



# Thomas's ACADEMY

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The address of our website is: [www.academy.thomas-s.co.uk](http://www.academy.thomas-s.co.uk) and includes a blog with information and photographs of the ongoing events. Keep an eye on it for up to date information.

### Outstanding Teaching and Learning at Thomas's Academy

The Leadership team and our school improvement partner carried out a teaching and learning review on 10<sup>th</sup> June. We are extremely pleased to share the results with you. Overall the teaching and learning was deemed outstanding.

### Thanks for your donations

A huge thank you for all the donations for the refugee camp in Calais. There are some pictures on our blog.

### Phonics Screening

Well done to all the pupils and staff involved in the phonics screening in years 1 and 2. The pupils were well prepared and did very well.

### Monthly Cake Sales

Year 4 raised £120.81 in their cake sale. Well done year 4. On 1<sup>st</sup> July, Year 5 will hold their cake sale.

### Activ8 Club

Reminder that Activ8 Club is on a Tuesday morning at 8am, all pupils from Year 2-6 welcome. This session is led by a qualified personal trainer.

### After-School Clubs

The final week for after-school clubs is 4<sup>th</sup> July.

### Kidzania Trip

60 pupils with the best attendance were treated to a trip to Kidzania on 30<sup>th</sup> June. Congratulations in particular to Olivia (Y4) and Chen (Y2) who both managed 100% attendance this year – a superb achievement.

### School Uniform

Now that we are in the Summer Term, pupils are now able to wear the Summer uniform. For girls this is a blue and white gingham dress with white socks/tights – **NO LEGGINGS**. For boys, it is mid-grey school shorts with plain grey socks. **Black school shoes should continue to be worn**. Thomas's Academy caps and jackets are available at our uniform suppliers.

### PE Kit

It is paramount that children are wearing correct PE kit during PE lessons. Pupils are welcome to wear shorts however, they must be plain dark blue or black. Pupils will not be participating in lessons if they do not have correct PE kit.

### End of Year Reports

End of year reports will soon be given out to parents. On the final page, there is an opportunity for parents to make comments which we encourage you to do. Nursery Parent Meetings will be taking place on the week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> July.

On 5<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm, parents of children in Reception to Y3 are invited into their child's class to share the work that has done through the year. On 7<sup>th</sup> July, it's the turn of parents in Y4 to Y6 to

share work in their child's classroom.

### E-Mail Addresses

We are increasingly sending communication to parents by e-mail. If you haven't been receiving our newsletter electronically then please provide your email address to the school office.

### Free School Meals

If you think you may be entitled to free school meals, please speak to Anna and Yasmin in the office. It's important that we know the amounts of pupils that are entitled even if they choose not to eat school meals.

### Summer Fete

The date for this event is Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2.30pm – 5.30pm. The PTA would like any raffle prizes, pre-loved books and pre-loved school uniform that can be donated for the fete.

### Parent Readers

We really appreciate parental help in school. If you have some regular spare time to hear children at our school read, please collect a DBS form from the office and let them know your availability.

### Talent Show Auditions

These are planned for the week of 4<sup>th</sup> July. Successful pupils will be performing at the Summer Fair.

### Aktiva – after school club

We are pleased to announce that from September 6<sup>th</sup>, Aktiva Camps will be running an After School Club at Thomas's Academy. It will run each day



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from 3.15 – 6pm. For more information, please attend an information session on 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> July or speak to the office.

## Parent Gym

On 12th July at 9am, we will be hosting a 'taster' session for Parent Gym (just to be clear, there are no weights and push ups involved!). Instead, Parent Gym is a group of sessions for parents running from October 2016. They will act as a learning network between parents, providing opportunities to discuss the joys and challenges of being a parent.

Everyone is invited for the taster session, so come and see if it is something you may find useful and then you can sign up for the programme when it runs in the Autumn term.

## Many Thanks to TSF Volunteers Readers

For many years now, volunteers from Thomas's Schools Foundation (TSF) have been coming in to Thomas's Academy to read with our pupils. We thank all those involved in this for all the time they give up and the kindness they show to the pupils lucky enough to read with them. The pupils benefit a great deal from this.

## Early Years Graduations

Nursery graduation will be Thursday the 14th July at 2pm followed by refreshments in Nursery.

Reception graduation will be Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup> July at 2:15.

## Library

A big thanks to Mrs Abouchouche who has kept our library tidy all year. Thanks to her, it continues to be a lovely place to visit. If you have any books belonging to the school, please return them as soon as possible.

## School Trips

Reception class trip to the Wetland Centre will be on Friday the 8th of July. Nursery will be doing a final trip but we'll be doing it over 4 days (a team a day) and we've not decided our destination yet! Year 5 will be going to London Zoo on 8<sup>th</sup> July. Year 6 will be paintballing on 14<sup>th</sup> July and making pizzas at Pizza Express on 13<sup>th</sup> July.

## Goodbye Parayhouse School

Parayhouse School are moving to a new location over the Summer Holidays. We have loved sharing the building with them and wish staff and pupils all the best.

## More Goodbyes

We are sorry to be saying goodbye to Ms Khan (Y5), Ms Wigley (Rec), Miss Thorpe (Y6), Ms Shaw (Y4) and Miss Glowacka (Y1). Thank you for your hard work and we wish you well in your next jobs.

Finally, let's not forget the lovely year 6 who are moving on to their secondary schools. Congratulations on a wonderful time at primary school and continue to work well. We look forward to visits from you when you are in year 7.

## New Staff

We welcome two new teachers: Alice Budden and Alissa Lamb to our outstanding team. Miss Budden will be teaching year 1 and Miss Lamb year 4.

## Next years' Teachers

On 14<sup>th</sup> July, pupils will have the opportunity to spend time with their new teacher.

## Sports Day 15<sup>th</sup> July

This is always a great whole school event which parents are welcome to watch. It will be at South Park. Information about this day will be given out shortly.

## End of year production

Year 6 (and year 5) have been busily practising for their performance of 'The Lion King.' Thank you to everyone who has supported the class so far. We are looking forward to watching their performance on 13<sup>th</sup> July at 6.30pm.

## End of Year Dates

Nursery finishes the term on 15<sup>th</sup> July after the Sports Day. For everyone else, school ends on 20<sup>th</sup> July. The nursery will be starting back on 12<sup>th</sup> September. For everyone else, we look forward to seeing you on 6<sup>th</sup> September.