

This week

- Mon 27 – Wed 29 Nov: Book Fair (after school until 4pm)
- Tue 28 Nov: 5SW to Hazard Alley
- Wed 29 Nov: 5HG and 5RM to Hazard Alley
- Thu 30 Nov: Open morning for prospective parents/carers
- Fri 1 Dec: Non-uniform in exchange for Christmas Fair tombola
- Fri 1 Dec: Friends of Thomas Coram cake & cookie sale
- Sat 2 Dec: Friends of Thomas Coram Christmas Fair, 11am-2pm

Dates further ahead

- Wed 13 Dec: Year 3 Christmas Production, 1.45pm
- Thu 14 Dec: Year 3 Christmas Production, 6.30pm
- Mon 18 Dec: Christmas lunch
- Tues 19 Dec: Christmas Service at St Peter's, 10.30am
- Tues 19 Dec: End of term, 1.00pm

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

Notices and reminders

We warmly invite all [prospective parents/carers to our open morning](#) on Thursday 30 November. There will be a presentation by the Head of School at 9.00am, followed by a tour to see our school in action, accompanied by pupil guides.

As you will be aware, the school has been experiencing [problems with its telephone systems](#). We would like to thank you for your understanding and co-operation whilst the problem is being sorted. In the meantime, pupil absences can be emailed to the office.

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended [our consultation evening](#) and for the positive comments about our school and staff. This week, we are inviting you to complete our annual parent/carer survey. This year we are using Google forms to collect your opinions. On Monday, in your child's planner, you will find a unique reference number to assist you to complete the survey. The link will be available on the school website.

The Governors of Ashlyns are consulting on [a change to their Admission Arrangements](#) from September 2019. More information can be found on the school website: www.ashlyns.herts.sch.uk/school-life/admissions/

You may have read in the local media about the consultation for the [new Dacorum Local Plan](#); further details may be found at www.dacorum.gov.uk/home/planning-development/planning-strategic-planning/new-single-local-plan

Recent letters

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

- Infant School Christmas Productions/Performances
- Friends of Thomas Coram Christmas Fair and Silent Auction

This week's attachments

Today we're attaching:

- Understanding Autism for Dads
- An Evening with Robyn Steward

In the interest of children's safety, parents/carers are urged [to take extreme care when parking](#) near to school. We would also encourage parents/carers to switch off their engines while parked to avoid damage to children's health from fumes.

[This week at St Peter's](#) – it's the Festival of Light on Sunday and the church will be open 3.30-6pm. It will be lit with candles and there will be mugs of mulled wine and artwork by children from Victoria School. The People Not Borders exhibition 'I am me' about what it means to be a refugee is in the Court House 2.30-4pm. On Saturday 2 December, there will be a children's workshop 'An Advent Celebration' 2-4pm in church, for children up to age 10 (under-5s to be accompanied by a parent or carer).

**A free workshop
for parent/carers**

**Given by specialist
ADHD/Autism Trainers
from ADD-vance**



Dacorum DSPL Area 8 are pleased to present

Understanding Autism for Dads

This 2-hour workshop is designed to meet the needs of parent/carers to help them build on existing skills in supporting children with Autism

**The workshop will take place between 7pm - 9pm
on**

Tuesday 28th November 2017

at

Gade Community Meeting Room

Chaulden Junior School

School Row

Hemel Hempstead

HP1 2JU

To book, please call Ashley Fabray on 07525 917125 or email fabraya@kls.herts.sch.uk
Places are limited, so please do book early to avoid disappointment

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

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Who is this workshop for?

Dads of children/young people with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

What are the Learning Outcomes?

The workshop will help participants to:

- Understand what is Autism
- Recognise the diagnostic criteria for Autism
- Explore some links with sensory processing difficulties
- Identify some strengths and difficulties faced by a child with Autism
- Discover some top tips and tools to help your child

What methods will be used at the workshop?

- Presentation and small group work

What will be provided?

- Light refreshments and a workshop learning pack

When and where will the workshops take place?

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On Tuesday 28th November 2017, from 7 pm to 9 pm

How do I book a place?

Please book via: Ashley Fabray on 07525 917125 or fabraya@kls.herts.sch.uk

We will then confirm your booking



An Evening with Robyn Steward

5th December 2017

7-9pm Willow Room

Hobbs Hill Wood School

Peascroft Road

Hemel Hempstead

HP3 8ER

Robyn Steward is an author, consultant and musician and provides training for parents, teachers and young people. The training focuses on showing how many different experiences of autism there are and on practical strategies. Robyn has over 10 years' experience of speaking at conferences and events. Robyn has Autism herself and is able to give a personal insight on being a woman with Autism. Robyn has previously won the Autism Professional Award.

To book a place please call 07525917125 or email fabraya@kls.herts.sch.uk

Please note that this event is only open to Dacorum parents/carers and professionals.

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