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Website

Our new website is now live. The address is www.academy.thomas-s.co.uk and includes a calendar of upcoming events which was a suggestion from parents.

Attendance

Attendance from Reception to Year 6 is 95.7% so far this academic year. This is an improvement of over 2% for the same period last year. At Thomas's we see attendance as vital to children's academic progress so congratulations on this improvement. Let's aim for over 96%.

After-School Clubs

Clubs will finish for the term on Friday 11th December. The Spring Term clubs will be published once pupils return to school in January.

Foodbank

We have received a letter of thanks from Hammersmith and Fulham Foodbank. Our school donation weighed a massive 127.95kg. Well done everyone.

Daisy Trust

We have received a generous grant from The Daisy Trust towards our annual residential trip for pupils in years 5 and 6 to Sayers Croft. The price for pupils will therefore be decreased to £65 for the two night stay. If you would like your Y5/6 pupil to be involved in this fun residential trip, please see the office.

Christianity Week

Our next enrichment week is the final week of this term. We will be learning about Christianity and have many things planned for the pupils including visits to the local church.

Parents Meetings

These are planned for 2.12.15. If you don't have an appointment, please see your child's teacher as soon as possible.

Gift for A Grown-up

This event is being organised by the Parents Community and will take place on 11th December. Thank you for all your gift donations so far. Pupils will be able purchase gifts, priced at £2 each, for an adult of their choice. It will be wrapped for them to take home.

Christmas Productions

Years 1, 2 and 3 will be performing a classic retelling of the Christmas nativity story this year. The play is full of catchy songs and will end with some traditional Christmas carols - a great way to celebrate Christmas and the end of our first term!

The performances will be on 16th December. At 9.30am the performance is for parents and toddlers and at 2pm the performance is for parents.

Early Years will be performing for their parents on Thursday 17th December at 9.30am.

Celebration Assemblies

Each Friday at 2.45pm, selected children will be celebrated at our Awards Assembly. If your child is

included, you will receive a text message inviting you.

Parents Community

Thank you to all of you who attended the meeting last month. Minutes are kept in the office if you wish to find out what was discussed. The next meeting is on 4th December at 9am. Everyone is welcome.

End of Year Disco

This is being organised by the Parents Community. The two discos will be in the afternoon of 17th December in our upper hall. Pupils are allowed to bring in party clothes in a bag for this occasion. Nursery - Y3's disco will be at 1.45 – 3pm. These pupils should be collected from school as normal. Y4 – Y6's disco will be 3.15pm – 5pm. Parental donations will be required for these events.

Monthly Cake Sales

Nursery raised £135.00 last month. They are planning to put the money towards an outdoor workshop. Reception's cake sale is next on 4th December.

Christmas Jumper Day

On the final day of term, 18th December, pupils are invited to wear festive jumpers (these can be homemade). We are asking for a donation of £1 per child which will be sent to three charities: Make a Wish Foundation
Macmillan Cancer Support
Save the Children.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club is open for pupils at 8am for those families that require it. The cost is £2 per day. Please let the office know if you



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are interested in your child attending.

Christmas Lunch

As is our annual tradition, pupils and staff enjoy a Christmas Lunch with all that you would expect. It is a fun occasion where all pupils can participate. The lunch will be on 15th December. If your child is normally packed lunch but would like a school lunch on this day, please see the office. Please be reminded that packed lunches should contain healthy foods only with the exception of Friday when a treat can be added. Also, please ensure that lunches are nut-free so **no peanut butter** please.

PE Kits

To participate fully in the lessons, it is essential that pupils are in the correct clothing. Please also ensure that P.E. kits are named in order that lost kit can be returned to correct person.

Water Bottles

Please ensure children have a filled water bottle and that it is cleaned daily.

Homework Club

This is a free club open on Tuesdays. Children (with their parents and homework) may complete their homework in the library / ICT suite. A teacher will be available to help if required. Pupils not completing their homework on time or to a suitable standard will receive a direct invitation to homework club.

Reception Transfer

If your child turns 4 this academic year, then the online site is now open to you to apply for a reception place for September 2016. The website you need is:

www.eadmissions.org.uk

Please ask if you require support with this process.

Upbeat

Upbeat are offering one free place to a Thomas's Academy pupil at their upcoming Christmas workshop. The winner of a 'sing a song' competition which is happening on 1st December will receive this. In addition, Upbeat will offer any Thomas's Academy pupil 25% off if they wish to do the Christmas workshop based at our school. Please see leaflets in the reception area.

Scooting in the Playground

Although tempting for the pupils, this can be dangerous. Please discourage your child from scooting in the playground to prevent an accident.

Responsible Parking

If you have no other option than to drive to school, please could you ensure that you park in a designated parking space (not on New King's Road or on a corner). This is for the safety of our families. The Road Safety Officers will be patrolling outside the school regularly.

Donations Required

For the discos, the usual food and drinks will be required. Please give these to Anna in the office.

We have been donated a Christmas Tree from the Farmers Market and now we require decorations and lots of Christmas wrapping paper!

Thank you to the parent who is donating table cloths and Christmas crackers.

Contact Information

Please ensure the office have been informed of any changes to your details in order that you receive all texts, emails and phone calls.

Lateness

When pupils arrive late, they are required to 'sign in' in the reception area. This is because the class register would have been taken already. In addition, if pupils are collected more than 10 minutes late at the end of the day, the collecting adult will need to also sign them out in the reception area.

Fulham's World Record

Attempt

Everyone is welcome to support Fulham's Carolling World Record Attempt. Your help is needed to sing on Sunday 13th December at 3pm on Eel Brook Common.

Dates

School finishes on 18th December and pupils are due to return on 5th January. Happy Holidays from us all at Thomas's Academy.