

This week

- Tue 13 Mar: No clubs after school due to Consultation Evening
- Tue 13 Mar & Thu 15 Mar: Consultation evenings, 4.00-7.30pm
- Fri 16 Mar: English Coffee Morning, 9.00am
- Fri 16 Mar: Whole school Skip2Bfit session
- Fri 16 Mar: Friends of Thomas Coram Comedy Night

Dates further ahead

- Thu 22 Mar: Year 4 production afternoon performance, 1.45pm
- Mon 26 Mar: Year 4 production evening performance, 6.30pm
- Thu 29 Mar: End of term, 1pm

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

Notices and reminders

[Second hand uniform](#) will be available to parents at our consultation evenings this week.

Our [English Coffee Morning](#) to which all parent/carers are invited will now be held on Friday 16 March at 9.00am. Come and join us for an informal insight into how a guided reading lesson is taught and an insight into the ways in which reading skills are developed. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions. We look forward to seeing you.

On Friday 16 March the whole school will be taking part in a [Skip2Bfit session \(www.skip2bfit.com\)](#) as part of our Sport Relief 2018 activities. Pupils will be able to wear sportswear of their choice, in exchange for a £1 donation to Sport Relief. We hope that they have lots of fun skipping, both on the day and with our new ropes purchased for the playgrounds.

We are advertising for a [Finance Administrator and a Data Administrator](#). If you, or someone you know, may be interested, please see www.thomascoram.herts.sch.uk/vacancies or phone for more information. We are committed to safeguarding and the welfare of children, and expect staff and volunteers to share our commitment. The successful candidate will be required to undergo an enhanced DBS check.

The Science Boffins will be visiting school this week for a [workshop and assembly](#) for all children. Thank you to the Friends of Thomas Coram for their help in funding this.

We are seeking feedback on our [wrap around care provision](#). We are interested to know the extent to which we are meeting your needs, or where we may be able to enhance our provision. You can find our survey here <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/MKDZSGX> Closes: 23 March 2018. Thank you.

Recent letters

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

- Year 4 – Aztec Food Tasting
- Sports Newsletter

This week's attachments

Today we're attaching:

- Communication Workshop
- Managing Strong Feelings
- Drug and Alcohol Workshop

Last week we let you know that we have [vacancies for the following music lessons](#): recorder (individual lesson), drumming (group lesson), guitar (group lesson), piano (individual lesson). We also have vacancies for flute lessons. Please contact the school office if you are interested.

A reminder that the [closing date for the Dacorum Young Artist](#) competition is Monday 19 March. The theme is 'Moods' and must be A4 using any media (pen, paint, pastels, charcoal, collage etc). It must be the pupil's own work.

[This week at St Peter's](#) - come and celebrate Mothering Sunday with those who care for you and make up a bunch of flowers for them. On Monday there will be a FREE talk in the Court House 'Getting a Handle on Handel' at 8pm. All are very welcome.

Communication

A FREE workshop in HEMEL HEMPSTEAD

For parents and carers in DACORUM



for Mums, Dads &
Carers



For Parents and Carers of Primary
& Secondary age children

The workshop will cover:

- * Helpful and unhelpful ways of communicating
- * Practical skills to enable effective communication
- * The effect of active listening on Feelings, Thoughts and Behaviour



Monday 12th March 2018

1.00pm - 3.00pm

at

**Link Family Services
Community Room, C/O
Hobletts Manor Junior School,
Adeyfield Road, Hemel
Hempstead, HP2 5JS
(Satnav HP2 5JT)**

*As parking onsite is limited, please park on Adeyfield Road



To book your FREE place please contact
Vicky:

vicky@familiesfeelingsafe.co.uk

or Tel: 07561845825

* Please quote the date of the workshop you are booking

Managing Strong Feelings

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The workshop will cover:

- * The link between Feelings, Thoughts & Behaviour
- * Understanding the context of a child's behaviour
- * Ideas for dealing with behaviour

Tuesday 13th March 2018
4.00pm - 6.30pm

Gade Community Room,
Chaulden Junior School,
School Row, Hemel
Hempstead, HP1 2JU



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Dear Parents/Carers

Drug and Alcohol Awareness Workshop for Parents/Guardians

As a school we are committed to providing our pupils with opportunities to learn the skills they need for a happy, healthy life. This includes essential drug and alcohol education, which is age appropriate and part of the National Curriculum. Whilst this is very important, a consistent approach from home and school is invaluable.

We are holding a Parental Drug & Alcohol Awareness Workshop for parents/carers of Westfield School pupils on Monday 19th March 2018. We are extending the invitation to this event to parents and carers of pupils attending our other local schools in Berkhamsted, however please note that places are limited and will be offered on a first come, first served, basis. The workshop will run from 7.00pm to 8.30pm, in the main school hall.

Vanessa Rogers, a Schools Drug Education Consultant, will facilitate the workshop on behalf of Hertfordshire County Council. The workshop will provide:

- Practical, up-to-date information about alcohol, cannabis and psychoactive substances (previously known as 'legal highs') and the associated risks of substance misuse
- Useful tips on how to talk about this sensitive subject at home
- Details of where to go for additional information and support
- An opportunity to ask questions to learn more.

To book your place(s) on this workshop, please contact Westfield Primary School & Nursery on 01442 862729 or send an email to: admin@westfieldprimary.herts.sch.uk , with the following information:

- **Parent/carer name**
- **Child's school**
- **Number of places requested**

We anticipate that this event may be oversubscribed, so please book your place(s) as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

Suzanne Stace
Headteacher

