

This week

- Mon 13 – Fri 17 Nov: Anti-bullying week. Odd socks Monday
- Wed 15 Nov: Parent consultation evening
- Fri 17 Nov: FOTC Cake & Cookie sale, 3RP and 3HW
- Fri 17 Nov: Children in Need day

Dates further ahead

- Mon 20 Nov: Deadline for Year 5 Hazard Alley payment
- Tue 21 Nov: Year 3 and Year 4 flu vaccinations
- Tue 21 Nov: Open morning for prospective parents/carers
- Thu 23 – Thu 30 Nov: Book Fair in school
- Thu 30 Nov: Open morning for prospective parents/carers
- Sat 2 Dec: Friends of Thomas Coram Christmas Fair

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

Notices and reminders

As part of anti-bullying week, children are encouraged to wear odd socks on Monday. This reflects the theme of 'We are the same but different.'

[Our SENCO will be available to speak to parents](#) at our Parent Consultation evening on Wednesday. If you would like to speak to Mrs Parker about any concerns regarding your child's learning, or discuss further ways to support them at home, you can either email her at senco@thomascoram.herts.sch.uk to make a short appointment or seek her out on the night.

Friday 17 November is [BBC Children in Need Day](#). The pupils, through the School Council, have chosen to support this appeal by holding a non-uniform day when pupils should wear something with spots – socks, headband, t-shirt or just stick spots on your favourite clothes. This is in exchange for donating £1.00, which should be brought into school on Friday and handed into the class teacher at morning registration.

Pupils and staff in [Year 3 are currently working hard on their performance for the end of term](#). Details of the performance and tickets will follow. There will be a performance in the afternoon of Wednesday 13 December and another on the evening of Thursday 14 December. If you are able to make arrangements for your son/daughter in Year 3 to attend school on the evening of Thursday, this would be greatly appreciated.

The closure date for the consultation on the proposal by Hertfordshire County Council to reconfigure existing services to schools to meet the needs of primary aged children with specific learning difficulties (SpLD) by 31 August 2018, has been [extended to 20 December 2017](#). This proposal would result in the closure of the SpLD base at Thomas Coram.

Recent letters

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

- None

This week's attachments

Today we're attaching:

- School Book Fair
- Dacorum Family Services Drop-in surgery
- Hospice of St Francis Santa Dash

We would like to remind parents and carers that if [access to the school site is needed before 8.30am and after 3.30pm](#) that you should use the front door and report to reception, unless collecting a child from an after school club.

[This week at St Peter's](#) – on Sunday 19 November TSS will be celebrating St Cecilia. On Thursday 23 November at 7.30pm St Peter's will be host to a fashion show in aid of the Hospice of St Francis. See the church as you have never seen it before – lights, models, music. Tickets available from www.eventbrite.co.uk or enquire at the Fine & Country Estate Agents in the High Street. On Sunday 26 November the church will be open during the Festival of Light 3.30-6pm. The church will be lit by candles and there will be mulled wine and art work by children from Victoria School.



School Book Fair

Thursday 23 November – Thursday 30 November

We are hosting a children's Book Fair from The Book People UK www.thebookpeople.co.uk in the library from Thursday 23 to Thursday 30 November. It will be open to pupils at lunch time and to parents, carers and pupils from 3.15pm to 4.00pm (dates to be confirmed). A discount of up to 75% off publisher's prices is offered and there are over 160 books from just £3.

Come along and find some Christmas presents!

Remember, our school receives commission on all books sold, which we can spend on new books for our library. Any cash should be in a named envelope and handed to your child's class teacher at morning registration for safe keeping.

Dacorum Family Services

Drop in Surgery at Ashlyns School

Wednesday 22nd November 2017

9am-3pm

WE OFFER FREE AND CONFIDENTIAL SUPPORT FOR LOCAL FAMILIES. WE CAN HELP YOU WITH:

Managing
your child's
feelings &
behaviours

Parenting
Advice

Family
Wellbeing

Routines &
Boundaries

Making
Positive
Changes

Linking with
other
Services

Lisa MacGovern is a positive, approachable and proactive person who is able to support you and your family to make the changes that really matter.

She is available via a referral or you can drop into one of her surgeries for an informal chat (Please call to book a time).



**For more information please call Lisa
on 07780114079**





The Hospice
of st francis

Santa Dash

Sun 10th Dec 2017
10am
Hemel Hempstead

Calling all Santas and Jingle Dogs...

Gather up your friends and family and join our sea of super santas to walk, sprint, scoot or jog around our festive 2.5 mile Santa Dash through Hemel Hempstead.

We'll supply you with your Santa suits (reindeer ears for the little ones) and greet you at the finish line with a mince pie, hot drink and shiny medal.

Registration costs £15 for adults, £5 for children or bring the whole family including the dog for just £40.

What better way to get into the Christmas spirit and support your local Hospice too... It's all for a good cause!



Sign Up
Now!

stfrancis.org.uk/santadash