

This week

- Wed 26 Nov: Open Morning for prospective parents, 9-10.30am
- Wed 26 Nov: Consultation evening
- Thu 27 Nov: Non-uniform in return for Christmas Fair tombola
- Fri 28 Nov: Occasional day (school closed)
- Sat 29 Nov: Friends of Thomas Coram Christmas Fair, 11am-2pm

Dates further ahead

- Mon 1 Dec: Open Morning for prospective parents, 9-10.30am

Notices and reminders



On Thursday 27 November pupils will be able to attend in **non-uniform in return for a donation of a bottle for the tombola stall at our Christmas Fair**. Please remember that we are a nut free school when donating items.

The Friends are working very hard to raise funds for our school through our first ever **Christmas Fair**. Please see the attached news for more details. There will be a stall selling second hand books and parents and children are asked to **bring any unwanted books** into school this week.



You will receive an **appointment time for the Consultation Evening** via your child's Contact Book by Monday 24 November.

Thank you to all children and parents for their contribution to **BBC Children in Need**. The total collected by the school was an amazing £427.61.

We warmly invite **all prospective parents/carers to our open mornings** on Wednesday 26 November and Monday 1 December. There will be a presentation by the Headteacher at 9.00am, followed by a tour to see our school in action, accompanied by pupil guides.

Our **Christmas Lunch** will be on Thursday 18 December. Please see the attached letter for details and payment.

This week is our fifth **Big Write**. Look out for you Talk Homework, which will also be available to download from the school website.

Recent letters

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

- Measuring Height and Weight of Year 6 children – Year 6 only

This week's attachments

Today we're attaching:

- Thomas Coram Christmas Fair News
- Christmas Lunch letter
- Supermarket Vouchers – December
- Frogmore Paper Mill Christmas Fair



The Friends of Thomas Coram School,
Swing Gate Lane,
Berkhamsted,
Hertfordshire
HP4 2RP

Christmas Fayre News

29th November, 11am - 2pm

- Choir:** Please can members of the school Christmas choir meet Caroline Moss at 11.30 in the gym on the day of the fayre
- Silent Auction:** Just to remind you that the Christmas Silent Auction is now open so please email your bids for a chance to win some amazing prizes. There are over 70 fabulous prizes and there really is something for everyone from restaurants, fitness and days out to beauty, cleaning, gifts and vouchers. You can win some wonderful prizes at a much lower cost than on the High Street and every penny raised will go directly to the school. Please bid! Please see the attached Silent Auction brochure for details of all the prizes as well as how to submit your bid.
- Present Room:** Please tell your children that there will be a Present Wrapping Room where they can select presents to buy and wrap (with an adult on hand to help). These gifts would be perfect to give to mum, dad, grandparents and other relatives for Christmas.
- Help:** If you can spare an hour to help at the Fayre we would really appreciate your assistance – nothing too arduous - we need people to help with running stalls and clearing up at the end of our event. Mail richard@richardroscoe.co.uk if you can help.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Fayre,

Richard Roscoe

Chair, Friends of Thomas Coram



Christmas Silent Auction



Inside are over 70 amazing prizes that you could win. Please bid and support our school to raise extra funds for our children's education.

How to enter the Silent Auction

There are over 70 amazing prizes (worth approx. £3000) and there really is something for everyone from restaurants, fitness and days out to beauty, cleaning and gifts. You really don't need to go shopping this Christmas, just flick through this!

We are running a silent auction to decide the lucky person to receive each of the prizes. You have the opportunity to pick up some amazing presents at a lower cost than on the high street. Every single penny from the silent auction will go directly to our school to buy new equipment and books. Please support us, placing whatever bid you want as we really want to make sure every prize is won.

How do I bid for the prizes?

1. Please look through the brochure and identify the prizes you would like to bid for. If you have any questions or want more details/photo on any items, email Charlie Sadler on charliehsadler@gmail.com
2. Decide how much you are willing to pay for each item and send your bid to Justine Pedrick on justinepedrick@yahoo.co.uk
3. The silent auction will close at the end of our Christmas fair on 29 November after which, the winners will be announced and the prizes will be distributed – in plenty of time for you to receive them for Christmas.

A. MEALS & ENTERTAINING

Organisation	Donation	Value or estimate
1. Bills Restaurant	Voucher for £60 to spend on food and drink	£60
2. Brasserie Blanc	3 course meal for two people from the set menu plus glass of wine	£75
3. Ask	2 course meal for two people	£40
4. Kings Arms (KA2079)	Meal for two people Redeemable between Mon-Thurs	£60
5. Eastwood butchers	Voucher for fresh family sized pie, 6 sausages and 6 rashers bacon	£15
6. Cook	2 course meal for two including main dish, side dish and pudding	£25
7. Haresfoot brewery	Two gift packs of three beers	£18

B. ADULT LEISURE ACTIVITIES

Organisation	Donation	Value or estimate
8. Spreadex	£50 bet to place on any Premiership football game. For example, if you win at 10-1, you'd win £500 or at 1-1, you'd win £50. Fraid we can't guarantee that you'd win! Please note, the stake would not be returned on any winning bet.	£50
9. Spreadex	As above	£50
10. Fitness Society	Two 3 month memberships	£270
11. Partylite Candle Party	Free home candle party from www.lorrainearnott.partylite.co.uk	£30
12. Delta Force Paintballing	Free entry for up to 10 people (aged 10 years +) for a day of paintballing (approx 10am-4pm) at any of the UK sites including Hemel and Watford. Please note that paintballs are paid for separately.	£100
13. Delta Force Paintballing	As above	£100

c. FAMILY & CHILDREN ACTIVITIES

Organisation	Donation	Value or estimate
14. London Eye	1 family tickets (2 adults and 2 children)	£72
15. The Snow Centre	Voucher for £25	£25
16. Laser Quest	Voucher for £10	£10
17. Game On	1 day holiday school camp for 2 people	£32
18. Hannah Marie Dance	Half term session at dance school (Jan-Feb half-term aged 5-8 – Ballet, Modern or tap)	£40
19. Allstars Academy	Three roller skating lessons (from beginning of a term)	£36
20. Allstars Academy	Three adult street dancing, little thespians or drama	£24
21. PAWS	5 after school sessions (£14 each)	£70
22. Bekonscot model village	1 adult and 1 child ticket	£15
23. Roald Dahl Museum	Golden family ticket (2 adults and 3 children)	£21
24. XC Centre	1 Adult and 1 child 60 minute climbing session	£30
25. Sportspace	1 Family swim at Hemel or Berkhamsted sportscentre	£19
26. Hastoe Hill Stables	30 minute private horse riding lesson	£25
27. Kidszone	Entry for 3 children	£21
27b. Watford Palace Theatre	2 tickets for 1 adult and 1 child – <i>details to be confirmed</i>	
28. Gulliver's World	Two tickets for free entry on 18 th and 19 th April 2015	£32
29. Delta Force Paintballing	£100 voucher off the price of the paintball birthday package for 10 children (aged 8-10) which is £29.99 per child. The package comprises a day of paintballing 10am-4pm). The voucher covers entry, equipment at any of the UK sites including Hemel and Watford. Please contact us for more details.	£100

d. GIFTS & VOUCHERS

Organisation	Donation	Value or estimate
30. Michelle Duckett	1x hour photo session including one 10x8 print	£50
31. Shoot Me Studio	1 x photo session including one 10x8 print	£100
32. Twenty Two Events	1 hour consultation for a wedding or party event with Nicky Elliott	£75
33. Kelly Darrington	Bespoke clutch handbag by Kelly Darrington	£40
34. Mr and Mrs Allsop	1 x case of Plaza Centro Prosecco	£60
35. Clintons	Set of large, medium and small olive green candles in glass containers	£15
36. Jo Woodward	Christmas wreath from www.jo@columbiacreative.co.uk	£10
37. Berkhamsted Sports	Football	£17
38. JoJo Mama Bebe	Voucher for £30	£30
39. Tesco	Voucher for £20	£20
40. Colton shoes	Voucher for £10	£10
41. Berkhamsted Arts and Crafts	Voucher for £10	£10
42. Hamlins Toys	Voucher for £20	£20
43. Amelie	Voucher for £30	£30
44. Amelie	'Rise above' iPad cover case and a pair of Paul Smith socks.	
45. Amelie	Butterfly bracelet and "my lips love me" lip balm.	
46. Amulet Jewellery	Voucher for £15	£15
47. Rachel Bath	An ink sketch/caricature of a child.	£25

48. The Complete Outdoors	Regatta Great Outdoors (large) Ruck Sack	£40
49. William Young Tailors	Voucher for £50	£50

e. HEALTH & BEAUTY

Organisation	Donation	Value or estimate
50. Barber Shop group	Boy's hair wash and cut plus tube of gel	£20
51. Steve Lupton	Ladies cut and blow dry	£40
52. Kaz Pritchard	Six week weight programme www.pictureofhealthfinut.co.uk/bronzeplan	£90
53. Gorgeous Beauty	Anti-ageing skin programme (Travel bag with selection of decleor goodies including cleansing milk, serum, body milk, day cream)	£69
54. Gorgeous Beauty	Voucher for £35	£35
55. Ciente	Ladies cut and finish with Amy	£27
56. Scizzors	Gentleman's wash, cut and blow dry	£20

f. HOME & CAR

Organisation	Donation	Value or estimate
57. Berkhamsted carpet cleaning	2 Hours of professional carpet cleaning	£130-150
58. Carworks	Full service	£180
59. Valet King	Exterior car wash	£14
60. Bourne End MOT	MOT test for your car	£55

Organisation	Donation	Value or estimate
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61. Arrow Films	Complete Nordic Noir DVD Box sets of The Killing, Borgen, The Bridge 1&2, Wallander	£140
62. Arrow Films	The Bridge 1&2 DVD signed by stars Kim Bodnia and Sofia Helin	£40
63. WH Smiths	3 x 3 book box sets including Wilbur Smith, LJ Smith, PC Cast (3 from each author)	£45
64. WH Smiths	Box set of five books for women including novels by Lynda Page, Jo Cox and others	£15
65.. WH Smiths	1000 piece Jigsaw 'Blessings of Christmas' (we have two of this item)	£15
66. WH Smiths	Ten A5 hardback 'Monster High' notepads (we have 10 sets of this item)	£35
67. Waterstones	Books recommended for 9-12 years (The Wolf Princess, Cathryn Constable & Mountwood school for Ghosts, Toby Ibbotson)	£20
68.. Waterstones	Books recommended for teenagers (The Witch of Salt & Storm, Kendall Kulper & The Hit, Allen Zadoff)	£14

g. EXPERIENCES

69. Michaela Briggenshaw	30 minute piano lesson	£20
70. Caroline Moss	30 minute singing lesson	£20
71. Caroline Moss	20 minute flute lesson	£20
72. Caroline Fitzgerald	30 minute Singing lesson	£20
73. Contented cats	Two cat care days when you're away	£20
74. Dr Theresa Finn	Become a Doctor for an hour! Ideal for two siblings or friends.	Priceless!
75. School	Become Head of Thomas Coram for the morning!	Priceless!
76. School	Become An English Teacher for a morning and teach two of Mrs Cutler's lessons!	Priceless!
77. School	Become the school librarian for a couple of lunchtimes!	Priceless!

Please help raise money for Thomas Coram CE School by bidding for some of the amazing prizes on offer.

Thank you to all the organisations in this brochure who have generously provided prizes and vouchers.



21 November 2014

Christmas Lunch

Although Christmas is still a few weeks away, it is time for us to organise and finalise numbers for the school Christmas Lunch which will take place this year on **Thursday 18 December**. The meal will be a traditional Christmas Lunch with all the trimmings and ice cream for dessert. There will also be a seasonal vegetarian option available.

We hope all parents/carers will encourage their child/ren to join in with our festive lunch, which will **cost of £2.50**.

Payment for the Christmas Lunch by credit/debit card can be made on-line using WisePay. Please visit www.thomascoram.herts.sch.uk for the WisePay link.

Alternatively, please complete the attached slip and return with the exact money in a named envelope and handed into your child's class teacher by Monday 1 December (cheques should be made payable to The Thomas Coram CE School).

Tickets **must** be bought in advance (these will be distributed on the Christmas Lunch day) as the kitchen has to order and prepare the food. No cash is taken and no biometric or WisePay transactions take place on the day. If you do not want your child to take part in this festive occasion please supply a packed lunch.

Children entitled to a free school meal will automatically receive a Christmas Lunch ticket.



Christmas Lunch – Thursday 18 December

Please complete this reply slip and return in a named envelope with £2.50 and hand into your child's class teacher by Monday 1 December.

Vegetarian

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



Supermarket Vouchers Orders – December

Orders to be returned no later than Monday 1 December

Thank you to all who ordered vouchers for November. The amount raised was £139.35 a little more than October, so hopefully it's on the increase !!! Please, please try the scheme it really is a worthwhile scheme to participate in as it is at no extra cost to you, but so very rewarding for our school.

With **Christmas** just around the corner presents and groceries will need to be purchased, so why not buy vouchers through the school? Don't forget to order any vouchers you may need for gifts - maybe instead of wine, chocolates or socks! A voucher would be a change for your employees, colleagues or friends.

Please note: John Lewis vouchers can be redeemed on-line and the click and collect allows you to collect from the store (Waitrose), saving you delivery charge.

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 18 December.

Voucher collection date is Thursday 18 December.

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 **December**
To be returned to school by Monday 1 December.



	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.....

GET PREPARED FOR THE FESTIVE SEASON - VISIT THE 10TH ANNUAL

FROGMORE PAPER MILL CHRISTMAS FAIR

Sunday 30th November - 11am to 4pm

■ GREAT GIFTS & IDEAS

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■ BOAT TRIPS

■ CAFÉ & BBQ

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& 50p Children

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