

## This week

- Thu 21 Sep: Deadline for parent governor nominations, 1.00pm
- Fri 22 Sep: Year 5 & 6 FOTC Cake & Cookie Sale

## Dates further ahead

- Mon 25 Sep: Flu vaccination forms to be returned (Years 3 & 4)
- Tue 26 Sep: Deadline for return of photograph orders
- Tue 26 Sep: European Day of Languages
- Tue 31 Oct: Application deadline for secondary school Sept 2018

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

## Notices and reminders

[Flu vaccination consent forms](#) for all Year 3 and Year 4 pupils (whether or not you wish your child to be immunised) should be returned to school by Monday 25 September.

There are still [places on the lacrosse after school club](#) on Thursdays. This is a fantastic, free club run by Miss Minter and is now open to all Year groups.

Are you a [parent or carer who could use advice, help, tips, support, assistance or guidance about family life](#)? Why not book an appointment to meet your School Family Worker, Lisa MacGovern on Tuesday 26 September at Ashlyns School? If interested please contact Lisa on 07780 114 079 to book a time.

Please note that for [drop off and collection](#), parents/carers should **only** access the school site from the side gate and **not** from the car park. At other times and to access other areas, parent/carers must use the front door and report to reception if they are on site.

If [your child is having school meals](#), please make sure there is money on their WisePay account. Meals should be paid for in advance and you have the option to pay for the full term, half a term or a week in advance, whichever suits you. For new pupils, your user name and password was sent home with your child during the first week of term.

If you think your [child may be entitled to free school meals](#), apply online at [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals). Remember that all children use their finger at the canteen tills and nobody can tell who is in receipt of free school meals.

## Recent letters

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

- Flu vaccination for Year 3 and Year 4
- Year 4 2018 Residential Visit to West Runton
- Year 5 Young Voices Concert at the O2
- New House Names Competition

## This week's attachments

Today we're attaching:

- Friends of Thomas Coram Update
- eSafety Information Session for Parents
- Helping Parents to Safeguard their Children
- Resilience Skills for Young People

[This week at St Peter's](#) - this Sunday sees the return at St Peter's of TSS at 4.00pm. This Sunday we're going to be thinking about angels. There'll be singing, praying, and even angel wing-making, all followed by tea with, of course, Angel Delight!



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# Friends of Thomas Coram Update

13 September 2017

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Once again The Friends of Thomas Coram will be running a whole range of events during this school year, working with the school team to provide additional resources and improve facilities through fund-raising, and enhance the social environment for our children.

## PLEASE SAVE THESE DATES

Having reviewed last's year's activities at the AGM this week, we'll be meeting again on 28 September to start the detailed planning for this year. However, we've already managed to lock in some key events so please save the following dates...



### Friday 22 September - Cookies & Cakes Sale

Hosted by the combined Years 5 and 6 who provide cakes for sale in the lower playground at the end of the school day with proceeds going to the annual Harvest collection.



### Friday 13 October - Quiz Night

For parents, staff, family and friends, it's a great way of getting to know one another. It's held in the evening at the school and includes a fish & chip supper and a cash bar.



### Saturday 2 December – Christmas Fair

This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year and there'll be lots of festive and fun things to do including class stalls, a silent auction and a raffle.



### Saturday 16 June - Summer Fair

Our other biggest fundraiser of the year. Just as much fun but it'll be much warmer.



### 6 July - Tri-school camping weekend

A weekend of camping and festival fun held at our school and involving Swing Gate and Victoria schools as well. If sleeping under canvas is not your thing, don't worry... we'll have day tickets too!

As mentioned above, these are just the dates we have in place. Look out for details about all our events, fundraising updates, ways you can help and more, via the weekly school newsletters. In the meantime, please join our Friends of Thomas Coram School Facebook group for updates as they happen (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/fotcs/>).

Thank you

The Friends of Thomas Coram Committee

# eSafety information session for parents



## Topics covered

**Cyber-bullying, social networking, online grooming, damaging postings, inappropriate websites, gaming, help and advice.**

- Are your children safe online?
- Should you leave them alone with access to the internet?
- What are your children doing online?
- Is there anything you need to do?

**Monday October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017 at 7pm**

The Thomas Coram Church of England School,

Swing Gate Lane, Berkhamsted, HP4 2RP.

Book your place direct with Thomas Coram on 01442 866757

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# Helping Parents to Safeguard their Children Saturday 14th October

Conference and workshops run by the  
Hertfordshire Safeguarding Children Board  
Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October 10:00am to 2:00pm  
The Oak Room, Hertfordshire Development Centre,  
Robertson House, Six Hills Way,  
Stevenage, SG1 2FQ.



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To book a place, please send an email to  
[HSCB.parents@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:HSCB.parents@hertfordshire.gov.uk)  
Or call the HSCB Business Unit on 01992 588757





## Parent's Information Evening

What is resilience? Why is it important?  
How can I help my child be more resilient?

In our daily lives we all face set-backs: our resilience is what allows us to learn from them, bounce forward and thrive.  
All parents want their children to be happy and able to cope with whatever life throws at them.  
But we all know it isn't that straightforward. We can't protect our children from the pressures and troubles of life but we may be able to help them cope with those pressures better, learn from setbacks and grab opportunities.

### **Come along and find out more:**

#### **What will the talk cover?**

- The key factors that impact our resilience.
- Some of the myths that parents and children may have about what it means to be resilient.
- The important role that parents play.
- Some practical ideas about what parents can do to develop resilience over time.

#### **By attending you will:**

- Learn about the key factors that increase resilience .
- Identify how they that can influence parenting.
- Think about your own resilience.
- Consider ideas on how to talk to your children about setbacks, so they....
  - are more resilient
  - increase their opportunities
  - see difficulty as a learning opportunity.

**Places are Limited- so book now!**

**Wednesday September 27<sup>th</sup> 7-9pm**

Bridgewater Primary School

Call 01442 871231 to reserve your place.