

This week

- Mon 2 Oct: eSafety Information Session for Parents, 7.00pm
- Thu 5 Oct: Street Food Festival menu in the dining room
- Fri 6 Oct: Harvest Worship

Dates further ahead

- Fri 13 Oct: FOTC Quiz Night
- Mon 16 Oct: Deadline for cancellation of spring term music lessons
- Wed 18 Oct: Charter Day Service
- Tue 31 Oct: Application deadline for secondary school Sept 2018

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

Notices and reminders

We have chosen to [support DENS with our Harvest collection this year](#). Possible gifts may be found on the attached list and may be brought into school on Friday 6 October, when 3HW will be leading our Harvest celebrations.

The Friends of Thomas Coram cake & cookie sale last week raised [£137.45 for the Bishop's Harvest Appeal](#). Thank you.

A competition is being held by Statoil in partnership with the Science Museum to [sketch an invention that will make the world a better place](#). The winner will have their idea designed and displayed in the Science Museum! Entry is easy. All children need to do to enter is complete a sketch and a 100 word summary of their idea. The ten best entries will then be invited to share their inventions with a star panel at a special, science-filled day at the Science Museum in London on Saturday 18 November 2017. The lucky winner will have their idea made into a model and put on display outside Wonderlab: The Statoil Gallery at the Science Museum. There are many other prizes for runners up, including 50 copies of the book 'This Book Thinks You're a Scientist'. Entry forms were given to children on 27 September and should be returned to Miss Wilson by Wednesday 4 October.

Our [preferred way of receiving any letters/forms/payments from you](#) is via your child to the class teacher at morning registration. Thank you for your help with this.

[In the interest of children's safety](#), parents are urged to take extreme care when parking near to the school. There is considerable congestion at the top of Swing Gate Lane and there are no facilities on the school premises for parents to park or drop their children off. **The car park is strictly for staff only**, although some parking is available in the Velvet Lawn car park. It is an offence to park on the yellow zig-zag lines. Please be thoughtful and considerate to others.

Recent letters

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

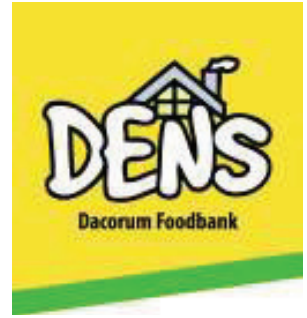
- Supermarket Vouchers - October

This week's attachments

Today we're attaching:

- DENS list for Harvest
- Supermarket Vouchers - October
- FOTC Quiz Night
- eSafety Newsletter for Parents

[This week at St Peter's](#) – tomorrow, Saturday 30 September at 7.30pm there is a Bridgewater Sinfonia concert. During the afternoon from 2pm, families are welcome to pop in to the church to listen to the orchestra rehearsing. It's a wonderful opportunity to see and hear our local symphony orchestra.



DENS Harvest Shopping List 2017

Food:

Rice
Vegetables (tinned)
Hot meat (tinned)
Cold meat (tinned)
Fruit (tinned)
Rice pudding (tinned)
Coffee
Hot Puddings (tinned)
Potatoes (tinned or instant mash)
Cereal bars
Chocolate
Biscuits
Milk (long life)
Fruit juice (1L long life)
Jam
Squash
Custard
Tomatoes (tinned)
Cooking sauces (pasta & curry)

For use within DENS services:

Strong black bags
Washing powder
Dishwasher tablets
Toilet cleaner
Antibacterial cleaning spray
Furniture polish
Air freshener
Floor cleaner
J cloths
Washing up liquid
Antibacterial liquid soap
Bathroom cleaner
Window cleaner spray
Toilet rolls
Shower gel
Kitchen roll
Tin foil & Cling film
Rinse Aid
Dishwasher salt
Deodorants (men & women)
Nappies (sizes 5-6)
Socks & underwear (men & women)

Please note that all products must have a best before date of 2018 onwards.

All of these items will be used to help those in need across DENS services, supporting The Elms, Day Centre and Foodbank. **Thank you for your support!**

For donations/deliveries: The Hub, Paradise, Hemel Hempstead HP2 4TF
Weekdays 10am-12pm T: 01442 250969 E: office@dacorumfoodbank.org.uk
www.DENS.org.uk Charity No: 1097185



Supermarket Vouchers Orders – October

Orders to be returned no later than Monday 2 October 2017

Many of our parents/carers are already familiar with ordering supermarket vouchers through Thomas Coram or their previous schools and we would like to encourage you to continue ordering through Thomas Coram. We have a number of parents/carers, who regularly order vouchers - for this we are very grateful. We would also like to encourage as many new parents/carers as possible to take part in this worthwhile scheme as the money raised through the voucher scheme will go towards the development of the school.

The Scheme is Very Simple!

We purchase gift vouchers/cards from the local supermarkets and the school earns a discount on the total value purchased. Therefore the more vouchers/cards we order the bigger the discount, (and the more money we raise for our school). You then pay for your goods and services using these vouchers/cards instead of cash or cheques.

If you are ordering for the first time or would like more information about taking part in the scheme, please either complete the form below and return it with your payment or contact the school office for details.

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 www.thomascoram.herts.sch.uk). 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. Should you have any problems using Wise Pay please contact the school office. Cheques are still very much welcome, if that suits you. These will be banked on or after 2 November 2017.

Voucher collection date is Thursday 2 November 2017.

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 **October**
To be returned to school by **Monday 2 October 2017**.



	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.....



QUIZ NIGHT



Friday 13th October
7.30pm for 8.00pm start
Venue: School Hall

Come along to the Friends of Thomas Coram Autumn Quiz Night to see who's top of the class and who can beat the staff!!

- Cost: £10 per person including fish/chicken/spring roll & chip supper
- Licensed Bar
- Cheques payable to: The Friends of Thomas Coram School
- Tables of 6-8 people so bring your friends!
- Deadline for entry: Monday 9 October 2017. Please hand entries to class teachers
- Please email Tom Brookes if you have questions – tbrookes@outlook.com

	Name	Fish	Tick if gluten free required	Chicken	Spring Roll
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					



Police raise child safety warning regarding the Snap Map feature within Snapchat

Police forces have raised child safety concerns about a new Snapchat feature, Snap Map, that reveals users' locations amid fears it could be used for grooming. The app allows you to see your friends' precise location on a map. The location isn't taken from the images you share but is regularly updated from your phone's location whenever the app is open. Snapchat promoted the update as a "new way to explore the world". Users can zoom in to see the exact location revealing the street friends are on and even houses where their friends are, unless they use the ghost mode which means they are the only person who can see their location on the map.



The National Crime Agency's Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) command has published guidance for parents who want to know more about Snapchat and Snap Map and urges them to talk to their children about being careful whilst socialising online. It advises parents to encourage their children not to share their location publicly and be aware of what they post and who they talk to on social media.

Visit: Think you know, parent and carers guide to Snapchat <http://bit.ly/eSafetySnapchat>

Talk with your child about:

- **the age restriction of 13+ on the Snap Map app**
- **setting the 'Ghost' mode to ensure their location is not visible to others**
- **the importance of only having friends on Snapchat that they know in the real world**

Roblox – keeping children safe whilst gaming



What is Roblox?

Childnet describes it as: “a gaming website where multiple players interact and play together in online games. The site has a collection of games aimed at 8-18 year olds; however, players of all ages can use the site and play games together. Roblox can currently be played on the PC, phone, tablet and Xbox One. There is a wide variety of games to choose from; from delivering pizzas, to roaming a kingdom as a medieval knight, to even starring in a fashion show, the variety of games is one of the reasons that Roblox is so popular with many young people.”

Childnet goes on to highlight the three key things for parents to be aware of:

- **the chat communication feature of the game**
- **the content of the game could be inappropriate for young children**
- **the risk children could accidentally run up costs whilst playing the game**

For more details, please read the complete guide for parents at:

<http://bit.ly/eSafetyRoblox>

Monkey App, a new social media app for children

The Monkey app allows children to video chat with new people from all over the world. According to the app producers, ‘Users are randomly matched with other users for a brief, introductory video call. When matched with a new person, you can add more time or add the person on Snapchat to continue the connection.’

What do parents need to know:

- **the app gives children the opportunity to talk with strangers via a roulette style video chat**
- **children could come across indecent images or unwanted contact.**
- **rated 12+ in the app store**
- **there are no parental controls on the app**



Internet Matters app

This is a fun app for parents and children aged between 8-10 years old to play together and help keep children safe online. The app is a great way to have conversations with your child about practical ways to be resilient and have a good time online. The app has eight quiz categories covering topics such as cyberbullying and gaming.

The app can be downloaded for free on the **iTunes app store** and **Google Play store**.

Reporting online abuse and exploitation to CEOP

(Child Exploitation and Online Protection)



CEOP is a police-led agency tasked to work both nationally and internationally to protect children from online exploitation. If someone has acted inappropriately towards your child online, maybe talked with them in a sexual way or asked them to meet up, then this can be reported to CEOP using the CEOP report button. <http://bit.ly/eSafetyCEOP>

An experienced child protection adviser will be there to make sure you get the right help you need.

Are you worried your child may see or hear something inappropriate online?

It is important that parents and carers have regular conversations with children about how to keep safe online. Setting parental controls can also help protect young children when they are online.

Parental controls are designed to help parents and carers manage their child's online activities. There are various types, some of which are free. However, nothing is totally fool proof and they do not replace the need for adults to support and advise children using the internet.

For detailed guidance on all the different types of control, you can visit the internet matters website. This gives you the chance to set up a personalised list of the controls used in your home on all your different devices. There is also advice on how to use all the various controls, with videos and step-by-step instructions

<http://bit.ly/internetparentalcontrols>

