



April 2017

Dear parent/carer

We hope you have had a restful and enjoyable Easter break.

The summer term for Year 6 is a busy one with National Curriculum tests (SATs), our residential trip, end of term production and secondary transfer. We will do our best as a team to ensure that all pupils feel prepared and relaxed for the busy weeks ahead.

As always, high standards are expected in all areas, as we continue to embrace and embed our school values of respect, responsibility and friendship. We want every child to develop and maintain high self-esteem. School uniform is an important aspect of gaining this sense of pride and we do ask parents to ensure that all pupils are correctly dressed and equipped for school.

National Curriculum tests (SATs)

The National Curriculum tests begin on Monday 8 May and continue throughout that week. It is extremely important that your child is **present** for the tests. Children will be tested in both English and Maths. For preparation lessons and examinations, it is vital that your child has the following equipment:

- **two HB pencils**
- **two black handwriting pens**
- **30cm ruler (with cm and mm)**
- **protractor**
- **eraser**
- **pencil sharpener**
- **clear pencil case/plastic wallet for storage of these**

Please check carefully with your child that they have all of these items. If you are available during the week beginning Monday 8 May to help administer the tests, please read the attached reply slip and return the slip to school as soon as possible. It is a busy time for the Year 6 team and any help is greatly appreciated.

National Curriculum tests timetable

Day	Test
Monday 8 May	English reading test
Tuesday 9 May	English grammar, punctuation and spelling test
Wednesday 10 May	Maths paper 1 arithmetic test and Maths paper 2 reasoning
Thursday 11 May	Maths paper 3 reasoning
Friday 12 May	No tests

Every morning during the National Curriculum tests week, there will be a free breakfast club from 8.30–8.55am. This is a fantastic way for your child to relax with friends before the tests. They can come along each morning for toast, fruit and juice. The breakfast club is held in the dining room and pupils must enter through the dining room doors.



Summer Term Topic

This term we will be moving on to a new topic, Early Islamic Civilisation.

We'll be finding out:

- about characteristics of past non-European societies
- how to understand historical concepts such as continuity and change
- about achievements of past societies which have influenced modern life.

Children will be reading, researching, writing, illustrating, working on their own and working in groups. We will be checking to see how well your child has learned through particular activities and asking children to explain their work, perhaps to you.

We already know the interest you take in your child's work. If you can, please discuss with your child the work they have done as the term progresses and let them teach you. If your child has some work to research, please help them, but without actually doing the work. If you have the chance to further their interest in the ideas of these themes, please take it.

We look forward to Sports Day on Thursday 15 June (Friday 16 June reserve day). Further details will follow.

You will receive your child's annual report in July and it will be followed by an opportunity to discuss the report with the class teacher.

At the end of the term, we will be celebrating your child's achievements during their time at Thomas Coram. There will be more information to follow in due course.

Should you have any concerns or wish to discuss any particular needs, please do not hesitate to contact us through the office or via your child's contact book.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Cutler, Mrs Winfrow, Mrs Forbes, Mrs Briscoe & Mrs Thomson



Offer of help to administer the National Curriculum tests (SATs)

The National Curriculum tests (SATs) are fast approaching for our Year 6 pupils and we are writing to ask for volunteers to help individual pupils with their tests during the week commencing Monday 8 May. As a volunteer, you will work alongside Mrs Cutler to ensure that children are prompted when they need it.

If you can offer assistance at any of the times listed, we would be most grateful. Please fill in the form below or reply by email to admin@thomascoram.herts.sch.uk

Thank you in advance for your help.

Name.....

Child's name..... Class.....

I can help with the Year 6 National Curriculum tests on the following days (please tick as applicable)

Monday 8 May	8.45am – 10.30am	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Tuesday 9 May	8.45am – 10.30am	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Wednesday 10 May	8.45am – 10.10am	<input type="checkbox"/>	10.30am – 11.40am <input type="checkbox"/>
Thursday 11 May	8.45am – 10.30am	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Please note that we endeavour to start the tests at 9.00am.

Signed.....