



# Thomas's Academy

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## Welcome

This half-term we will be focussing on our school values of humility and courtesy. Pupils will learn what these values mean and how they can show these values. In addition, we will be focussing on the learning skill of creativity which, in an evolving world with many challenges, is an important skill for children to feel confident with.



## Thomas's Academy Houses

Each child (and staff members) are part of a school house. The houses are:

- Rose to represent St George (red)
- Thistle to represent St Andrew (blue)
- Shamrock to represent St Patrick (green)
- Daffodil to represent St David (yellow)

Each year, on that Saints' Day, pupils in the relevant house may wear their house colours. On that day, they will be invited to join in an activity to learn more about their house.

## Kidzania for Best Attenders

As we have done for the last two years, we intend to take children with the **best attendance and punctuality** to Kidzania. The criteria for selection includes that a child has no unauthorized absences and that their attendance is at least 97%. This is open to all children from reception to year 6. Well done to all the pupils with 100% attendance so far.

## November 2019

- 11<sup>th</sup>: Anti-bullying week
- 13<sup>th</sup>: Year 5/6 Dodgeball Tournament
- 15<sup>th</sup>: Y6 Football Tournament
- 20<sup>th</sup>: Y6 trip
- 20<sup>th</sup>: Parents' Quiz Night
- 29<sup>th</sup>: Thistle House wear blue

## December 2019

- 11<sup>th</sup>: KS1 Nativity performance
- 12<sup>th</sup>: School closed for General Election
- 13<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Jumper Day
- 19<sup>th</sup>: Last day of Autumn Term – 2pm finish (pupils return on 7<sup>th</sup> January)

# Be Kind - Learn to Learn - Think Globally – Create Beauty

## Uniform

Please ensure that pupils are wearing full school uniform. Please be reminded that **school shoes should be black and that trainers or boots are not permitted**. School coats, including the light-weight red one, are available at Sogan's. **Please label all items so they can be returned to their owner if lost**. We also advise adding a unique key ring to the zip of coats so that children can identify their coat quickly.

**REMINDER: Rec-Y2 Book Bag (House Colours), Y3-6 Thomas's Academy Backpack.**

## Aktiva Camps After-School and Holiday Care

If you would like after-school care, please contact Aktiva. The staff from Aktiva collect pupils directly from their classrooms at the end of the day, they then have a range of activities to choose from as well as an evening snack before they are collected. Further information can be found on the Aktiva website: [www.aktivacamps.com](http://www.aktivacamps.com)



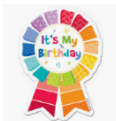
## Breakfast Club



For £3 a day, pupils from Nursery to Y6 may attend breakfast club from 8am. It is run by staff at Thomas's Academy. Please sign up at the office if you'd like your child to come along.

## Birthdays

We will always celebrate a child's birthday if they wish us to however, please do not send in cakes/party bags on these occasions. If you wish to bring in something to be shared, please choose a healthy snack such as fruit. We ask also that party invitations are distributed out of school time so not to upset any pupils not receiving an invitation.



## Playground

We are working towards improving our playgrounds with lots of money raised for improvements already. In the meantime, please could we all make an effort to look after the plants that our site manager Mr Ingram has planted. Please also note that it is not safe to scoot and cycle in the playground before and after school as these are busy times and toddlers are sometimes enjoying the space also.

## Extra Music lessons

If you are interested in your child having either piano or guitar lessons, please contact the school office to register your interest.

## Childrens' Hospital Pyjamas

Ms Carpenter is doing an appeal for this charity. We are collecting new pyjamas for Chelsea and Westminster hospital Neptune and Jupiter wards for newborn to 18 years. If anyone would like to donate pyjamas please bring them to the school office by 30<sup>th</sup> November. Please note all pyjamas must be new and preferably not fleeced.

## Parents' Quiz Night

Parents are hosting a Quiz night on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 7pm with a hope of having a lot of fun, meeting other parents and raising some much needed funds to improve the school playground. The cost of the event is £10 which includes welcome drink and pizza. You can buy your ticket for the event in the school office.

## Change in personal details

Please remember to let the office know if you change any details such as your address or phone number. We are increasingly using e-mail as a form of communication so please let the office know your email address if you haven't already. Please also make sure that you let your child's teacher know if somebody different will be collecting your child.

Thomas's Academy places the safeguarding of children's welfare as our very highest priority. If you have any concerns about a child's safety or welfare, inside or outside school, please contact one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads or call us on the number above.