

This week

- Tue 14 Mar & Thu 16 Mar: Consultation evenings, 4.00pm-7.30pm

Dates further ahead

- Fri 24 Mar: Red Nose Day
- Tue 28 Mar: Year 5 Production, afternoon performance
- Wed 29 Mar: Year 5 Production, 6.30pm
- Fri 31 Mar: End of term 1.00pm

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

Notices and reminders

[Second hand uniform](#) will be available to parents at our consultation evenings this week.

This week is assessment week and there will be [no talk homework](#) as children will be producing a piece of unaided writing.

A reminder that [school lunches cost £2.35 per day](#); please remember to keep your child's Wisepay (My Wise Account) topped up.

[Pupils and staff in Year 5 are currently working hard on their performance for the end of term.](#) Details of the performance and tickets will follow. There will be a performance in the afternoon of Tuesday 28 March and another on the evening of Wednesday 29 March. If you are able to make arrangements for your son/daughter in Year 5 to attend school on the evening of Wednesday 29 March, this would be greatly appreciated.

[We have received a message of thanks from the organiser of the Ukes for Unicef festival:](#) 'Many thanks to the children from your school who got our ukulele festival off to such a great start with their enjoyable and professional performance. They were extremely well behaved and were a credit to the school and their parents. I would also like to thank the staff and parents who gave up their time to support us and made such generous donations. We have currently made over £5000 which will be sent to unicef to help their work with children throughout the world.'

[The Hertfordshire Road Safety Partnership](#) has asked us to pass the following to all parents/carers - it is illegal to use a hand-held phone or similar device while driving, or riding a motorcycle - this is still the case when stopped at traffic lights or queuing in traffic. It is also illegal to use a hand-held mobile when supervising a learner driver or rider. New penalties now mean that motorists and motorcyclists caught using a phone while driving and riding will receive six penalty points on their licence and a £200 fine. This means that new drivers, within two years of passing their test, run the risk of losing their licence for a single offence. Keep safe – put your phone away in the glove compartment.

Recent letters

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

- [Spelling Programme Year 3](#)

This week's attachments

Today we're attaching:

- [Friends of Thomas Coram and Victoria School Association Fashion Show](#)
- [Presentation by the Royal Insititution at Ashlyns School](#)
- [Workshop for Parents – Talking Resilience and Motivation](#)

We are now collecting [Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers](#). If you have any, please send them into school with your child.

[This week at St Peter's](#) – on Saturday 11 March at 7.30pm, there is a concert by Bridgewater Sinfonia, featuring international pianist Diara Klinton. Families are welcome to pop in (and out) during the afternoon to listen for a few minutes to the rehearsal which starts at 2.30pm. On Monday, Christian Aid will be serving 'Lent lunches' in the Court House from 12.30pm. This is a simple lunch of soup and crumble in return for a small donation. In the evening there is a free talk in the Court House 'Getting a Handle on Handel' by the director of music, Adrian Davis.

FASHION SHOW

Friday 21st April



Please note:

1. We can only reserve bookings once payment is received
2. All bookings must be made ahead of the Fashion Show as we will not be taking bookings and payment on the door
3. All monies raised from this event (tickets, bar & raffle) will be split equally between the Victoria School Association and Friends of Thomas Coram
4. Following the Fashion Show there will be a chance to try and buy clothes (that have been shown) at UP TO 75% OFF!!!
5. Sizes available from 6-20
6. High Street brands including: Next, Zara, H&M, Dorothy Perkins, Coast, Topshop, New Look, M&S, Wallis, Monsoon, Debenhams plus many more....

Fashion Show, Friday 21st April 2017

7.30pm for 8pm start.

Please return a completed booking form with full payment (cash or cheque) by Thursday 30th March. Cheques should be made payable to 'Victoria School Association'. Please write the name(s) of attendees on the back. The cost is £7.50 per adult (including a glass of prosecco & goodie bag on arrival). Please note that NO TICKETS WILL BE ISSUED. Names will be on the door and a register will be taken on the door at the event.

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Ladies Fashion Show - *Please include names of all attendees*

Names:

Email (of main contact):

Contact number (of main contact):

Payment enclosed:

Please return booking form with full payment by Thursday 30th March. Cheques should be made payable to the 'Victoria School Association'. Please write names of attendees on the back of the cheque. Any queries please email rachel.birchenall@gmail.com

**PRESENTATION BY THE ROYAL INSTITUTION
TUESDAY 14TH MARCH 2017 6.30pm**

We would like to warmly invite you to Ashlyns at 6.30pm on Tuesday 14TH March for a fascinating presentation about the food we eat by the Royal Institution. At Ashlyns, we are very keen to promote the STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) and always aim to inspire students and parents alike so this is a great opportunity for you to come up to school and listen to science at the cutting edge. Tickets for this will be available on a first come first served basis on the night as the event is open to all and we ask for a voluntary contribution at the door.

Looking forward to seeing you.

Yours sincerely

James Clark
2nd in Maths Faculty



Talking Resilience & Motivation



Do you have a daily struggle about homework?
Do you worry that your child lacks motivation and drive?

Do you wonder how to support your child at times of pressure?

Would you like to find out more about why children display difficult behaviour at times of stress and anxiety and what you can do to stop arguments getting out of control?

Come along to a **two session workshop** run by **Supporting Links** for parents and carers of all children at Longdean School

Looking at:

- Why homework and revision can often be a battleground for parents and children.
- How motivating children effectively can reduce conflict.
- Why nagging to revise or do homework rarely works and causes stress.
- Why parents see how important homework and revision are and children sometimes don't!
- The link between behaviour and communicating difficult feelings.
- Why arguments escalate and how to stop this happening at stressful times such as exam time
- Strategies for parents to support and encourage children.
- How to work towards a solution when overwhelmed.

**Thursdays 23rd and 30th March 7pm to 9pm
at Longdean School**

**THIS WORKSHOP IS FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN OF ALL
AGES**

"The workshop really made me think about what I can do to help my daughter cope with her daily stress"

"I can already see how I can use strategies to stop situations escalating and show better modelling behaviour"

"I didn't know how to help my son when I could see he was struggling with all that he needed to do in the run up to his GCSE's. After the workshop I have taken time to talk with him about what he needs and things have become easier at home"

Booking is essential Cost £10

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