

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

Newsletter September 2019

Thomas's Academy

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Upcoming Events

September 2019

13th: Y1 – Y6 Welcome Sessions

19th: Secondary Transfer Meeting for Y5/6

20th: Mayor's Cup

October 2019

4th: Mayor's Cup

9th: Y4/5 to Primary Proms

11th: Own clothes day – Harvest Collection

21st: Half-Term Break

28th: INSET Day

29th: Pupils return to school

Welcome

Welcome back to a new academic year and a very warm welcome to new families and staff. We begin the year by focussing on the attitude of positivity, which includes having a growth mind set and being resilient: transferable skills children will find invaluable throughout their learning & their lives.

To support a positive attitude, our newly appointed House Captains will be leading weekly mindfulness assemblies in classes.



Kidzania for Best Attenders

On 22nd July, as we have done for the last two years, we took children with the **best attendance and punctuality** to Kidzania. We intend to do the same this year. The criteria to be chosen includes that a child has no unauthorized absences and that their attendance is at least 97%. This is open to all children from reception to year 6.

Hurlingham Club



We are pleased to announce a new working relationship with the Hurlingham Club. The first class to benefit are Year 4 who are doing one of their P.E. sessions there each week. The Club have given us access to many of their facilities and we hope that, over time, we can build on this and allow more pupils to use the site.

Class Charities

This month, each class will choose a charity that is close to the children's hearts. The class will then run fundraising activities, social enterprise projects for their name charity throughout the year. In the next newsletter, we'll let you know what the classes have decided!

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 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.

Thomas's Academy places the safeguarding of children's welfare as our very highest priority. If you have any concerns about a child's safety or welfare, inside or outside school, please contact one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads or call us on the number above.

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Switch On Kindness' Competition

All of the children from Y1- Y6 are invited to write poem about 'Being Kind'. Being Kind is one of our values focuses this half term, but overall, is our main school rule! We would like each child to include in their poem how showing kindness towards not only their classmates, but towards their community, city and the planet is an important factor in becoming a well-rounded citizen in the 21st Century. The winner of the Poetry Competition, will be asked to switch on the Parsons Green Christmas Lights at 6pm on Thursday 28th November 2019 and read out their winning poem! This will be a huge honour, so good luck and get writing. Entries must be in, no later than 28th October 2019.

Aktiva Camps After-School and Holiday Care

If you would like after-school care, please contact Aktiva. The staff from Aktiva collect pupils directly from their classrooms at the end of the day, they then have a range of activities to choose from as well as an evening snack before they are collected. Further information can be found on the Aktiva website: www.aktivacamps.com



Breakfast Club

For £3 a day, pupils from Nursery to Y6 may attend breakfast club from 8am. It is run by staff at Thomas's

Academy.

Please sign up at the office if you'd like your child to come along.

School Crossing Patrol

After literally years of us asking, the council have advertised for the paid position of 'school crossing patrol' at the junction of Munster Road and New King's Road. This is an opportunity to help pupils at our school to safely cross this road. The position is for 10 hours per week. If you would like to apply for this post, please do so online at:



<http://ats-lbhjobs.jobsgopublic.com/vacancies/view/81847>

Alternatively, please see Miss Kelly who can help with the application process. The post is open to members of the public also so please ask others you know.

Playground

We are working towards improving our playgrounds with lots of money raised for improvements already. In the meantime, please could we all make an effort to look after the plants that our site manager Mr Ingram has planted. Please also note that it is not safe to scoot and cycle in the playground before and after school as these are busy times and toddlers are sometimes enjoying the space also.

Harvest Collection

Each year we ask our school community to donate food and toiletries for our local Foodbank. This year, we will be having a Mufti Day on 11th October 2019, where we ask that in exchange for wearing their own clothes, children bring in **two** items for the Harvest Collection. Thanks in advance.

Uniform

Please ensure that pupils are wearing **full school uniform**. Please be reminded that school shoes should be black and that **trainers or boots are not permitted**. School coats, **including the light-weight red one**, are available at Sogan's. Please label all items so they can be returned to their owner if lost. We also advise **adding a unique key ring to the zip of coats** so that children can identify their coat quickly. REMINDER: Rec-Y2 Book Bag (House Colours), Y3-6 Thomas's Academy Backpack.

Birthdays

We will always celebrate a child's birthday if they wish us to however, please be reminded to not send in cakes on these occasions. If you wish to bring in something to be shared, please choose a healthy option such as fruit.



Change in personal details

Please remember to let the office know if you change any details such as your address or 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 make sure that you let your child's teacher know if somebody different will be collecting your child.

...and finally

Please watch out for a text message prompting you to write a Google review for the Academy – thanks!

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