

This week

- w/b Mon 8 May: Year 6 Key Stage 2 National Tests
- Fri 12 May: Years 3, 4 & 5 Class Photographs
- Fri 12 May: Friends of Thomas Coram Cake & Cookie sale, 4KD

Dates further ahead

- Mon 15 May: Year 6 leavers' photographs
- Mon 15 May: 3HW and 3LW to Chiltern Open Air Museum
- Fri 19 May: 3RD and 3LC to Chiltern Open Air Museum
- Fri 19 May: Cake sale for Hospice of St Francis Biggest Loser
- Fri 26 May: School closes for half term break

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

Notices and reminders

We are hosting a [children's Book Fair from Travelling Books](#) in the library from 22 to 26 May. It will be open to pupils at lunch time and to parents, carers and pupils from 3.15pm to 4.00pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Once again, Travelling Books is offering three books for the price of two; the cheapest book being free. Our school receives commission on all books sold, which is spent on new books for our library. Payment for purchases can be by cash, cheque (payable to The Thomas Coram CE School), or by phone over Travelling Books' secure payment telephone line. Any cash should be in a named envelope and handed to your child's class teacher at morning registration for safe keeping.

Following our successful [visit by the Night Owls Team](#), photographs of the children were sent out on Wednesday 3 May. Money and/or returned photographs should be sent into school by Monday 15 May.

There is [no Big Write this week](#) as Key Stage 2 National Curriculum tests are taking place. The date of the next Big Write is Thursday 18 May.

There has been an increase in the number of [Fidget Spinners](#) being brought into school. Please can we ask that these are not brought into school. If your child's learning requires a fidget toy, this is provided by the school in line with your child's support plan.

Parents in Year 5 should be aware of their children's use of [WhatsApp outside of school](#). We've been alerted to a group who are sending huge amounts of text and video messages to each other. If you have any concern about your child's use of technology or the content of their messages (or their data use!), please discuss this with them and remove them from this online group.

We have some complimentary children's ticket for the [Herts County Show](#) to be held on Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 May. Please contact the office if you are interested in having one of these – first come, first served.

Recent letters

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

- Executive Headteacher announcement by the Chairs of Governors at Thomas Coram and Victoria
- Year 5 Ancient Greek Day
- Transition Feedback Year 3
- Measuring the Weight & Height of Children in Year 6
- Additional Game On Netball Club – Years 5 & 6

This week's attachments

Today we're attaching:

- School Family Worker at Ashlyns
- Evening for Parents/Carers of children with ASD in Years 4/5/6

We are collecting [Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers](#). If you have any, please send them into school as soon as possible. Thank you.

[Well done to 4FB](#) who raised £86.30 from their cake sale. The next cake sale is on Friday 12 May and is being hosted by 4KD.

[This week at St Peter's](#) - on 25 June there will be a Petertide Tea - tea and cake, tombola, games and a teddy zip wire from the top of the tower. Volunteers are needed to help out, so if you can spare some time that day, please contact churchoffice@greaterberkhamsted.org.uk

Are you a parent or carer who could use



about family life?



Why not book an appointment to
meet your

School Family Worker

Lisa MacGovern

on Wednesday

the 10th May at

Ashlyns School

If interested please contact

Lisa at 07780114079 to

book a time.

Evening for Parents/Carers of children with ASD in School Years 4/5/6

Thinking and planning for Transitions to Secondary School.

What to look for in a Secondary School?

How to support your child and the school to make the transition a success?

This Workshop will be run by Jo Whitlock and team members from the Autism and Communication Teaching advisory services

Tuesday 16th May 2017

7:00-9:00pm

Gade Community Room, Chaulden Junior School
School Row, Hemel Hempstead, HP1 2JU

To book, please call Ashley Fabray, DSPL8 Administrator
on 07525 917125 or email fabraya@kls.herts.sch.uk

**Places are limited – please book early to
avoid disappointment!**

**Please note that this course is only open to
Dacorum parents/carers.**