

This week

- Tue 13 Sep: Meet the Teacher evening, 7.00pm-8.00pm

Dates further ahead

- Mon 26 Sep: European Day of Languages

A full calendar will soon be available on our website

Notices and reminders

I hope that many of you will be able to attend our [Meet the Teacher evening on Tuesday 14 September at 7.00pm](#).

There is a [vacancy for a parent governor on our school's governing body](#). Governors will be at the Meet the Teacher evening on Tuesday 14 September and would be delighted to talk about their role to prospective candidates.

If [your child is having school meals](#), please make sure there is money on their WisePay account. Meals should be paid for in advance and you have the option to pay for the full term, half a term or a week in advance, whichever suits you. For new pupils, your user name and password was sent home with your child during the first week of term.

If you think your [child may be entitled to free school meals](#), apply online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals. Remember that all children use their finger at the canteen tills and nobody can tell who is in receipt of free school meals.

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 2017](#). All Year 6 pupils were given a paper copy of the 'Moving on 2017' booklet yesterday. The application deadline is 31 October 2016. All the information you need is available at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions.

We always strive to work with parents/carers to address [attendance and punctuality issues](#). However if a pupil has at least 15 sessions (ie 15 half days) unauthorised absence in a term (including unauthorised holidays), the Headteacher may ask the Local Authority to issue a penalty notice.

In addition to an email of this bulletin, all new pupils will receive a paper copy. In future most correspondence will be via email and we would therefore ask you to let us know [if you have not received an email](#). We can then update our database accordingly. Thank you.

St Peter's is holding its [annual Oktoberfest](#) 15-18 September. For more details, visit www.stpetersberkhamsted.org.uk/events/buxtehude

Recent letters

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

- Welcome letter from the Headteacher
- New School Year Letter from the Governors
- School Clubs Autumn Term 2016
- Election of a Parent Governor
- Year 3 Welcome Letter and Curriculum Summary
- Year 4 Welcome Letter and Curriculum Summary
- Year 5 Welcome Letter and Curriculum Summary
- Year 6 Welcome Letter and Curriculum Summary
- Year 3 Annual Flu Vaccination

This week's attachments

Today we're attaching:

- Safe Parking Letter from the School Councillors
- Supermarket Vouchers - September

In the interest of children's safety, parents are urged to take extreme [care when parking](#) near to the school. There is considerable congestion at the top of Swing Gate Lane. Be thoughtful and considerate to other drivers and pedestrians. On behalf of our pupil School Council, our Governors will be handing out copies of the letter attached to this bulletin. There are no facilities on the school premises for parents to park or drop children off: the car park is strictly for staff only.



Dear Mums, Dads, Grandparents, carers

It would be great you could all please park correctly and keep us safe.

You might not realise it, but you can't park in front of the school entrance by the gates. Unfortunately, there are often so many cars here now that we have to dodge between them and you can't always see us. Also the car fumes are very polluting, and the grass is all churned up and muddy.

So please remember, you are not allowed to park cars on the yellow zig-zag lines, the double yellow lines, on the pavements or on the grass verges, or in the staff car park beyond the main gates.

We would like to say a big thank you to all of you who do park further away. There are spaces alongside Velvet Lawn playing field, but it's even better when you park further down the road and walk up - and we also then get our monthly 'park and stride' badge.

Also please do not speed down Swing Gate Lane. One of us was nearly run over this term and it was very frightening.

**From the School Councillors - representing all pupils
at Thomas Coram**



Supermarket Vouchers Orders – September

Orders to be returned no later than Tuesday 13 September 2016

Many of our parents/carers are already familiar with ordering supermarket vouchers through Thomas Coram or their previous schools and we would like to encourage you to continue ordering through Thomas Coram. We have a number of parents/carers, who regularly order vouchers, for this we are very grateful. We would also like to encourage as many new parents/carers as possible to take part in this worthwhile scheme as the money raised through the voucher scheme will go towards the development of the school.

The Scheme is Very Simple!

We purchase gift vouchers/cards from the local supermarkets and the school earns a discount on the total value purchased. Therefore the more vouchers/cards we order the bigger the discount, (and the more money we raise for our school). You then pay for your goods and services using these vouchers/cards instead of cash or cheques.

If you are ordering for the first time or would like more information about taking part in the scheme, please either complete the form below and return it with your payment or contact the school office for details.

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 www.thomascoram.herts.sch.uk). 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 28 September 2016.

Voucher collection date is Wednesday 28 September

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 **September**
To be returned to school by **Tuesday 13 September 2016**.



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