

This week

- Wed 30 Sep: Van Cols photograph orders to be returned to school
- Thu 1 Oct: Ashlyns' Open Evening for Years 5 & 6, 5.30pm-8.30pm
- Fri 2 Oct: Harvest Worship
- Fri 2 Oct: Friends of Thomas Coram cake and cookie stall, 3.25pm
- Fri 2 Oct: Friends of Thomas Coram Quiz Night

Dates further ahead

- Tue 6 Oct: RE Day; Hinduism
- Thu 8 Oct: Year 3 to Ashlyns (foundling topic)
- Thu 8 Oct: National Poetry Day

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

Notices and reminders

All pupils need jumpers (and coats) now the weather is becoming colder and more variable. For those pupils in summer uniform, we will shortly be going into full, winter uniform. A uniform makes us all look part of the same school family, so we encourage you to ensure your child isn't adding 'decorative' items such as large colourful headbands, hair braiding, or jewellery. We have a smart, and discrete, uniform and thank you for your support in aiming to keep it as such.

Completed [parent governor nomination forms](#) must be returned to the school office by Friday 2 October at 1.00pm.

The Friends of Thomas Coram would like to [thank 4BC for their cake contributions](#) which raised £105! On Friday 2 October it is the turn of 5VM.

A reminder to parents/carers that although staff are on the premises before and after school, there is [no formal supervision in the playground before 8.30am and after 3.35pm](#).

St Peter's church is [collecting instruments for the charity Musicians without Borders](#) as part of their response to the refugee crisis. This charity collects musical instruments for refugees in Calais and across Europe as well as setting up a Solidarity Musicians Network which will be a resource that newly arrived refugees can tap into to find support and get involved in creative projects and cultural exchange. If you would like to donate an instrument please leave it in the back of St Peter's church on one of the children's corner tables or bring it into school. The charity also has many other smaller projects in the pipeline and desperately needs more instruments to help it achieve its goals.

Recent letters

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

- Year 3 Data Check and Emergency Closure

This week's attachments

Today we're attaching:

- The Friends of Thomas Coram Quiz Night
- The First Dacorun DSPL Conference
- West Herts Teaching Schools Partnership – School Direct Event

The online application system has opened for parents and carers of children in Year 6 to apply for a [secondary school place for entry in September 2016](#). The closing date for applications is 31 October 2015. All the information you need is available at www.hertsdirect.org/admissions

[Van Cols photograph orders](#) must be returned to school by Wednesday 30 September.

We have had [a case of head lice in school](#). Please take time over the weekend to check your child's hair and treat if necessary. Thank you.



QUIZ NIGHT



Friday 2nd October

7.30pm for 8.00pm start

Venue: School Hall

Get along to the Friends of Thomas Coram Autumn Quiz Night to see who this year's top of the class are and if you can beat the staff team!

- **Cost: £10 per person including fish/chicken/spring roll & chip supper & a glass of Prosecco/bottle of beer on arrival**
- **Licensed Bar**
- **Cheques payable to: The Friends of Thomas Coram School**
- **Tables of 6-8 people so bring your friends!**
- **Deadline for entry – Monday September 29th. Please give entries to class teachers**
- **Please email Tom Brookes if you have questions – tbrookes@outlook.com**

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“What’s in it for me?”

How can DSPL support children and young people with SEND?

The First Dacorum DSPL Conference

Wednesday 21 October 2015

FREE for parents and carers of children and young people with SEND, and teaching professionals in Dacorum



Dean Beadle

Keynote speech by **Dean Beadle**, journalist, former editor of *Autism in Practice*, judge on the panel for the National Autistic Society (NAS) Professional Awards and Honorary President of Autism Puzzles.

Our first conference aims to show what Dacorum DSPL has achieved so far, and connect local providers with parents and carers of children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). We also need your views on what we should do next for our children and young people.

The programme includes inspiring speeches, workshops and other opportunities for you to have your say. There will also be information stands from local organisations and education providers such as Sunnyside Rural Trust, Thomas Coram and Maple Grove Specific Learning Difficulties Bases, Longdean Speech and Language Base, ADD-Vance, and School Family Services.

If you are the parent or carer of a child or young person living or attending school in Dacorum, please book your place by contacting Jan Nethercoat on:

Email: nethercoatj@kls.herts.sch.uk

Tel: 07525 917125 (Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays)

DSPL (Delivering Special Provision Locally) is an initiative funded by Hertfordshire County Council. Local schools and organisations work together to determine where there are gaps in provision for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

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Wednesday 21 October 2015

10.00 am until 2.30 pm

At

South Hill Centre,

Cemetery Hill,

Hemel Hempstead,

HP1 1JF

Lunch & Refreshments provided

Free crèche available from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm

Crèche places available for children over 12 weeks and under 5 years of age, for up to two children per adult attending the conference. To book a place, please tell us the name and age of each child.

Parking and Public transport

A limited number of disabled parking bays is available at the South Hill Centre.

The nearest public car park to the South Hill Centre is the Water Gardens which is a short walk down Cemetery Hill and across the Leighton Buzzard Road. Parking is £2.50 for up to four hours, or £3.50 for all day (park on the top floor).

Dacorum DSPL will refund the cost of a full day of parking for parents and carers who have booked in advance to attend the conference.

Please remember to bring change to pay for parking, and if your name is on the list at registration, you will be reimbursed.

We will also refund public transport costs, if you can present a valid ticket for your travel.



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IMPORTANT Information Event for Schools and Prospective Trainees

Two Sessions on Tuesday 13th October 2015

1.30- 3pm for Schools

4-5.30 for prospective Trainees

This year West Hertfordshire Teaching School Partnership are working with two providers and will be offering Salaried places through the University of Hertfordshire and Unsalariated School Direct Places with The Pilgrim Partnership – 30 places in total

- **Are you considering becoming a teacher but not sure how to go about it?**
- **Are you a Headteacher looking to support a Trainee through the School Direct Programme and want to know more?**

West Herts Teaching School Partnership is holding **two** information sessions on Tuesday the 13th October at *Bovingdon Primary Academy, High Street, Bovingdon,,HP3 0HL*

The **first session at 1.30pm** is designed for Headteachers and school leaders who are considering hosting a trainee or have a member of staff who may be interested in training as a teacher.

The **second session at 4pm** is designed for prospective applicants interested in any of our primary teacher training courses, School Direct Salaried and Non-Salaried PGCE courses.

Information will be provided about all aspects of the Salaried and Unsalariated routes into teaching, qualifications needed, funding arrangements and school placements. Colleagues who have been through the programme will also be available to talk to.

These information sessions are **FREE**-

Please **book** to allow for arrangements for refreshments to be made by emailing admin@westhertsteachingschool.org.uk