

Be Kind - Learn to Learn - Think Globally – Create Beauty

Newsletter October 2019

Thomas's Academy

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Upcoming Events

October 2019

- 4th: Mayor's Cup
- 7th: Group to Spring Bulb Awards Ceremony
- 9th: Y1 Oral Health
- 9th: Y4/5 to Primary Proms
- 11th: Y2 Oral Health
- 11th: Own clothes day – Harvest Collection
- 14th: Year 1 trip
- 14- 15th: Y1 – Y6 parents' meetings
- 18th: Y3 Oral health session
- 21st: Half-Term Break**
- 28th: INSET Day**
- 29th: Pupils return to school
- 29th: Christianity Focus
- 30th: Y4 Oral Health
- 31st: Y5 Oral health session
- 31st: Secondary school application deadline
- 31st: Spooky Thursday (see separate letter)

November 2019

- 1st: Mayor's Cup game
- 4th: Y6 Oral health session
- 5th: Y1 Outdoor Learning
- 20th: Y6 trip
- 21st: Parents' Quiz Night

Welcome

We are continuing our theme of positivity. Already we have seen some excellent examples of children's positivity across the school with pupils' persevering with tasks despite setbacks.



Kidzania for Best Attenders

As we have done for the last two years, we intend to take children with the **best attendance and punctuality** to Kidzania. The criteria for selection includes that a child has no unauthorized absences and that their attendance is at least 97%. This is open to all children from reception to year 6. Well done to all the pupils with 100% attendance so far.

Secondary School Applications

Pupils in Year 6 can now submit their secondary school applications. For those who wish to find out more, you are invited to attend a workshop at Sullivan School on 15th October at 10am. It will include information already given at the workshop at Thomas's Academy last month. If you have any questions or require support with this process, please speak to a member of staff before the half –term break.

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, including the light-weight red one, are available at Sogan's. **Please label all items so they can be returned to their owner if lost.** We also advise adding a unique key ring to the zip of coats so that children can identify their coat quickly.

REMINDER: Rec-Y2 Book Bag (House Colours), Y3-6 Thomas's Academy Backpack.

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Switch On Kindness' Competition

All of the children from Y1- Y6 are invited to write poem about 'Being Kind'. Being Kind is one of our values focuses this half term, but overall, is our main school rule! We would like each child to include in their poem how showing kindness towards not only their classmates, but towards their community, city and the planet is an important factor in becoming a well-rounded citizen in the 21st Century. The winner of the Poetry Competition, will be asked to switch on the Parsons Green Christmas Lights at 6pm on Thursday 28th November 2019 and read out their winning poem! This will be a huge honour, so good luck and get writing. Entries must be in, no later than 28th October 2019.

Aktiva Camps After-School and Holiday Care

If you would like after-school care, please contact Aktiva. The staff from Aktiva collect pupils directly from their classrooms at the end of the day, they then have a range of activities to choose from as well as an evening snack before they are collected. Further information can be found on the Aktiva website: www.aktivacamps.com

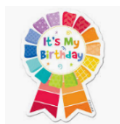


Breakfast Club

For £3 a day, pupils from Nursery to Y6 may attend breakfast club from 8am. It is run by staff at Thomas's Academy. Please sign up at the office if you'd like your child to come along.

Birthdays

We will always celebrate a child's birthday if they wish us to however, please do not send in cakes/party bags on these occasions. If you wish to bring in something to be shared, please choose a healthy snack such as fruit. We ask also that party invitations are distributed out of school time so not to upset any pupils not receiving an invitation.



Extra Music lessons

If you are interested in your child having either piano or guitar lessons, please contact the school office to register your interest.

Harvest Collection

Each year we ask our school community to donate food and toiletries for our local Foodbank. This year, we will be having a Mufti Day on 11th October 2019, where we ask that in exchange for wearing their own clothes, children bring in **two** items for the Harvest Collection. Thanks in advance.

School Crossing Patrol

After literally 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. This is an opportunity to help pupils at our school to safely cross this 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-lbhfiobs.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.

Playground

We are working towards improving our playgrounds with lots of money raised for improvements already. In the meantime, please could we all make an effort to look after the plants that our site manager Mr Ingram has planted. Please also note that it is not safe to scoot and cycle in the playground before and after school as these are busy times and toddlers are sometimes enjoying the space also.

Change in personal details

Please remember to let the office know if you change any details such as your address or 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. Please also make sure that you let your child's teacher know if somebody different will be collecting your child.

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