

This week

- Fri 12 Jan: Friends of Thomas Coram Year 3 Disco

Dates further ahead

- Mon 15 Jan: Federation Consultation drop-in session, 7.30-8.30pm
- Mon 15 Jan: Closing date for application for Year 3 entry Sept 2018
- Thu 1 Feb: Year 5 Young Voices at the O2

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

Notices and reminders

We would like to start by sending you [our best wishes for 2018](#). We trust that you all had a chance to relax, reflect and enjoy the company and love of your families and friends over the Christmas holiday period.

One major change this term has been [the re-naming of the Houses](#) to reflect Thomas Coram's determination to make a difference to the life of others, rather than his sea fairing past. Pupils worked alongside their peers in their House groups this week to discover more about the people behind the new House names and identify their impact on society. Many of the children commented on the courage shown by Malala Yousafzai, Martin Luther King Jr, Emmeline Pankhurst and Nelson Mandela in overcoming the challenges they faced.

Courage is the value we are reflecting on in [worship this half term](#): doing the right thing even if it difficult; facing fears with confidence - being brave. We all hope that the children will take this knowledge with them as they continue on their learning journey this term.

[Attendance is vitally important](#) in ensuring the children make progress and we would like to congratulate pupils in 3LC (best class); Y4 (best year group) and Malala (formerly Cook) for their excellent attendance during the month of December. Year 4 has the best attendance so far this academic year.

We are really grateful to all parents and carers for [supporting our uniform code](#). Can we remind you to ensure that your child adheres to our guidelines, particularly for shoes. We ask that children wear black shoes inside the building; trainers or boots can be worn outside at break times as at this time of year, the outdoor areas can become quite muddy. Similarly, for the children's own safety, jewellery must not be worn in school. Plain studs may be worn in pierced ears. For health and safety reasons in some subjects (eg PE, D&T, Science), we may insist that earrings are removed or covered with a plaster supplied from home.

Our governing body is holding [a consultation on creating a Federation](#) between Victoria CE Infant & Nursery School and The Thomas Coram CE School. The consultation document, and a link to the online response form, can be found on the collaboration page of our website www.thomascoram.herts.sch.uk/collaboration/. The consultation runs from Friday 5 January 2018 to Friday 16 February 2018 at midday.

Recent letters

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

- School Clubs Spring Term 2018
- End of term letter from the Head of School
- End of term letter from the Executive Headteacher

This week's attachments

Today we're attaching:

- Friends of Thomas Coram Year 3 Disco

Please remember to [top up your child's Wisepay account](#) to ensure there are funds available if they intend to have a school lunch. School lunches cost £2.45 per day.

1st Berkhamsted Scout group will be [collecting Christmas trees](#) on Sunday 7 January. To book your collection visit www.1stberkhamsted.org.uk or come to the market stall outside Tesco tomorrow (Saturday 6 January).

[This week at St Peter's](#) - we celebrate Epiphany. There's Choral Evensong at 6pm which is a great time to join the church choir. Any children aged 7 and above are welcome. Please contact churchoffice@greatberkhamsted.org.uk for more information.


 **Year 3**
DISCO at TC



**Includes
Crisps
& Drink**



**TUCK
SHOP**


Friday 12th January
3.30pm – 5.30pm

£5 per Child * £4 per School Sibling thereafter

Places must be secured in advance as only those with
signed permission from a parent may attend.
Parental consent is required.

Return of this completed form by **WEDNESDAY 10TH JANUARY**
will confirm parental consent has been given.

Child name(s) and class _____
(All children attending must be named above)
Please advise if your child has any allergies _____

I have made arrangements to collect my son/daughter at 5.30pm

Parent/carer authorising signature _____

Parent/carer email _____
(Email addresses will be added to the FoTC mailing list and not shared with any third parties)

Cash or cheque to be enclosed with permission slip -
cheques made payable to 'The Friends of Thomas Coram' please!