



## This week

- Mon 10 Dec: Rotary shoebox deadline
- Wed 12 Dec: Yr3 Christmas performance 1.30pm
- Thurs 13 Dec: Yr3 Christmas performance 6.30pm

## Dates further ahead

- Wed 19 Dec: Christmas Lunch – crackers for all
- Wed 19 Dec: Christmas Jumper Day
- Thurs 20 Dec: Christmas Service at St Peters 10.30am
- Thurs 20 Dec: End of term 1.00pm finish

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

## Notices and reminders

*"My God is my strength in whom I trust." Psalms 18.2*

Worship this week has been led by Rebecca from Sunnyside Church and 4FM. We have been reflecting on how trust is the foundation on which all good friendships are built. Sometimes we can feel disappointed by our friends. Perhaps they haven't done what they promised they would do, or maybe we thought they would stand by us when life was difficult and they didn't. Humans can occasionally be unreliable but we are reminded by the Bible that we can trust God's promises.

Congratulations to our netballers who played against Westfield School last Tuesday; the result was 10 – 3 to Thomas Coram. A big well done to all involved.

Parents and carers were entertained by UKS2 children at the termly music concert organised by Mrs Briscoe. The rest of the school also enjoyed hearing our talented musicians as some of them played in worship this week. A special thank you to Mrs Briscoe for putting the programme together.

Year 4 pupils were engaged by the travels of one of our adventurous parents this week. Thank you to Mrs Palmer who talked to Year 4 about countries she has visited as well as encouraging the children to follow their dreams. This talk was linked to the Year 4 topic of Around the World.

We look forward to welcoming Year 3 parents and carers to the Year 3 production of A Midwife Crisis on Wednesday and Thursday next week. Due to the size of the year group, entrance will strictly be ticket only so please remember to bring your tickets with you. Any donations received at each performance will go to Bliss, the national charity which exists to give every baby born premature or sick in the UK the best chance of survival and quality of life.

All parents in Year 5 and 6 should have received an email inviting them to join SIMS parent app. This will allow you to check and amend your child's data from your phone. Please take a few minutes to register and check your child's data. Thank you to those parents who have done this.

## Recent letters

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

- No letters have been sent this week.

## Today we're attaching:

- Term dates 2019/2020
- Hope Food bank
- DSSP Flyer

## This week at St Peter's –

There are lots of Christmas events coming up at St Peters: Sunday 9 December at 7.30 Berkhamsted Choral Society concert of Christmas Music  
[www.berkhamstedchoral.co.uk](http://www.berkhamstedchoral.co.uk)  
Thursday December 13 at 8pm Charles Dickens - A Christmas Carol. Tickets  
[www.dramaimpact.com](http://www.dramaimpact.com)  
Sunday 23 December at 7.30pm Chiltern Chamber Choir JS Bach's B Minor Mass  
[www.chilternchamberchoir.org.uk](http://www.chilternchamberchoir.org.uk)

**Congratulations** to 3BW (best class), Year 3 (best year) and Malala (best house) for their excellent attendance during November. Year 3 have taken the title from Year 4 for best attendance so far this year.

Don't forget there are no **after school clubs** running this week unless otherwise advised.

On our Christmas lunch day, Wednesday 19 December, all children may **wear a Christmas jumper** instead of their Thomas Coram sweatshirt, and/or Christmas hat. The rest of their uniform should be as normal. A reminder to those parents who have not ordered a hot meal on Christmas lunch day that their child will require a packed lunch. There will be no Wisepay transactions on the day.

Our parent survey closes today, Please follow the link below  
<https://goo.gl/forms/HtyuM4tPvw6cnXs1>



Swing Gate Infant School



The Thomas Coram CE School



Victoria CE Infant School

# Academic Year 2019-2020

In 2019-2020, schools have 5 Staff INSET Days and 1 Occasional Day Holiday on which to close the school. These are all taken during the school terms template issued by Hertfordshire County Council.

## Autumn Term 2019

Monday 2 September	Staff INSET
Tuesday 3 September	Pupils return
Friday 25 October	Staff INSET
Mon 28 October - Fri 1 November	Half term break
Monday 4 November	Pupils return
Friday 20 December	End of term (early closure)

## Spring Term 2020

Monday 6 January	Staff INSET
Tuesday 7 January	Pupils return
Mon 17 - Fri 21 February	Half term break
Monday 24 February	Pupils return
Friday 3 April	End of term (early closure)

## Summer Term 2020

Monday 20 April	Staff INSET
Tuesday 21 April	Pupils return
Monday 4 May	Bank Holiday (school closed)
Mon 25 - Fri 29 May	Half term break
Monday 1 June	Pupils return
Friday 17 July	End of term (early closure)
Monday 20 July	Staff INSET
Tuesday 21 July	Occasional Day Holiday (school closed)



KINGS CHURCH  
BERKHAMSTED

# HOPE food bank



At Kings Church, we recognise that there are times when making ends meet and putting food on the table can be quite a struggle.

The HOPE food bank at Kings Church has been set up to meet this need in our community here in Berkhamsted.

We provide food and other essential items such as toiletries, cleaning products and nappies.

Families and individuals can be referred to the food bank by community groups such as schools, health centres, social workers, children's centres, charities, churches etc.

If you know someone who you think would benefit from this service, please contact Jan Douglas on [hopefoodbankkc@gmail.com](mailto:hopefoodbankkc@gmail.com) 07711 287311

HOPE food bank is open every week on a Tuesday between 12:30 and 2:30pm.

You can find us on Kings Road, just up the hill from Barclays Bank.



**SWIMMING CLUB AT ASTLEY  
COOPER SCHOOL FOR YEAR 3  
to 6 STUDENTS**

DO YOU LOVE SWIMMING?

CAN YOU SWIM 36 METRES (2 LENGTHS  
OF THE POOL) IN EACH STROKE?  
(Breaststroke, front crawl & backstroke)

DO YOU WANT TO IMPROVE YOUR  
SWIMMING STROKES?

If the answer is 'YES' to all these questions  
then please ask your teacher for a letter.

The club will continue after the Summer  
Holidays at Astley Cooper School on Fridays  
from 3.45 – 4.45pm.

Only £3.00 a session  
(If attending every week of the term)

Dear Parents

### **Ref: Swimming Club at the Astley Cooper School**

The Dacorum School Sports Network has teamed up with a local Swimming Teacher to provide an after school swimming club for pupils in years 3 to 6.

Due to the success of the swimming sessions in the PE lessons, a lot of the children have expressed an interest in continuing to develop their strokes and swim more often. Therefore, an after school swimming club has been established. The coach will be Christine Thear, who has been teaching swimming for several years, and teaches 5 Junior schools within Dacorum.

Places are limited to **20** at each session and we will require payment for the eleven week period. **Children will be selected on how quickly reply slips are returned.** Christine will confirm your son's / daughter's place with the Club.

Although the network can no longer fund this club, we have secured use of the pool which helps keep the cost remarkably low. Under these circumstances we need to ask for a contribution of **£33.00** for the eleven sessions. When returning the reply slip could you please include full payment of **£33**. Please make cheques payable to 'The Cavendish School' and date them for 20 April 2018.

The club will be on the following evenings:

**Fridays (3.45 – 4.45) January 11, 18 & 25. February 1, 8 & 15. March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29**

I hope you will allow your child to participate in this club, as this is a unique opportunity in this area to develop school-club links. **All children must be able to confidently jump into deep water and swim two lengths of the school pool (36 metres) on front crawl, and backstroke, and have a basic knowledge of breaststroke.**

Please fill out the form below as soon as possible and send it, with payment, to **Christine Thear, 58 Cardy Road, Boxmoor, Hemel Hempstead, HP1 1SQ**. You can contact Christine on 07546 513355 or [chris.thear@virginmedia.com](mailto:chris.thear@virginmedia.com)

Thank you, and we look forward to working with your child in the near future.

Yours sincerely

Clare McCawley  
**Dacorum School Sports Manager**

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**Child's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Year:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Home Contact No.:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency contact number while at the club.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Medical Conditions** \_\_\_\_\_

**I certify that my child can jump into deep water and can swim 36 metres of each stroke.**

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_