

This week

- Mon 10 Sep: Meet the Teacher evening, 6.30pm Yr 3 & 4
7.30pm Yr 5 & 6 (talk commencing at 7.10pm)
- Mon 10 Sep: Individual School Photos

Dates further ahead

- Thurs 27 Sep: Friends of Thomas Coram AGM

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

Notices and reminders

Always be thankful." 1 *Thessalonians* 5.16

This week our whole school worships have been led by Mrs Cutler, Father Simon and 6WT. Our value for the next six weeks is Thankfulness. "Count your blessings" is an old saying, but it reminds us to be thankful and not take things for granted. We have been reflecting on how we can express our gratitude and show we are thankful.

We hope that many of you will be able to attend our [Meet the Teacher](#) evening on Monday 10 September. To accommodate the growing number of families attending our school, parents with children in Years 3 and 4 will meet their class teachers at 6.30pm, whilst parents with children in Years 5 and 6 will meet their class teachers at 7.30pm. Mrs Cutler will be speaking to parents at 7.10pm in the gym to explain changes to the school's marking policy. Refreshments will be available in the dining room between 7pm and 7.30pm.

For the last few years, we have entered the Hertfordshire's Armed Forces Covenant annual [art competition](#). Please see the attachment for further details.

Following a football-filled summer, and with over 20 million players in the current season of FIFA, the National [Online Safety](#) team has created a free guide for parents and carers on the nation's favourite online football game. This free guide covers what you need to know about the game to help you safeguard your children from potential online risks including; online payments, in-game chat, addiction, fake accounts and more. The guide can be found through this link:

<https://twitter.com/natonlinesafety/status/1037317637339054081e-safety>

The online application system has opened for parents and carers of children in Year 6 to apply for [a secondary school place for entry in September 2019](#). All Year 6 pupils were given a paper copy of the 'Moving on 2019' booklet at the end of last term. The application deadline is 31 October 2018. All the information you need is available at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions.

In addition to an email of this bulletin, all new pupils will receive a paper copy. In future most correspondence will be via email and we would therefore ask you to let us know [if you have not received an email](#). We can then update our database accordingly. Thank you.

Please find attached a welcome letter from The Friends of Thomas Coram who work extremely hard throughout the year and are always on the lookout for new members.

Recent letters

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

- School Clubs Autumn Term 2018
- Year 3 Welcome Letter and Curriculum Summary
- Year 4 Welcome Letter and Curriculum Summary
- Year 5 Welcome Letter and Curriculum Summary
- Year 6 Welcome Letter and Curriculum Summary

This week's attachments

Today we're attaching:

- Art Competition
- FOTC welcome letter
- FOTC events calendar

[This week at St Peter's](#) – TSS: The Sunday Service starts back this Sunday September 9, at 4.00pm with an all-age service and children's tea to mark the start of a new term.

This Sunday 9 September Rectory Lane Cemetery Project will be celebrating the restorations of 19 memorials and this event looks in depth at Memorialisation – really in depth. Everything is covered – mathematics, geology, history, art, architecture, design, literature and so much more. The event offers another chance to see the Who's walking over my grave? Written by Kate Perera and starring members of the Berkhamsted Youth Theatre as George Loader, Reverend Cobb and Walter Pitkin. Pop along any time between 11.00 and 18.00. Refreshments available too.

If you think your [child may be entitled to free school meals](#), apply online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals. Remember that all children use their finger at the canteen tills and nobody can tell who is in receipt of free school meals.

The Friends of Thomas Coram

September 2018

On behalf of The Friends of Thomas Coram, we hope you all had a relaxing summer holidays and would like to welcome you all back to school this term! We are looking forward to a great year filled with fantastic fundraising events for our school community to enable us to continue supporting the school.

Last year we made an AMAZING £15,000 and this wouldn't have been possible without you! Whether you helped at events, attended them with your families or just gave us some encouragement when we were feeling a tad snowed under, we thank you immensely. This year we are continuing to raise funds to enhance our school learning environments.

To make things easier this year, we have already planned most of our events and the dates have been published so pop them in your diaries. Our first event of this school year is our Annual AGM which is taking place at school on Thursday 27th September at 7.15pm. Please pop along - we would love to see you there. We are also very sad to say that our super secretary, Laura Gosling, will be stepping down so we are on the lookout for someone to help us by joining the FOTC to organise meetings and prepare agendas and minutes. If you think this might be you let us know!

In the next few weeks we will be starting up our Friday Cake and Cookie sales to make the most of the weather before it gets too cold! This year we are changing things slightly and rather than doing it by class we will be doing it by year group and house (your child will know which house they are in). At the end of the school year, the house that has raised the most money will be presented with the FOTC Cookie Cup. Keep your eyes peeled on the bulletin for more info.

We hope your all have a lovely weekend,

The Friends of Thomas Coram

Rachael Everitt & Tiffany Randall - Co-Chairs
Tom Brookes - Treasurer Laura Gosling - Secretary

The Friends of Thomas Coram Calendar 2018/2019

Autumn Term

Thursday 27th September - FOTC AGM

Friday 9th November - Annual Quiz Night

Friday 30th November - Dress Down Day / Bring-a-Bottle

Saturday 1st December - FOTC Christmas Fair

Friday 7th December - Whole School Christmas Film Night

Spring term

Friday 1st February - Y3/4 Disco

Friday 15th March - Y5/6 Disco

Summer Term

Sunday 12th May - FOTC Summer Circus

Friday 24th May - Coin Collect

Friday 7th June - Dress Down Day / Bring-a-Bottle

Saturday 8th June - FOTC Summer Fair

Friday Cake & Cookie dates coming soon.....

There are also plans for a Summer Car Boot Sale, End of Term Summer BBQ and potential Comedy Evening so keep your eyes peeled!

The FOTC typically meet the first week of each half term and we would love to see you there.

All FOTC info will be sent via school communications.

Hertfordshire's Armed Forces Covenant annual art competition 2018

Northwood is a very important military base that makes decisions about joint and combined military operations involving the Navy, RAF and the Army worldwide and they have told us how much service personnel separated from their families at Christmas would appreciate receiving pictures from Hertfordshire children during the festive period.

The theme this year is the commemoration of the centenary of the end of the First World War. The picture should be no larger than an A3 sheet.

- Any materials can be used to create the picture.
- Please write on the picture 'Wishing UK Forces a very Merry Christmas from The Thomas Coram Church of England School'
- Please write the name and age of the pupil, class and school on the back of the picture.

The 2018 competition will be judged by Northwood HQ – the UK's principal military headquarters – who will be able to distribute the art to the armed forces personnel working away from home at Christmas.

All entries should be given to Mrs Bruguier by Monday 26th
November.