

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

Newsletter September 2018

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### Upcoming Events

#### September 2018

3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>: INSET Days

5<sup>th</sup>: Pupils return

10<sup>th</sup>: Y3 Swimming begins

17<sup>th</sup>: School clubs begin

27<sup>th</sup>: Secondary Transfer Meeting for families in Y5 and Y6. 5.30pm – 7pm

#### October 2018

15<sup>th</sup>: Art Enrichment Week

22<sup>nd</sup>: Half term

29<sup>th</sup>: Christianity Focus Day

### 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

A huge welcome back to all our families this academic year. Welcome also to all our new staff and families who have joined us. Everyone is settling in very quickly. We are so pleased to add to our Thomas's Academy community. We are very nearly full to capacity!

### Summer Fair

Well done to everyone who helped out at this event including our site manager Tony. It was a huge success. Each class led an enterprise stall in order to raise money for the Cairn Trust who work hard to enable children in Nepal to receive an education. The total amount raised for the Cairn Trust was £601.28

The lemonade stall (Year 1) raised £82.60

The tombola (Year 2) raised £205.30

The Sweet Stall (Year 3) raised £76.10

The Recipe book Stall (Year 4) £88.60

The Garden Produce Stall (Year 5) £107.68

The Cakes and Slime Stall (Year 6) £41.00

Congratulations go to last years' year 2 who raised the most so as a reward will be visiting Kidzania.

In addition, other stalls raised at total amount of £674.15 for the school.

The Ice Cream Stall raised £182.35

The Programmes raised £278.55

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The BBQ and drinks raised £213.25

## 2017 – 2018 Outcomes

Once again, the school achieved very pleasing end of key stage results.

The numbers of Key Stage 1 pupils achieving or exceeding the expected standard are as follows:

	<b>Thomas's Academy</b>	<b>National</b>
<b>Reading</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>76%</b>
<b>Writing</b>	<b>71%</b>	<b>70%</b>
<b>Maths</b>	<b>71%</b>	<b>76%</b>

These results were very pleasing considering the class welcomed 6 new pupils during the academic year.

The numbers in Key Stage 2 pupils achieving or exceeding the expected standard are as follows:

	<b>Thomas's Academy</b>	<b>National</b>
<b>Reading</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>75%</b>
<b>Writing</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>78%</b>
<b>Maths</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>76%</b>
<b>Grammar</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>78%</b>

Well done to all the pupils, parents and staff who contributed to these excellent results.

## Clubs

Next week, you will receive the list of clubs that are being offered during the Autumn Term. Please sign up for these in the office. Clubs will begin on the week of 17<sup>th</sup> September and finish on 13<sup>th</sup> December.

## Unicorn Award

This term, we will be introducing the TA unicorn award. Every child from Y1 – Y6 will be receiving their books soon. The books allow children, along with their families, to record special experiences which help develop understanding of the schools' cornerstones. More detail will be provided soon.

## Points of Contact

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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, 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.

For Year 3 children, all pupils are required to wear a black swimming hat when they go swimming. These are available in the school office for £1. We are looking for parents to act as chaperones with this on Monday afternoons. If you are available, please let the office know.

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.

## 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. Please also remember to return your photograph permission slips the school office ASAP.

## **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.