

This week

- 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
- Tue 16 Jan: Federation Consultation drop-session (at Victoria) 2.00-3.00pm

Dates further ahead

- Fri 26 Jan: Friends of Thomas Coram Year 4 Disco
- Thu 1 Feb: Year 5 Young Voices at the O2
- Fri 9 Feb: School closes for half term break

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

Notices and reminders

On Friday, [Lily in Year 6 was Head for the Day](#). She led a fire drill for the whole school and presented certificates and badges to our Stars of the Week and new School Council representatives during whole school worship. Lily also assisted Mrs Cutler to train 21 Year 6 pupils as Reading Buddies. These buddies will be working with pupils in the lower school to help improve their fluency skills.

[Reading aloud and regularly with your child](#) is also vital to develop their vocabulary, as well as their fluency and comprehension. In your child's planner, there is a page for you to record when your child practises their reading with you. Please can we encourage all parents/carers to read with your child at home. Reading can take many forms: shared reading and paired reading. If you would like more information about either of these, or would like some handy hints about reading with your child, please follow this link to our school website:

<http://www.thomascoram.herts.sch.uk/spldbase/parentinfo/>

Report from Lily C, Year 6: Today at school, I was Head for the day. I helped Mrs Cutler with her everyday jobs and we trained people to be a reading buddy, including myself. It was the best day I've ever had at Thomas Coram and I want to thank all staff for making it an amazing day.

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. There will be an information drop-in session at Thomas Coram on Monday 15 January, 7.30-8.30pm and at Victoria on Tuesday 16 January, 2.00-3.00pm.

Recent letters

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

- Year 3 Spring Term Letter
- Year 4 Spring Term Letter
- Year 5 Spring Term Letter
- Year 6 Spring Term Letter

This week's attachments

Today we're attaching:

- FOTC Year 4 Disco

[Berkhamsted Educational Trust](#): The application for the five community schools in Berkhamsted to become part of a multi-academy trust is continuing to work its way through the Department for Education. A decision is expected soon, with conversion (if the proposal is approved) sometime in the Spring. Parents and other local stakeholders will be informed when there is any firm news to share.

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.

[This week at St Peter's](#) - TSS is this Sunday 14 at 4pm. At the start of a new year, we celebrate Jesus' baptism- the start of His great ministry. Young and old - please join us for our informal service and tea afterwards.

Year 4 DISCO at TC



Includes
Crisps
& Drink



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SHOP

Friday 26th 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 24TH 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!