

This week

- Mon 31 Oct: Pupils return after half term break

Dates further ahead

- Mon 31 Oct: Year 6 Application deadline for secondary school 2017
- Mon 7 Nov: Christmas card designs to be returned to school

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

Notices and reminders

On Friday 14 October it was the [950th anniversary of the Battle of Hastings](#). To commemorate it, we learnt about how the battle changed the history of England. Dan Snow presented a live video recreating the Battle of Hastings; our school sent him some questions asking for some extra information on the Battle of Hastings. All of the school watched this live and we all enjoyed it - everyone learnt something new. Two of our questions were picked and read out on the live video. This was very exciting as so many schools had entered their questions and not many were read out. Each class did different activities to learn about the battle. In Year 6, one of our activities was to make our own battle plan. We had to draw what our ideal battle would look like and what would happen. We shared our ideas with the class and explained our tactics. By Betty and Ellen, 6TY

[Update from the Friends of Thomas Coram](#) - Christmas Fayre Brochure cover competition entries should be returned to school by Friday 4 November (it's a perfect half-term activity)... entry forms were sent home this week. What's more, advertising in this brochure is from just £25 - if you have local businesses you'd like to promote whilst supporting the school, contact us at thomascoramchristmasfayre@outlook.com. We're still looking for more silent auction prizes (lots of companies that supported us in the summer are saying no as the fair was only three months ago) so if you or anyone you know has a skill or experience they could offer, a gift voucher or a generous boss, please contact us now at the email above! Finally, remember to enter your team, small or large, into the Quiz Night on 11 November. It's a fun night to see how the combined knowledge of you, your family and friends stacks up against the staff... see the attached entry form.

[This week at St Peter's](#) – Sunday Club will be learning how to pray. On Monday we have an organ recital by a teenage organ scholar. It starts at 8pm and is free. Please come and listen, even for a short while. Next week on Sunday 30 we will be celebrating All Saints in the morning and All Souls in the evening. The 6.00pm All Souls service is a special service to remember loved ones who have died. If you'd like somebody's name to be read out, please contact the parish office churchoffice@greatberkhamsted.org.uk.

Recent letters

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

- Rotary Firework Display

This week's attachments

Today we're attaching:

- FOTC Quiz Night
- Half Term Activities at the Natural History Museum Tring

From Monday 31 October children may bring in a small donation for a [remembrance poppy](#). We have also been supplied with a selection of other gifts at a suggested donation of 50p-£1.00. All will be available in the dining room at lunch time.

Thank you to everybody who supported the recent Year 5 [FOTC Cookie & Cake Sale](#) which raised a fantastic £124.

A reminder that [school lunches cost £2.35 per day](#); please remember to top up your child's Wisepay (My Wise Account) over the half term break.

Tickets for the [Rotary Fireworks Display at Berkhamsted Cricket Club](#) on Saturday 5 November are currently on sale at school. We receive £1 for every ticket sold through us. Please see attached order form for further details.



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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October Half-term

Check website for times and more details nhm.ac.uk/tring/whats-on

Owl Pellet Dissection

Monday 24 October

45-minute dissection

Tickets £4, advance booking required

Apple Bird Feeders

Tuesday 25 and Thursday 27 October

30-minute workshops

Tickets £2

Apple Pressing and Juice Tasting

Tuesday 25 and Thursday 27 October

Drop-in demonstration

Free

The Big Draw:

Our Big Bird is Back!

Wednesday 26 October

Drop-in

Celebrate the return of our giant moa by helping to create a massive masterpiece.

Suitable for all ages

Free

Museum by Torchlight

Friday 28 October

Dress up and bring your torch for a spooky time in the galleries where you can add to your costume with ghostly animal face paint.

Suggested donation £2 per person

