

# Thomas's Academy

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## Upcoming Events

### January 2019

10<sup>th</sup>: Y1 to Museum of London

11<sup>th</sup>: Thomas's Academy Parents (TAP) meeting at 9am

16<sup>th</sup>: Y2 at Museum of London

23<sup>rd</sup>: Y6 Height and Weight Checks

25<sup>th</sup>: Y3 &4 to Natural History Museum

28<sup>th</sup>: Superhero Workshop (Nursery, Reception, Y1 &Y2)

29<sup>th</sup>: Young Singers Concert

29<sup>th</sup>: Y1 Explore Learning Workshop

### February 2019

1<sup>st</sup> Mayors Cup (Y5,6)

5<sup>th</sup>: Safer Internet Day

6<sup>th</sup>: Y3 at Pizza Express

7<sup>th</sup>: International Food Afternoon

12<sup>th</sup>: Parents Meetings (Y1 – 6)

13<sup>th</sup>: Parents Meeting (Y1 – 6)

18<sup>th</sup>: Half Term Week

## Welcome

Happy New Year!

Welcome back, I trust that you all had an enjoyable holiday.

We are welcoming two new members of staff to the team: Lala Thorpe, who is joining us as our new Art Teacher and Will Middlemore who will be supporting in Year 2.

This half term, we have a special focus on collaboration and we will be exploring this theme in real detail with all of the classes. Every awards assembly will be about collaboration this half term and we will be celebrating examples of teamwork, co-operation, and partner-work in every classroom.

The building works have entered a new phase with the scaffolding coming down at the front of the building over the holidays. The windows on the rear of the building will be replaced over the next few months with an anticipated completion date of the end of the Easter.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions about any aspect of the school.

## Winter Fair – 7<sup>th</sup> December

Thanks again to the parents who helped make this such a success. A staggering £1222.00 was raised which will go towards playground improvements. In addition, £106.25 was raised for Save the Children through our Christmas Jumper day. Well done everyone.

## School Crossing Patrol

After years of us asking, the council have advertised for the paid position of 'school crossing patrol' at the junction of Munster Road and New King's Road. The position is for 10 hours per week. If you would like to apply for this post, please do so online at: <http://ats-lbhjobs.jobsgopublic.com/vacancies/view/81847>. Alternatively, please see Miss Kelly who can help with the application process. The post is open to members of the public also so please ask others you know.

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## Health and Well-being Week

This was a great success. Some of the activities included the children enjoying mindfulness sessions, assemblies were led by our school nurses about healthy eating, cookery sessions were a real hit with Marylin our school cook and Mr Bates led sports science within P.E. lessons. Moving forward, we will be continuing our 'Mindful Moments' each morning to settle peacefully into our day. Our next enrichment week will be Science Week in February. If any parents/carers have a science background or an occupation related to science and would be happy to speak to a group of children, please let us know.

## Curriculum Bulletins

Years 1 - 6 will be receiving their termly bulletin shortly. Please take time to look through it to find out what your child will be learning about and any dates that events are happening. If you have any queries relating to what your child is learning or if you feel you can contribute in some way, please speak to the relevant class teacher.

## Clubs

The Spring Clubs offer will be distributed shortly for you to sign up your child(ren). Please don't forget that home learning club is open for pupils after school on Mondays. Just come along to the library (with your home learning and a parent) and Miss Geordie will be there if you need help. You can also access Maths Whizz during this time.

## Academy Times

This term, Miss Chaffey is launching a school newspaper. To be involved, children will need to attend the afterschool club she is running. Watch out for the newspaper launch in February.

## The Lion Dance

Ms Thorpe, our Art teacher, is helping to organize an event at Asia House (W1G 7LP) on 7<sup>th</sup> February to celebrate Chinese New Year. Families with younger children may be interested in attending. It's from 11am and is followed by storytelling and creative activities.

## Unicorn Award

Pupils have been introduced to the Thomas's Academy unicorn award. Every child from Y1 – Y6 did receive a **new**

book before the holiday to record special experiences which help develop understanding of the schools' cornerstones. For children in year 3 and above, please make sure your child's book is kept in their book bags/ruck sack so it can be worked on in school too. Please help your child to treasure this book and complete it carefully so they can create beauty that they are proud of.

## Uniform

Please ensure that pupils are wearing full school uniform. Please be reminded that school shoes should be black and that trainers or boots are not permitted. School coats, hats and scarves are available at Sogan's. Please label all items so they can be returned to their owner if lost.

## Lunches

If you wish your child to change to or from school lunches, please let the office know in advance. We request that this is only done at the end of a half-term. Packed lunches should be healthy and contain no nuts due to allergies in the school although a small treat is permitted on Fridays.

## Points of Contact

If you wish to discuss your child, your first point of contact is your child's class teacher. Teachers are normally available in the playground before school and after school but please do not have conversations after 8.50am as they need to get to class. If you wish to speak to our Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Co-ordinator (SENDSCO), Lyndsey Gale, she works on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Appointments can be made with her via the school office. The leadership team are also available in the mornings, after school or via appointment.

## Absences

Please be reminded to call the school office each morning when your child is off school. You may also email to [absent@academy.thomas-s.co.uk](mailto:absent@academy.thomas-s.co.uk) Our school is committed to promoting the welfare of your child through regular school attendance. All holidays taken during term time will be considered as unauthorised and may incur a penalty charge.

## Updating information

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Please remember to let the office know if you change any details such as your phone number. We are increasingly using e-mail as a form of communication so please let the office know your email address if you haven't already.

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