

This week

- Tues 2 April – 5HG start Swimming lessons
- Wed 3 April – SEND parent support group 1.30pm
- Wed 3 April- LKS2 music concert – invite only
- Thurs 4 April - End of term service at St Peters Church
- Fri 5 April – End of Term 1pm

Dates further ahead

- Tues 23 April – Inset day – staff only
- Wed 24 April – Pupils return to school
- Wed 1 May – Yr5 Production to parents 1.30pm
- Thurs 2 May – Yr5 Production to parents 6.30pm
- Mon 6 May – May bank holiday

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

Notices and reminders

This week, our whole school worship has been led by 5RM. As part of our theme on the value of Justice, we have been reflecting on keeping God's rules, on how we behave towards one another and how we treat each other.

The Year 4 production of 'Pantastic' was in every sense of the word 'pantastic'. Thank you to all parents/carers for their generous donations at the end of the performances, which will be used to support the work of the Essex and Herts Air Ambulance.

On Friday 29 March, a group of Year 5 and Year 6 pupils are taking part in the Dacorum Schools Dance competition. They have been rehearsing daily to perfect their performance. The rest of the school have had a preview of their dance and we all wish them the best of luck with their performance at the competition.

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended the Year 4 Maths Workshop on multiplication. We are aiming to offer this workshop to Year 3 parents in the summer term.

The work on the installation of electronic gates at the main entrance is nearly complete. Work on the pupil gates begins during the Easter holiday.

On Thursday 4 April, the children and staff will be joining the pupils and staff of Victoria Infant and Nursery School for our end of term service at St Peter's church. If any parents are able to walk down to the church with the children, please can you contact either the school office or speak to your child's teacher.

Our school Eco Warriors have been busy tidying up the school grounds by collecting litter. Four black bin bags were filled with snack packaging. This litter pick was the first part of our contribution to the Great British Spring Clean. Next week, our Eco Warriors will be litter picking on Velvet Lawn.

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:

- Dacorum Family Services flyer
- Swimming club

This week at St Peter's –

This week at St Peter's we celebrate Mothering Sunday. Do bring the family along to St Peter's at 9.30 for the Eucharist or at 4.00 for TSS (our short informal service with children's tea).

Attendance is vitally important in ensuring the children make progress and we would like to congratulate pupils in 3BW (best class); Year 3 and Year 6 (best year group) and Luther King (House) for their excellent attendance during the month of March. Year 3 has the best attendance so far this academic year.

Year 5HG will be starting swimming on Tuesday 2 April. Please make sure you send them to school with their swimming kit. This includes a swimming hat.

Please make sure your child's dinner money account is topped up before the start of the summer term.

If your child has music lessons you should have received an invoice via their school bag. Invoices need to be paid by 3 May. They can be paid via wisePAY (our preferred option), cheque (made payable to The Thomas Coram CE School) or cash.

Dacorum Family Services

"Drop in" Surgery at Ashlyns School

Wednesday 1st May 2019

WE OFFER FREE AND CONFIDENTIAL SUPPORT FOR LOCAL FAMILIES. WE CAN HELP YOU WITH:

Managing
your child's
feelings &
behaviours

Parenting
Advice

Family
Wellbeing

Routines &
Boundaries

Making
Positive
Changes

Linking with
other
Services

Lisa MacGovern is a positive, approachable and proactive person who is able to support you and your family to make the changes that really matter.

She is available via a referral or you can drop into one of her surgeries for an informal chat (Please call to book a time).



**For more information please call Lisa
on 07780114079**





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?
(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
EasterHolidays 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

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 Christine Thear or ask for bank details for direct payment.

The club will be on the following evenings:

Fridays (3.45 – 4.45) April 26, May 3,10, 17, 24. June 7, 14,21, 28. July 5 &12.

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

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

Yours sincerely

Christine Thear
Swimming Coach

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: _____