

This week

- Mon 8 Jun: Body changes information evening for Year 6 parents/carers, 5.30pm
- Mon 8 Jun: Meeting for parents/carers, Year 6 residential visit, 6.30pm
- Thu 11 Jun: Friends of Thomas Coram Haresfoot Brewery tour
- Fri 12 Jun Parent/Carer information session 'Grammar for Writing,' 9.00am-10am
- Sat 13 Jun: Petertide Fair, St Peter's Church 10.30am-3.30pm

Dates further ahead

- Mon 23 to Fri 26 Jun: Year 6 residential visit to Devon
- Tue 23 Jun: Year 5 Visit to St Albans Abbey
- Sat 27 Jun: Friends of Thomas Coram Summer Fair

[A full calendar is available on our website](#)

Notices and reminders

It is important for children to be on time for school so that they do not miss the first part of the day. Children line up on the playground and come into the classroom at 8.55am. If children get to school late they miss out on what they are going to do and this not only makes for a bad start to their day but also causes disruption for the whole class. Poor attendance and punctuality affect a child's attainment and progress.

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

Don't forget to order your [supermarket vouchers for June](#). Orders should be received by Monday 8 June.

It is important that you keep a note of [how much money is on your child's school lunch account](#) (WisePay – My Wise Account), as we are unable to supply your child with a school meal without payment being available on their meal account. Please bear in mind that payment is not instant and can take a few days to reach the Thomas Coram account.

St Peter's church is holding its 34th annual [Petertide Fair on Saturday 13 June 10.30am-3pm](#) with plenty to entertain the whole family including music performances by Thomas Coram pupils. The Fair team is after donations especially toys, paperback books, unwanted gift sets, homeware and bric-a-brac so, if you are having a clear-out over half term, do drop off any items at the back of the church. Thank you for supporting our church and its chosen Petertide charity, The Swan Youth Centre, which supports many young people in Berkhamsted.

Recent letters

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

- Year 5 Science Topic

This week's attachments

Today we're attaching:

- Reply slip for 'Grammar for Writing' session
- Petertide Auction
- Beaver leaders needed!

Following Mrs Cutler's session on 'Big Writing,' she is running a follow-up session on grammar and punctuation as requested by parents. If you would like to attend [the parent/carers session on 'Grammar for Writing'](#) on Friday 12 June, please complete the attached reply slip.

If you have any [Sainsbury's Active Kid vouchers](#) at home would you please send them into school as we will be placing our order soon.



June 2015

Parent information session - 12 June 2015, 9-10am

I/We would like to attend the parent/carer information session on 'Grammar for Writing' on Friday 12 June, 9-10am.

Parent/carer name(s).....

Child's name..... Class.....

Signed.....

Date.....

Please return this form to your child's class teacher.



Silent Auction

We have exciting lots and money can't buy experiences in our Petertide Fair Silent Auction. Bid at the stall on Fair Day for the following experiences and the highest offer at 2:45pm will win! If you can't make the Fair, you can send an email bid up to midnight on Thursday June 11th. Email prunellamurray@btinternet.com with lot no, your max bid and contact details.

EXPERIENCES
<p>LOT 1: Centre court tickets to Wimbledon on Tuesday 30th June (Starting bid: £30) <i>Enjoy 2 x debenture tickets and get to enjoy this iconic British summer day out.</i></p>
<p>LOT 2: Trip in a Vintage Car (Starting bid: £10) <i>Travel in a Talbot 2 seater and dickie (seats 3 in total), perfect for special birthday treat or to transport to a prom or party. (Max trip of 10 mile radius from Berkhamsted).</i></p>
<p>LOT 3: Organ voluntary of your choice at end of 9:30am Sunday service (Starting bid: £5) <i>Celebrate an occasion or get Jon Lee to play your favourite piece as we leave church.</i></p>
<p>LOT 4: 30 Minute Flight in light aircraft over the local area (Starting bid: £40) <i>Take to the skies in a light aircraft with experienced ex-RAF pilot Tim Hennessey. Perfect for a birthday gift!</i></p>
<p>LOT 5: Bellringing Peal (Starting bid: £5) <i>The Bellringers will ring a quarter peal for you to celebrate a special occasion (subject to availability)</i></p>

LEARN A NEW SKILL
<p>LOT 6: Trip up St Peter's Tower (Starting bid: £5) <i>Take to the church tower for a bird's eye view of Berkhamsted and learn a little of the history of St Peter's as you ascend!</i></p>
<p>LOT 7: Painting lesson (Starting bid: £5) <i>Learn tips and painting techniques from experienced local artist, Penny Abbot.</i></p>
<p>LOT 8: Bread making lesson (Starting bid: £5) <i>Learn insider tips on making your own bread and enjoy the fruits of your labour afterwards!</i></p>

LOT 9: Career MOT (Starting bid: £5)

Thinking of a change in career or some advice on what to do next? A CV audit and discussion with an experienced professional is ideal if you're at a crossroads in your career.

LOT 10: Running course with Zoe Doyle (Starting bid: £5)

Join one of experienced local trailrunner Zoe's weekly classes x 6. A perfect way to be introduced to running and see some of the Berkhamsted countryside.

LOT 11: 1.5hr session on indoor tennis court (Starting bid: £5)

Book up a session now to emulate your Wimbledon heroes!

LOT 12: 40 minute singing lesson (Starting bid: £5)

Always wanted to sing? Sign up for a personal lesson with one of the Browns, Berkhamsted's local opera stars.

HELPFUL THINGS!

LOT 13: Bike service voucher, worth £39 (Starting bid: £5)

Get out in the Chiltern Hills this summer after treating your bike to a service by the local knowledgeable team at Lovelo bike shop.

LOT 14: 2hrs lawn mowing (you to supply mower!) (Starting bid: £5)

Watch Father Tim mowing your lawn whilst you sit back and enjoy a cup of tea!

LOT 15: Full car service voucher worth £180 (Starting bid: £5)

Treat your car to a full service from reliable local garage, The Car Works.

FOR PARENTS

Lot 16: 2hr Introduction to Hypnobirthing session (Starting bid: £5)

Perfect for parents-to-be interested in learning about this relaxing way to give birth with a knowledgeable practitioner.

Lot 17: Golden ticket to Roald Dahl Museum (Starting bid: £5)

Let your children learn all about Charlie, James and the Twits this summer at this popular museum in Great Missenden? Family ticket for 2 adults and 3 children.

Lot 18: Berkhamsted Base Camp 3 Day camp voucher (Starting bid: £5)

Add some variety to the summer holidays with a 3 day voucher to Berkhamsted Base camp (just behind the church!).

LOT 19: Gambado Play voucher (Starting bid: £5)

Treat the children to indoor play at the popular Gambado play centre in Watford.

LOT 20: Three hours babysitting (Starting bid: £5)

Need a night out? Reliable, friendly babysitter Laura will look after your children.

LOT 21: Kidzone voucher x 3 free entries (Starting bid: £5)

The perfect place for children to play and worth having up your sleeve to entertain them during the long summer holidays!

LOT 22: 1 x child's place on Performing Arts Club summer camp

Taking place at Victoria school Mon 27th – Thur 28th July – sing, dance, act, craft - For children aged 5-13 yrs inc) worth £114. (Starting bid: £10)

LOT 23: 1 x half term's worth of award-winning Dinky Dancers (Starting bid: £10)
Join the Ofsted praised Dinky Dancers music, dance and movement classes at a venue to suit, plus membership worth £50. For children rising 2-4s.

LITTLE LUXURIES

LOT 24: Delicious and Beautiful Celebration cake (Starting bid: £5)
Bid for this amazing cake today and it will last 2-3 weeks so perfect for a forthcoming celebration.

Lot 25: Round of Golf for Four (Starting bid: £5)
Treat you and your friends to a round of golf and play the lovely course at Berkhamsted Golf club.

LOT 26: Hanging Basket (Starting bid: £5)
Brighten up the outside of your house with a hanging basket from the fantastic local Sunnyside Rural Trust.

LOT 27: Red velvet cake (Starting bid: £5)
Never tried a red velvet cake? Now's your chance to try from an expert cake creator!

LOT 28: 12 Cheese Scones (Starting bid: £5)
Delicious scones for your picnic or just because ..



We want to give your child a place at Beavers – can you help?

Are you frustrated by the lack of spaces and long waiting lists for Beaver Scouts?

If you're looking to find a way for your son or daughter to join a Beaver Scout Colony (the first age group in Scouts, starting at 6 years old), we have a solution. 1st Berkhamsted run two successful Beaver colonies – on Monday and Thursday, term time, 5.30-6.30pm at their Hut on Chapel Street. Each colony contains 20-24 boys and girls, aged 6-8 years.

The Monday group is looking for 2-3 adult volunteers to take over running it.

This involves a commitment of 1.5-2hrs on Monday night itself, and a further 1-2 hours administration during the week. There are 3 evening committee meetings per term: one to plan the programme; one with the 1st Berkhamsted management and one with other Beaver leaders in the West Herts district. You will also occasionally attend Scouting events and training on a weekend day. You will be required to complete a CRB check, attend an Appointment interview and ultimately become a uniformed Scout Leader.

If you believe you can commit to this role, ideally for a minimum of 2 years, your child will be offered a place in the Beaver colony.

You'll not be on your own and you don't need previous experience in Scouting. An experienced Beaver scout leader will be with you for colony meetings for the first 6-12 months and you will be working with at least 2 other adult assistants every week. There are also 2 teenage helpers.

You will share resources and programme planning with the Thursday Beaver colony. Other volunteers manage new enquiries/the waiting list, finances and fundraising and costs associated with running the programme and your training are reimbursed. You will also be a member of the wider Scouting organisation - a significant resource for ideas, information and access to a free, CV-enhancing training programme.

We know childcare might be a problem, and we welcome younger children at the meetings. Previous leaders have successfully brought their younger children - there's always something to distract them!

We are as keen as you are to give your child the personal development, adventure and friendships associated with joining the Scouts. **If you help to make it happen, your children will have places in 1st Berkhamsted Beavers, Cubs, Scouts & beyond.**

There's more information about volunteering in Scouts at www.scouts.org.uk. If you'd like to discuss the role, or come and see one of our Beaver meetings in action, please contact 1st Berkhamsted Group Scout Leader, Geoff Halls on 01442 878176 or geoff.halls@yahoo.com