

This week

- Fri 14 Oct: FOTC Cake & Cookie Stall, Year 5, 3.25pm

Dates further ahead

- Mon 17 Oct: Deadline for cancellation of music lessons
- Mon 17 Oct: Charter Day service at Ashlyns School Chapel, 2.00pm
- Thu 20 Oct: Year 3 flu immunisations
- Fri 21 Oct: School closes for half term break
- Mon 31 Oct: Application deadline for secondary school Sept 2017

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

Notices and reminders

In [our parent governor election](#) 254 votes were received, of which 11 were spoilt papers. Anna Coleridge received 134 votes and Laura Gosling received 109 votes. Anna Coleridge is therefore elected as a parent governor with effect from 6 October 2016. Thank you to both candidates for putting themselves forward.

[Upper Key Stage 2 are continuing to use the field at breaks](#) and lunchtimes in the next couple of weeks, regardless of mud. A spare pair of old, named trainers would be temporarily very useful for your son/daughter to have in school during this time. This is because our Upper Key Stage 2 playgrounds (tennis courts) and path are being resurfaced. This has been made possible through our parents/carers' support of Friends of Thomas Coram events and our supermarket voucher scheme.

Thomas Coram campaigned for 17 years for permission to establish the original Foundling Hospital in 1739. We always have a [service to celebrate Thomas Coram's achievement and legacy](#) – work that still continues today. It would be lovely to welcome all those that would like to join us in the chapel at Ashlyns School on Monday 17 October at 2.00pm.

[This week at St Peter's](#) – this Sunday at 9.30am we celebrate our Harvest festival. Donations of food will be taken to DENS (along with the collections you've made at school) and money will be given to the Bishop's Harvest Appeal, 'Life Giving Water' for WaterAid. Families are invited to present their food donations during the first hymn. After the collection of donations, Sunday Club will start in the Court House. There will be drinks in church after the service. At 6.00pm there's Choral Evensong, a quiet service with beautiful music. Everyone welcome!

Recent letters

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

- Supermarket Vouchers - October

This week's attachments

Today we're attaching:

- Supermarket Vouchers – October
- FOTC Update
- FOTC Autumn Quiz Night

[Congratulations to Lily E in Year 6](#) whose entry to the 'Ancient Adventures' writing competition has been selected as one of the 10 national winners, in addition to being the Hertfordshire regional winner.

Thank you for all your [Harvest donations](#) to support DENS this year.

The school is required to give our music peripatetic teachers notice of changes to their contracts and, therefore, parents are asked to give the school [written notice of cancellation of lessons for the spring term by Monday 17 October](#), or make a payment in lieu. A letter will be sent to confirm cancellations and only then are the lessons cancelled.



Supermarket Vouchers Orders – October

Orders to be returned no later than Friday 7 October

Thank you to all who purchased vouchers for September.

With **Christmas** just around the corner presents and groceries will need to be purchased, so why not buy vouchers through the school at no extra cost to you? Don't forget to order any vouchers you may need for gifts: instead of wine, chocolates or socks, a voucher would be a change for your employees, colleagues or friends.

Please, please keep ordering. 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.

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 21 October.

Voucher collection date is Friday 21 October.

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 **October**
To be returned to school by Friday 7 October.



	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.....



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Friends of Thomas Coram Update | w/c 3 October 2016

As the first term unfolds, the Friends of Thomas Coram welcomes every family, old and new and is delighted to confirm some key dates this term...

- 14 October Cookies & Cakes Sale - Year 5
- 11 November Quiz Night
- 10 December Christmas Fair (Look out for more details in next week's newsletter, newsletter but we're already on the hunt for the silent auction! If you have a skill that you could donate, an experience that you could offer, a lovely boss that would donate or know someone that might - please let us know by emailing ThomasCoramChristmasFayre@outlook.com)

Three co-chairs for 2016/17

At our AGM on 8 September, Rachel Birchenall agreed to help lead the committee as Rachael Everitt and Lee Payton were stepping down. We are pleased to announce that Rachel will now be a co-chair alongside Rachael Everitt who has now agreed to stay on and Ruth Peters-Train.

Help us to enrich the lives of our children

We raise funds to supply equipment and events which enrich the lives of all children at the school. In recent years, we have also funded the purchase and installation of the adventure playground area and the refurbishment of the inner courtyard for the children to enjoy work in and where interest groups and classes are held.

Funds are raised through events for children, including film nights and discos, as well as for the whole family (cookie & cake sales, quiz nights, Christmas and Summer fairs and summer camping) and other activities. As well as participation, we need volunteers... If you can spare some time to help with events on the day and even getting involved in organising them, we would like to hear from you. Look out for requests for volunteers before each event or get in touch with us by emailing fotcreplies@gmail.com.



QUIZ NIGHT



Friday 11th November
7.30pm for 8.00pm start
Venue: School Hall

Get along to the Friends of Thomas Coram Autumn Quiz Night to see who's top of the class and who can beat the staff!!

- Cost: £10 per person including fish/chicken/spring roll & chip supper
- Licensed Bar
- Cheques payable to: The Friends of Thomas Coram School
- Tables of 6-8 people so bring your friends!
- Deadline for entry: Monday 7 November 2016. Please hand entries to class teachers
- Please email Tom Brookes if you have questions – tbrookes@outlook.com

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