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Welcome

Welcome to all the community. Pupils are settling well and already some great pieces of work have been created and celebrated. This newsletter contains information you will need about the coming year. Once the building works are complete (we are aiming for the end of this month), you will be invited to a 'Grand Opening' of Thomas's Academy.

Entrance System

The school has invested in new technology to register both pupils and adults in the school. Late children and visitors will be required to register themselves in on the screen in the office.

Parents Meeting

Parents are invited into their child's class on **Thursday 24th September at 2.45pm**. This is an opportunity to see the classroom and hear what lies ahead for your child. Individual parents meetings will be later in the term.

Parents Community

All parents and carers are part of the Parents Community. Last academic year, a team of parents helped raise lots of money for the school and finished the year with an amazing Summer Fair. The first meeting for our Parents Community is Friday 17th September at 9am in the lower hall. All parents and carers are encouraged to attend and get involved.

Lunches

Thank you for your patience whilst the gas supply to our kitchen was being repaired. We are pleased to say that hot school lunches are now available. Please be advised that children are only able to swap to and from packed lunches at the start of a term.

Water Bottles

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

Y5 Cake Sale

At Thomas's Academy, each class has a turn at hosting a monthly cake sale. These have been extremely successful. Classes get to spend the money they raise on something to benefit the class. This Friday, Y5 will be hosting the first cake sale of the academic year.

In the Line at Ten to Nine

You are reminded that the bell for the start of school is 8.50am in order that children are ready to learn by 9am. Repeated lateness causes disruption to your child and the rest of the class. Please ensure every effort is made to arrive at school before the 8.50am bell. If your child is absent, please give the office a call by 9am.

Phonics/Reading Session for Parents

On Wednesday 23rd September at 9am, Miss Williamson and Miss Kelly will be informing parents about the school's new phonics system. It is mainly taught to children from Reception to Year 2. Please come along to find out more.

After School Clubs

You will soon receive a letter listing the available clubs for this term.

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.

Secondary Transfer

The online site is now open for parents of Year 6 pupils to apply for secondary school. You are encouraged to attend a meeting about the process at The Lyric Theatre on 6th October at 6.30pm. In addition, our ICT suite will be open on Mondays after school in October for parents to complete their application and get support from the school.

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.

Tour of Britain 2015

Congratulations to Ariele, Aya and Samuel for being awarded 'runners up' in the 'Tour of Britain 2015 – Design a Flag Competition' they entered last year.

Website

Our new website address is www.academy.thomas-s.co.uk
Please check for further information about our school.