

This week

- Tue 25 Apr: Visit by the Night Owls
- Fri 28 Apr: Friends of Thomas Coram Cake & Cookie Sale, 4FB

Dates further ahead

- Mon 1 May: May bank holiday: school closed
- w/b Mon 8 May: Year 6 Key Stage 2 National Tests

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

Notices and reminders

On Tuesday 25 April [the Night Owls team will be visiting our school](#) and holding a talk and flying display session. Children will also be given the opportunity to have their photograph taken with a barn owl. Please see full details on the attached letter.

The Friends of Thomas Coram will once again be having a [Cake and Cookie stall](#) every second Friday at pickup time, starting on Friday 28 April. Each week will be led by a different class starting with 4FB. Please remember to bring some change on the day to buy a cake!

This week is our [Big Write](#). Look out for your Talk homework which will be available to download from the school website.

[Applications for school clubs](#) are now closed. Unless you hear from us, your child will have a place on their chosen club(s).

[Pupils may now wear our optional summer uniform](#). You can find details of our uniform on our website at www.thomascoram.herts.sch.uk/uniform

Now our [school meal tills are up and running again](#), please ensure that there are sufficient funds on your child's Wisepay (My Wise Account). School lunches currently cost £2.35 per day, payable in advance.

Recent letters

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

- School lunches
- Supermarket vouchers - May

This week's attachments

Today we're attaching:

- Visit by the Night Owls
- Supermarket vouchers – May
- School Direct Teacher Training 2017-2018

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



April 2017

Dear parent/carer

Visit by the Night Owls team

On Tuesday 25 April the Night Owls team will be visiting our school. The Night Owls are a Bird of Prey demonstration team and will be holding a talk and flying display session.

The team make no charge for the visit to school; however, children will be given the opportunity to have their photograph taken holding their beautiful Barn Owl, Whisper. You will be given the chance to buy the photograph if you wish, at a cost of £8.00 for one 7x5 print with mount or £10.00 for two 7x5 prints with mount (enlargements are also available).

There is no obligation for you to purchase these photographs. Please do not send money in before the visit.

Money from photograph sales helps the Night Owls team to continue visiting schools and offering this wonderful, and sometimes once in a lifetime, opportunity to children.

Yours sincerely

Mr R Halls
Headteacher



Supermarket Vouchers Orders – May

I hope you all had a lovely Easter break.

Thank you to all who ordered vouchers for April. The amount raised was £149.45.

I'm sure you may think this is too early, but have you thought about saving for CHRISTMAS? If you purchase just £20 of supermarket vouchers of your choice per month from May this could mean that you have an amazing £160, towards your celebrations, for food and/or gifts, and at the same time you will be helping the school.

Please, please keep ordering. It really is a worthwhile scheme to participate in as it is at no extra cost to you. Amazingly all funds raised through the voucher scheme does not come out of the pockets of our parents but from the supermarkets!!

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. Cheques are still very much welcome, if that suits you. These will be banked on or after 25 May.

Voucher collection date is **Thursday 25 May**.

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 **May**
To be returned to school by Monday 2 May.



	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.....



Are you considering a career in teaching? Or are you a head teacher who would like to offer a colleague a salaried or unsalaried placement?

Join us at our information sessions – meet the team and find out more about the great opportunities available to you through School Direct teacher training with the West Hertfordshire Teaching Schools Partnership.



Tuesday 25th April 2017

4.00 – 5.30 – Prospective trainees

at Bovingdon Primary Academy, High Street, Bovingdon HP3 0HL

NB: Please note that all of our salaried places have been filled for 2017/18. But please come along and find about 2018/19.

Teaching Schools are identified as having a key role in ensuring trainee teachers see and learn from truly outstanding practice. The West Hertfordshire Teaching Schools Partnership is committed to training our next generation of outstanding teachers. Led by two outstanding academies in Hertfordshire, we are supported by an alliance of over 70 Primary and Secondary schools, many of which are Ofsted-rated good and outstanding.

School Direct is a fantastic opportunity for exceptional graduates who have a passion for teaching. Our programmes offer practical, 'hands on' training designed to nurture the talents of future generations of outstanding teachers. Training is structured on a blended learning model comprised of subject lectures, Masters Lectures and school placements (within our Alliance schools in Hertfordshire).

We can offer two routes into teaching. We work with the Pilgrim Partnership to offer School Direct unsalaried places leading to QTS and a PGCE. In addition we are working with the University of Hertfordshire to offer salaried places leading to QTS. Trainees will benefit from full access to the University library throughout both programmes.

The UCAS application portal opened on 18th October 2016 so [click here](#) to see how to apply. For more information please see our website: www.westhertsteachingschool.org.uk.

We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 25th April 2017! To book your place either [click here](#) or reply to this email.

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