

This week

- Thu 2 Oct: Ashlyns' Open Evening, 6.30pm-9.00pm
- Thu 2 Oct: National Poetry Day
- Fri 3 Oct: Harvest Worship
- Fri 3 Oct: Van Cols photograph orders to be returned to school

Dates further ahead

- Tue 7 Oct: RE Day; Hinduism
- Fri 17 Oct: Thomas Coram's Royal Charter Day service, St Peters, 2pm – ALL WELCOME
- Sun 2 Nov: Friends of Thomas Coram, Photography by Carrie

Notices and reminders

Our school council has chosen to support DENS (Dacorum Emergency Night Shelter) with our [Harvest collection](#) this year. Possible gifts can be found on the attached list from DENS and may be brought in on Friday 3 October; however, DENS have since requested **NO soup or baked beans**. Any other items are much appreciated and are used to help those in need at this time throughout the Borough of Dacorum.

Thank you to all those parents who attended the [new Primary National Curriculum session](#) last week; there was a superb number of people and we received some really positive feedback: thank you. All the materials will be available to download from our website shortly
<http://www.thomascoram.herts.sch.uk/our-curriculum/>.

We require a [midday supervisor](#) Monday to Friday, 11.50am to 1.30pm, to set up, assist pupils and clear away in the dining room. Details are on <http://www.teachinherts.com/Recruitment/vacancy/vacancydetails.aspx?VacancyId=42707> or via our website <http://www.thomascoram.herts.sch.uk/vacancies/>.

This week is our second Big Write. [Look out for your Talk Homework](#), which will also be available to download from the school website.

Buying [supermarket vouchers through school](#) can make such a difference to us – at no cost to you! Just four parents ordered vouchers in September: thank you to them. Please talk to a member of staff or the office if you want to know more about how it works.

Recent letters

Last week we sent out these letters which are also available on our website:

- Game On Mini Olympics Club

This week's attachments

Today we're attaching:

- DENS Harvest List
- Supermarket Vouchers – October
- Letter to Prospective Parents/Carers from Ashlyns School
- Photography by Carrie

For the 5th year in succession, The Friends of Thomas Coram are delighted to offer you the opportunity to have a [portrait photo session](#) with photographer, Carrie Beddall, at school on Sunday 2nd November. Contact Clare on 07870 323157 or email threeballboys@hotmail.co.uk to book a time and for more information.



DENS Harvest Shopping List 2014

Food:

Rice
Vegetables (tinned)
Hot meat (tinned)
Cold meat (tinned)
Tuna (tinned)
Fruit (tinned)
Rice pudding (tinned)
Sugar (500g or 1kg)
Coffee
Teabags
Puddings (tinned)
Instant Mash
Cereal bars
Chocolate
Biscuits
Milk (long life)
Fruit juice (1L long life)
Spreads (not jams)
Squash
Custard
Breakfast cereals
Soup (tinned)
Tomatoes (tinned)
Cooking sauces (pasta & curry)

For use within DENS services:

Strong black bags
Washing powder
Dishwasher tablets
Toilet cleaner
Antibacterial cleaning spray
Furniture polish
Air freshener
Floor cleaner
J cloths
Washing up liquid
Antibacterial liquid soap
Bathroom cleaner
Window cleaner spray
Toilet rolls
Shower gel
Kitchen roll
Tin foil & Cling film
Rinse Aid
Dishwasher salt
Deodorants (men & women)
Sanitary items
Socks & underwear (men & women)

Please note that all products must have a best before date of 2015 onwards.

All of these items will be used to help those in need across DENS services, supporting the Night Shelter, Day Centre and Foodbank. **Thank you for your support!**
For donations/deliveries: The Hub, Paradise, Hemel Hempstead HP2 4TF
Weekdays 10am-12pm T: 01442 250969 E: office@dacorumfoodbank.org.uk
www.DENS.org.uk Charity No: 1097185



Supermarket Vouchers Orders – October

Orders to be returned no later than Monday 6 October

Thank you to all who purchased vouchers for September. The amount raised was just £60.70. We had just 4 parents and 6 staff ordering vouchers; with a few more orders we could increase the amount raised. We hope that now everyone has settled into the school routine we will get more orders for October. Please, please keep ordering. It really is a worthwhile scheme to participate in as it is at no extra cost to you, but so very rewarding for the school.

With **Christmas** just around the corner presents and groceries will need to be purchased, so why not buy vouchers through the school at no extra cost to you. Don't forget to order any vouchers you may need for gifts: instead of wine, chocolates or socks, a voucher would be a change for your employees, colleagues or friends.

WisePay Payments – you can pay for your vouchers, using your debit/credit card, through WisePay, Donations Manager (please follow the WisePay link via our school website. WisePay payments will be charged to your account on the day you process your transaction. You will still need to send in the completed form below to advise which vouchers you will require. Should you have any problems using Wise Pay please contact the school office. Cheques are still very much welcome, if that suits you. These will be banked on or after 23 October.

Voucher collection date is Thursday 23 October.

REMEMBER, you have to purchase food/clothes so why not help your school at the same time?!!

Please indicate the number of vouchers you wish to order for **October**
To be returned to school by Monday 6 October.



	Tesco (Gift Card)	Sainsbury	Waitrose
£10	£	£	£
£20	£	£	N/A
£25	N/A	N/A	£
£50	£	N/A	N/A
Total	£	£	£

Cheques should be made payable to **The Thomas Coram CE School**

- * I will personally collect the vouchers/I authorise my son/daughter to collect the vouchers

Please delete as applicable

Signed.....Parent/Carer

Child's Name.....Class.....

ASHLYNS SCHOOL



September 2014

Dear Parent/Carers,

OPEN EVENING FOR PARENTS OF PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS (currently in Years 5 & 6)

On behalf of the Governing Body and the staff of Ashlyns School, I would like to extend an invitation to our **Open Evening for Parents of Prospective Students on Thursday 2nd October between 6.30pm and 9.00pm.**

This occasion has been specifically organised for you and your children to gain an insight into Ashlyns School and to ask any questions you may have. There will be refreshments available throughout the evening.

Ashlyns is a comprehensive school and as such we remain committed to our policy of accepting children of all academic abilities. There is no form of selection whatsoever.

The Headteacher's address will take place in the Chapel and is scheduled for the following times – **7.15pm, and 8.00pm.** You are welcome to attend any session, although we must stress that once the address has started there will be no access to the Chapel until it has finished. Both sessions will be ticketed and these can be collected from the Dining Hall upon arrival.

There will be student guides available who will be delighted to show you around the school and answer any questions you may have. There will also be the opportunity to visit departments throughout the school and see displays of work from all year groups following KS3, GCSE, GCE 'A' level and Vocational courses. As you tour the school, you will also see some of the recent improvements to our buildings. Students will be involved in classroom and sporting activities to give you an idea of the variety of extensive learning opportunities available to young people at Ashlyns School.

In the week after Open Evening, there will be an opportunity for parents of students in Years 5 & 6, to have a guided tour during the school day. The Open Mornings are on Monday 6th October, Tuesday 7th October and Thursday 9th October from 9.45am to 10.45am and the Open Afternoon is on Wednesday 8th October from 2.00pm to 3.00pm. Please call the school office on 01442 863605 to book a place on the morning or afternoon tours.

We look forward to seeing you on **Thursday 2nd October.** This evening is always a busy event and we would, therefore, be grateful if visitors could car-share or walk if possible. If you are coming by car, please follow the one-way system to the rear of the school where there is car parking on the playgrounds.

If, after your visit, there are any questions you have about the transfer process in general or specific queries regarding Ashlyns please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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Photography by Carrie

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Thomas Coram Sunday 2nd November

Prices start from £15



Enjoy the opportunity of having your family photographed
in the comfort of the school



Please contact Clare on 07870 323157 or threeballboys@hotmail.co.uk
a £5 sitting fee is paid to the school to make a booking

