



Thomas's Academy

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Website

The website includes a calendar and blog. It is frequently being updated so keep an eye on it for up to date information.

Welcome

Welcome to even more new families to our school. I know they will be made to feel very welcome.

House Teams

The names of our house teams have changed but don't worry, the colours remain the same. The names have been changed in order to promote British Values which is an initiative set up by the Department for Education and one that we have been talking about in assemblies for some time. The new names are flowers which represent the four countries within Great Britain. They are as follows:

Red – **Rose** (Saint George of England)

Yellow – **Daffodil** (Saint David of Wales)

Green – **Shamrock** (Saint Patrick of Ireland)

Blue – **Thistle** – (Saint Andrew of Scotland)

On the national days dedicated to the saints, house teams will be asked to dress in their house colour. The first of which is Thistle house who will be invited to wear blue on 30th November.

Mayors Cup

Our Year 5/6 football teams had their first matches last week. The boys' and girls' teams showed great collaboration and sportsmanship during and after their matches. The boys lost 2-0 and the girls drew 1-1. Good luck

Thomas's Academy places the safeguarding of children's welfare as our very highest priority. If you have any concerns about a child's safety or welfare, inside or outside school, please contact one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads or call us on the number above.

Upcoming Events

October 2018

2nd: Y1/2 Road Safety Workshop

12th: Y3 to Kidzania, Y2 to Kew Gardens

15th: Art Enrichment Week

18th: Spooky Night

22nd: Half term

29th – 31st: Christianity Focus Days

30th: Parents Evenings (Y1-6)

31st: Deadline for secondary school applications (Year 6)

November 2019

14th: National Young Mathematicians

23rd: INSET Day

30th: Thistle House Day

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in your next matches. We are looking for parents to help accompany the teams to their matches which are usually in Hurlingham Park.

Unicorn Award

Pupils have been introduced to the Thomas's Academy unicorn award. Every child from Y1 – Y6 will have received a book that allows them, along with their families, to record special experiences which help develop understanding of the schools' cornerstones. 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.

The Daily Mile

Have you heard about The Daily Mile yet? Thomas's Academy is now a proud participator of this fantastic school initiative! Inclusive, free and simple and will improve the physical and mental health of our children. It's a social activity where the children run or jog, at their own pace, for 15 minutes and it improves focus in the classroom. We look forward to reporting back in the next newsletter with our progress! For more information, please head to their website: www.dailymile.co.uk

Spooky Night

This is being organized by our parents and will take place on 18th October. As last year, pupils from nursery to year 6 may bring in a costume to change in to. There will be games and food on offer to pupils. A letter providing more detail will be sent shortly but for now, start planning your costumes.

Parents Meetings

Parents of children in years 1 – 6 will soon be formally invited to the first meeting of the year to discuss how their child has settled into their new class. Meetings on Tuesday 30th October will last for 10 minutes. Please try to arrive prior to your meeting time in order that you can look at your child's books.

Parents of children in Early Years will be invited to a meeting by their child's teacher directly.

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 (SENDCO), Lyndsey Gale, she works on Tuesdays, Thursdays 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.

Uniform

Please ensure that pupils are wearing full school uniform. Please be reminded that school shoes should be black and that trainers are not permitted. Girls may wear white socks or red tights (no leggings please). School coats are the only coats permitted. Please label all items so they can be returned to their owner if lost. Once the temperature decreases and you wish for your child to wear a hat, please ensure it's a school beanie available at Sogans. Pupils are not required to bring stationery to school as this is all provided.

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.

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 Our school is committed to promoting the welfare of your child through regular school attendance. All

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holidays taken during term time will be considered as unauthorised and may incur a penalty charge.

Updating information

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.

Secondary Transfer

The closing date for Y6 applications is 31st October. If you require support with this, please speak to Miss Kelly who can help you through the process.