

This week

- Mon 6 May – May bank holiday
- Tues 7 – Fri 10 May – Yr5 Bikeability
- Fri 10 May – FOTC whole school cake sale

Dates further ahead

- Sun 12 May – FOTC Happy's Circus
- Mon 13 – Fri 17 – KS2 (Yr6) SATS week

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

Notices and reminders

This week, our whole school worship has been led by 4FM. Our theme this week has been 'receiving as well as giving.' 4FM performed a rap of the poem 'Jugs and Jars' which is a retelling of the Bible story about the widow who served by sharing all she had and was rewarded in an amazing way. This helped us to think about how relationships and friendships are made strong when we both give and receive from one another. We were also delighted to welcome two visiting members of the clergy: Rev. J Roberts and Rev. P Godden, who led worship in UKS2 and LKS2 respectively.

Year 5 pupils entertained pupils, staff, parents and carers with their fantastic production, 'What a knight!', an adventure set in Camelot involving the rescue of princesses and the defeat of the Black Knight. The children have chosen to send all donations from the performances to Mind, the charity which provides advice and support to anyone experiencing a mental health problem. The two performances to parents and carers raised £381.60. Thank you for your generosity.

Year 4 pupils were visited by Learning Ambassadors from Ashlyns School who delivered a French lesson based around The Hungry Caterpillar.

Next week, our Year 5 pupils will be undertaking their Bikeability training. The Multi –Use Games Area next to the LKS2 playground will be used for this training. This area will be out bounds for that week, so we ask parents and carers to ensure that younger siblings are supervised to ensure they are kept away from the area.

Attendance is vitally important in ensuring the children make progress and we would like to congratulate pupils in 5HG (best class); Year 3 (best year group) and Malala (House) for their excellent attendance during the month of April. Year 3 has the best attendance to date this academic year.

FOTC have attached two important updates this week. One about Happy's Circus which is happening next week! There are a few tickets left. If you would like to purchase some please, complete the form on the school website. The second outlines all the events they are running this term to raise money for the school to enhance your children's education. The first event is a whole school cake sale happening next Friday 10 May. So please get your apron on and get baking or pop to the shops. All donations are very welcome.

Recent letters

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

- Chiltern Open Air Museum – Yr3 only

Today we're attaching:

- NHS Measles letter
- FOTC – Summer term update
- FOTC - Circus information

This week at St Peter's – The Friends of St Peter's and Cemetery Project are supporting the Book Festival, **May 12, 9:30am – 6pm** to be held in the Town Hall and Rectory Lane Cemetery. **Meet authors, take part in interactive workshops, children's writing competition.** Kate Campbell needs volunteers to help on the day - everything from checking tickets to escorting authors. If you can help please let us know. www.BerkoFest.com for ticket information.

BERKHAMSTED WALK raising funds for **The Children's Society**. **Sunday 12 May**. 6, 12 or 18mile walks through the local area. For details go to www.berkhamstedwalk.com

The BERKHAMSTED DEANERY LECTURE will be given this year by Revd Lucy Winkett, Rector of St James's Church Piccadilly and a regular broadcaster on radios 4 and 3. The lecture is entitled: *Good news or Fake news? A Christian perspective on broadcasting in echo chambers and filter bubbles, facing the challenge of a 24 hour news cycle.* The lecture will start at **7.45pm in St Mary's Northchurch on Thursday May 23** and light refreshments will be provided.



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Dear Parent

Measles outbreaks

A number of children have been diagnosed with measles in the Luton, Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire areas since 20th March 2019 and we would like to make you aware of this.

What is measles?

Measles is a highly infectious disease which spreads very easily. People with measles can get a cough, runny nose, rash, sore red watery eyes and fever. Complications of measles can be serious and include ear and chest infections, fits, diarrhoea and brain infection. Measles presents more risk for people whose immune system is not working normally and pregnant women.

The best way to prevent measles is through vaccination.

If you are unsure if your child is protected from measles, check with your doctor. Your child is at greatest risk if they have not been immunised with 2 doses of MMR vaccine. If they have missed one or both of their doses of MMR vaccine contact your GP surgery to arrange an appointment.

If you or your child become unwell and think it could be measles you should see a doctor and show them this letter. You should ring the doctor or clinic beforehand, so they can make sure you do not pass the disease to others in the waiting room.

If you would like more information on measles visit :

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/Pages/introduction.aspx>

Yours faithfully

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Summer Term Update

Thank you!

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone that has supported our fundraising events so far this year. We have held 2 discos, a film night, a quiz night, held our brilliant Christmas fair and held many cake sales. You have raised over £12,000 which is truly amazing for this time in the year.

This term.....

We are delighted to have been able to provide each year group with £500 to support this year's learning. We have purchased some lighting equipment which has already been used at 2 discos and 2 school productions. We have also funded a sensory room at Thomas Coram which will provide a calming space for many of our pupils.

Our fundraising this year will be going towards providing outdoor shaded areas for both playgrounds. Not only will this provide much needed shade on our lovely field, but will also provide areas for the children to participate in outdoor learning.

Dates for your diary:

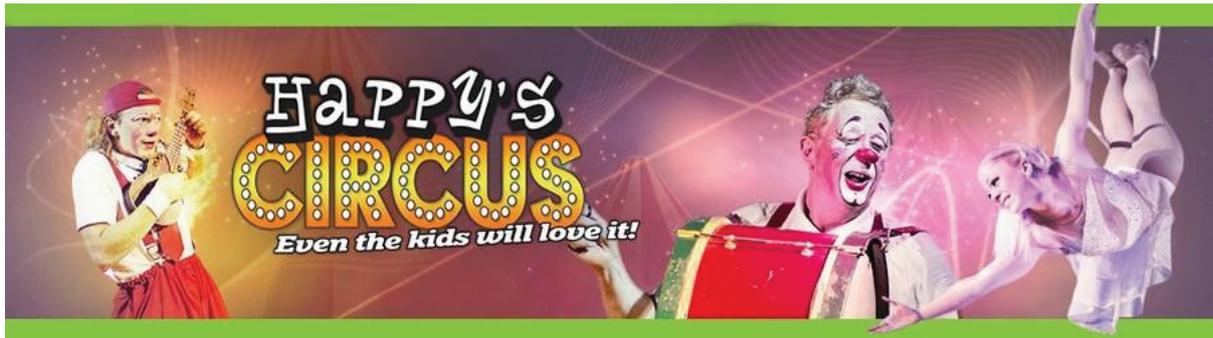
- Friday 10th May - Whole School Cake Sale
- Sunday 12th May - Happy's Circus
- Friday 24th May - FOTC Coin Count
- Friday 7th June - Whole School Cake Sale
 - Dress Down Day / Bring-a-Bottle
- Saturday 8th June - Summer Fair
- Tuesday 25th June - Sponsored Bounce
- Friday 19th July - FOTC Summer BBQ

Over the next few weeks....

The plans for the FOTC Summer Fair are well under way and as always, we cannot run these events without you. If you could you donate a silent auction prize or help on the day please let us know. We are also looking for people to join the committee, especially for the next academic year - please get in touch or have a chat with us at the next event!

The FOTC x

The FOTC would like their events to be inclusive of all Thomas Coram families. If you would like to attend an event but are facing financial difficulties please contact Mrs Cutler in confidence to discuss how we can help.



Circus Day Information

With only 1 week to go here are some key details about next week.

- Happy's Circus are attending Thomas Coram school on Sunday 12th May.
- Tickets will be sent home via your school on Tuesday 7th May. If you have ordered food at the discounted rate, there will be a food slip stapled to your ticket. PLEASE bring these with you on the day.
- Gates will open at 12:30pm. There will be a bar, bbq, crazy hair stall, a cake sale and a tuck shop so come down early and join in the fun.
- There will be a fancy dress parade at 1pm. Dress up as your favourite circus character and see if you can win one of our fabulous prizes. £1 to enter.
- The show starts promptly at 2pm. If you could start taking your seats from 1:30pm it would be greatly appreciated - it will take a while to get all 600 of you in!
- As mentioned on the booking form, no buggies or pushchairs are allowed in the tent so if you are bringing these with you on the day, please be prepared to leave these outside.
- There will be no on-site parking on the day, so please walk and share lifts where possible.
- All that is left for us to say now is we look forward to seeing you and hope you have a wonderful day.

The FOTC x

If you would like a sneak peak of what is in store pop over to the Happy's Circus website <https://www.happycircus.co.uk/>