage in school. As such, the following snacks are now permitted: fresh fruit, vegetables, dried fruit (such as apricots, mango, raisins, or sultanas), yoghurt (low sugar), plain breadsticks and plain rice cakes.

## New Payment System

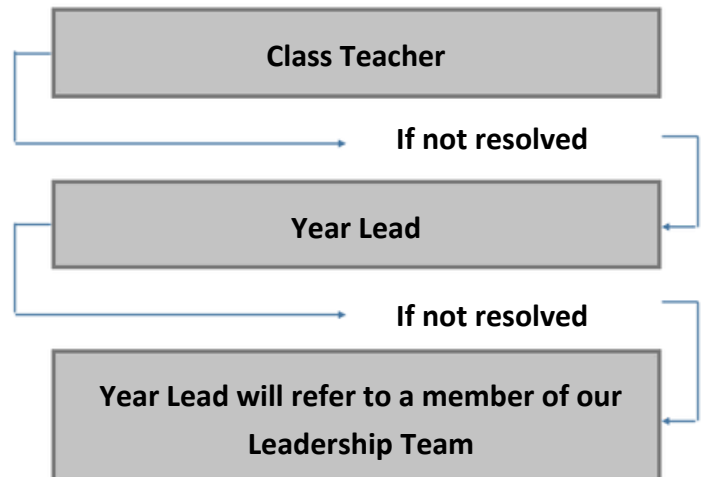
We are really pleased to announce that our new payment system - ParentPay is now up and running and parents can now pay for meals, trips and Tudor Treasures as before via the Weduc app.

We understand that there is a small quantity of parents who are experiencing some issues but please be assured that these have been forwarded to ParentPay and we will inform you as soon as we have information.



## Channels of Communication

**If you would like to discuss any issues or concerns in regards to your child, please can we ask you to use the following chain of communication:**



## Reminder...



## Mobile Phones

The school office have been receiving a large amount of mobile phones from our Year 5 and 6 children recently. Please can we remind parents that children should only bring a mobile phone to school if they go home alone.

Children do not have access to their phones at all during the school day. Please can we kindly request that you do not send them in unless they are leaving school alone.





# **Tudor Treasures**

## **Breakfast & After School Club**

### **Breakfast**

*Monday to Friday*

*7.30am - 8.40am*

### **After School**

*Monday to Friday*

*3.00pm - 6.00pm*

*Children can enjoy a fun filled environment with fully trained staff.*

*To receive an information pack that includes:*

- *Our terms and conditions*
- *Session options*
- *Pricing*
- *Information on how to book your place*

*please email: [tudortreasures@tudorcourtprimary.com](mailto:tudortreasures@tudorcourtprimary.com)*

*phone: 07542605936*



# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

# ZEPETO

AGE RESTRICTION  
**14+**

FOR SALE

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### NO PARENTAL CONTROLS

Although ZEPETO is intended for users aged 14 and up, it lacks built-in parental controls or age verification, instead relying on safety features on the device it's played on. This lack of a parental controls feature raises concerns about whom children may be interacting with on the platform.

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

As a mix between a virtual world and a social media platform, ZEPETO features a wide range of user-generated content. Some areas may reference mature themes, such as TV series aimed at adults, or include inappropriate material created by other users – all of which children may stumble across without warning.

### STRANGER DANGER

By default, users can message and interact with anyone else. This open communication creates an environment where predatory individuals can pose as peers to gain trust, potentially leading to grooming, scams, and exploitation, such as blackmail.

Hi there...

### CYBERBULLYING RISKS

As with many social platforms, children can be targeted for bullying, harassment or exclusion by both strangers and their peers. Unfiltered chat and avatar-based interaction can allow bullying and other forms of harassment to continue, impacting children's wellbeing and mental health.

### ADDICTIVE GAMEPLAY

Daily log-in rewards, such as coins, and in-game incentives can encourage compulsive behaviour, with some users feeling pressure to check in constantly to avoid missing out. This can lead to excessive screen time and conflict with schoolwork or offline hobbies or commitments.

### SPENDING REAL MONEY

While the game is free to play, ZEPETO includes a store offering virtual clothing and accessories for avatars. These items are bought with 'ZEMs' – a paid currency – and the appeal of exclusive items or branded collaborations can make it easy for children to overspend.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### ENABLE PRIVACY SETTINGS

Visit the child's profile settings to restrict who can send messages – options include Everyone, Followers Only, or No-one. Encourage children to avoid sharing any personal information on their profile, as this is visible even on private accounts.



### LIMIT IN-APP TIME

Use parental controls on Android (Google Family Link) or iOS (Screen Time) to restrict app usage by setting hours or daily limits. Encouraging breaks can help children develop healthier habits and reduce app dependency.



### CONTROL SPENDING

To prevent accidental purchases, set up purchase approval systems such as Apple's Ask to Buy or Google's Purchase Approvals. Alternatively, consider removing payment methods or using pre-paid cards with set budgets.

### HAVE REGULAR CONVERSATIONS

Talk openly with children about whom they interact with online and the kinds of things they see or experience. Encourage them to speak up if someone makes them uncomfortable or if they come across inappropriate content. Teach them how to recognise red-flag behaviours such as asking for secrets, giving gifts, or requesting personal information.



## Meet Our Expert

Alan Martin is an experienced technology journalist who has written for the likes of Wired, TechRadar, The Telegraph, The Evening Standard, The Guardian and The New Statesman.



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# **Mental Health Support Team (MHST)**

## **Online Parent Workshop: Supporting Emotional Regulation**

The MHST provide early intervention wellbeing support across education and healthcare to support whole school communities.

This workshop aims to give parents an understanding of how to support emotional regulation in their child, it covers:

- The emotional pot and what stressors fill up our pot
- What dysregulation might look like in children
- How we can support children to learn to regulate their emotions

**When: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June at 9.30am**  
**Where: Online via Microsoft Teams**

**All parents are welcome!**

**Please use the QR code or link to sign up below;**  
**<https://forms.office.com/e/urc4CJJD9E>**





# Day of fun with your little one!

## FREE ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Is your child  
starting school or  
nursery this year?

Come along to an  
interactive conference  
to learn how you can  
prepare them for their  
next step into education.

**BOOK YOUR  
FREE PLACE**



<https://bit.ly/HLE-conference>

SATURDAY  
7 JUNE

9.30AM TO 2PM

South Essex  
Community College,  
High St, Grays,  
RM17 6TF

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