

## This week

- Tue 1 Dec: 9–10.30am Open morning for prospective parents
- Fri 4 Dec: Non-uniform day in exchange for Christmas fair tombola
- Sat 5 Dec: Friends of Thomas Coram Christmas Fair

## Dates further ahead

- Tue 15 Dec: Year 3 Christmas Performance 2.00pm
- Wed 16 Dec: Year 3 Christmas Performance 6.30pm
- Thu 17 Dec: Christmas Jumper/Hat Day
- Thu 17 Dec: Christmas Lunch
- Fri 18 Dec: Christmas Service at St Peter's, 10.30am
- Fri 18 Dec: End of term, 1.00pm

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

## Notices and reminders

On Friday 4 December 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 any items.

We warmly invite [all prospective parents/carers to our open morning](#) on Tuesday 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 17 December. Please see the attached letter for details and payment. Christmas Lunch **must** be bought in advance as the kitchen has to order and prepare the food. No cash is taken and no biometric or Wisepay transactions take place on this day. If you do not want your child to take part in this festive occasion please supply a packed lunch.

We will once again have our [Christmas Post Box](#) in school. If pupils would like cards to their friends and staff delivered free, they should place them in the post box in the Dining Room. Please make sure the name and class to be delivered to is written on the envelope. A delivery will take place daily to each classroom until Tuesday 15 December.

Due to a number of problems that have arisen recently, [Match Attax and other trading cards are only allowed in school on Mondays](#) and to be used at a supervised club. Please could you encourage your child not to bring these cards into school at any other time, as they are proving to be distracting to learning and some have gone missing, causing a lot of distress. It would be appreciated if families could remember that no toys or games should be brought into school unless requested, and to support their children to leave items at home.

## Recent letters

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

- Year 3 Christmas Performance
- Christmas Lunch 2015
- Supermarket Vouchers – December 2015

## This week's attachments

Today we're attaching:

- Christmas Lunch 2015
- Supermarket Vouchers – December

During the autumn term each year, we invite parents and carers to give us [valuable feedback on their opinions of our school](#) to enable us to focus on improving our school. Your child has brought home a paper copy of the questionnaire which we would appreciate you completing and returning via their class teacher before the end of term.



23 November 2015

## Christmas Lunch

Although Christmas is still a few weeks away, it is time for us to organise and finalise numbers for our school Christmas Lunch which will take place this year on Thursday 17 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 £2.70**.

Payment for the Christmas Lunch by credit/debit card can be made on-line using WisePay. Please visit [www.thomascoram.herts.sch.uk](http://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 30 November (cheques should be made payable to The Thomas Coram CE School).

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Children entitled to a free school meal will automatically receive a Christmas Lunch ticket. Check your eligibility or apply for Free School Meals at [www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals](http://www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals).



## Christmas Lunch – Thursday 17 December

Please complete this reply slip and return in a named envelope with £2.70 and hand into your child's class teacher by Monday 30 November.

Vegetarian

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



**Supermarket Vouchers Orders – December**

**Orders to be returned no later than Monday 30 November**

Thank you to all who ordered vouchers for November. The amount raised was whopping £170.70 ordering more than £3000 worth of vouchers! 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.

**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 17 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 30 November.**



	Tesco (Gift Card)	Sainsbury	Waitrose (Gift Card)	
	£10 £	£10 £	£10 £	
	£20 £	£20 £	£25 £	
	N/A	N/A	£50 £	
	£50 £	N/A	£100 £	
<b>Total</b>	£	£	£	<b>Total £</b>

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.....