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Website

The address of our website is: www.academy.thomas-s.co.uk and includes a calendar and blog. Keep an eye on it for up to date information. For any questions, please speak to Anna or Yasmin in the office or to the relevant class teacher.

New Site Manager

We are delighted to welcome Tony Ingram who joins us today as our new permanent Site Manager. Tony had a 25-year career with the Royal Navy as well as 12 years' experience managing schools and colleges before joining Thomas's. Tony will be resident in the school house, and is looking forward to becoming part of the school team.

After School Care

Our Aktiva After-School club is now open from 3:15pm-6pm every day on the school premises. This childcare provision is available to all children from Reception upwards and can be used for regular days each week or for 'one-off' care when it is needed. Please feel free to contact Anna at the school office if you would like more information.

The Daisy Trust

Thanks once again to this charity who have donated £2000.00 to Thomas's Academy to subsidise our annual residential trip for pupils in Years 5 and 6. This is an event that pupils at Thomas's Academy really look forward to.

Parents will soon be invited to find out more about the trip.

British History Week

Pupils in years 1 – 6 spent the last week of half term learning about periods in British History. They dressed up in Victorian Costume and got to experience what school was like at that time. One of the highlights of the week was the quiz where pupils worked in teams to answer as many questions about the topics that they covered as possible. Certificates will be given out to the winning team.

Phonics Workshop

If you'd like to know more about phonics at Thomas's Academy, then please join Miss Wintle in the Upper Hall on 14th November. She will explain how we teach children to read and share the resources that we use. There will also be a chance for you to ask questions.

Anti-Bullying

During the week of 14th November, we will be focussing on this subject. Pupils in years 1 – 6 will be taught what bullying is and what to do if it is happening either to them or another person. Early years pupils will be learning about kindness and friendship. If you are ever worried about this, please do speak to a member of staff.

Internet and media safety

During the week of 21st November, pupils will be learning about how to stay safe with the digital technology they are surrounded with. Mr Winsloe be

holding a workshop for parents on 22nd November at 9am which will offer practical advice.

Foodbank

Following our collection for the local Foodbank last month, we have now been notified that we are able to offer vouchers to use this service. If you require support from the Foodbank then please speak to a member of staff. Your discussions will of course be confidential.

TAPs

(Thomas's Academy Parents)

Early Years held their event on 31st October: A Spooky Party. The children had lots of fun. A big thanks to the parents who helped organise this.



KS2 parents are due to meet on 3rd November. KS1 parents have a meeting on 4th November. These meetings will be at 9am to discuss fundraising.

Parent Gym

There are a few spaces available for this. It is a chance for parents to talk about different aspects of bringing up children.

The programme starts on 1st November and will continue each Tuesday for 6 weeks. For more



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information, please speak to Mrs James or the school office.

School Stomp

Thomas's Academy will be holding a School Stomp on Friday 4th November to raise money and awareness for child poverty all around the world. We have introduced the initiative to pupils in years 1 - 6 and will be making signs and learning about the struggles some children have to overcome. We ask that pupils bring at least £1.00 on Friday to donate to Health Poverty Action.

Flu Immunisation

This is being offered to pupils in years 1-3 on 8th November. The vaccine is not an injection, it is given as a spray into each nostril. The vaccine contains gelatine as one of its additives.

If any parents have any queries or questions regarding the vaccine please contact Patricia Stephens, Immunisation Nurse Specialist on 020 3317 5076.

On the day, **only** the children with consent forms will receive the vaccination.

Parents Meetings Y1 – Y6

You will soon receive an invitation to meet their child's teacher. This is to provide you with an update on your child's progress and give you a chance to see some of the fantastic work that has been done already this term.

Early years meetings occur at different times. Notification of dates will be provided if you have not already received one.

Home Learning Club

This club takes place on Mondays in the library for children to complete their homework. No

need to sign up just turn up with the homework. Pupils must be accompanied by an adult.

Children in Need

We love a dress up day at Thomas's Academy. On 18th November, **ALL** pupils (and staff) can dress up **spotty** and bring in a donation of at least £1.00 for this fantastic charity.

PE Kit

Please can you ensure that your child is wearing correct PE kit for lessons (years 1 – 6).

The correct kit is a house coloured top with the logo TA on and grey tracksuit bottoms also with TA on the leg, dark blue shorts are also acceptable.

Children are encouraged to wear sports trainers as these are more comfortable than plimsolls. Black school shoes are not appropriate for PE lessons.

Please do not encourage your child to wear their tights, they will be asked to remove them for hygiene reasons.

If your child does not own the correct PE kit please make arrangements to get it.

Uniform

Please be reminded that pupils are expected to dress in full school uniform at all times. This includes T shirts, jumpers and cardigans with the school logo plus school shoes. Trainers and boots are not part of the school uniform. On very wet/cold days, pupils can wear boots to school but then change into shoes once they arrive. In years 3 – 6, school bags are also part of the uniform

rather than children's own rucksacks.

E-Mail Addresses

We are increasingly sending communication to parents by e-mail. If you haven't already done so, please provide your email address to the school office.

Free School Meals

If you think you may be entitled to free school meals, even if you choose to eat a packed lunch or are already receiving a KS1 free meal, please speak to Anna and Yasmin in the office.

Parental Support

We really appreciate parental help in school and thanks to those who already come in on a regular basis. 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. In addition, if you have any availability, do let the office know as we will require help for trips.

November Dates

1st November: Parent Gym 9-11am

2nd November: Class photos

3rd November: KS2 TAPs meeting 9-10am

4th November: KS1 TAPs meeting 9-10am

5th November: School Stomp

8th November: Nasal Flu immunisation for years 1 – 3

15th November – Parents meetings (Y1 – 6)



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18th November: Children in
Need Day

30th November: Global Goals
Digital Celebration