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**Website**

The address of our website is: [www.academy.thomas-s.co.uk](http://www.academy.thomas-s.co.uk) and includes a calendar and blog. It is constantly being updated so keep an eye on it for up to date information. For any questions, please speak to Anna or Yasmin in the office or to the relevant teacher.

**New Staff**

Welcome to Emily Friend who will be teaching Y3 this half term. Also welcome to Sam Dyke, our new P.E. teacher.

**Absence**

For your convenience, we have set up a new e-mail address specifically for absence. If your child is away, you can now e-mail with all the relevant details to:

absent@academy.thomas-s.co.uk

**Parents in the building**

Keeping children safe is of upmost importance to us. We have many systems in place to ensure that children are safe at all times. For that reason, we cannot let parents wait in the building for their children to finish their after-school clubs.

**Wildchild Success**

Forty Year Five and Six pupils had a wonderful time at our Wildchild outdoor adventure trip last month.

The children stayed in two chalets set in beautiful woodland. They spent their days climbing, building camps and learning about bush craft and survival.

**Spring Assessment Summary**

Children in years 1-6 would have received their end of term summary at the end of last half term. We hope that you find the information useful. If you have any questions about how assessment works or how your child is progressing, please speak to the relevant class teacher.

**TAPs**

**(Thomas’s Academy Parents)**

Thank you to all the parents who are helping to organise this terms events including cake sales, Movie Magic sessions and an Easter Egg Raffle. Our next big event is the Summer Fair – please look out for opportunities to get involved being advertised very soon!

**Oracy Week**

Pupils enjoyed this and showed progress in this area. Thomas’s Academy are committed to supporting children’s spoken language. The poetry recitals and ‘flash mob’ dance were two of the highlights. Thank you to Miss McCarthy for organising the week.

**Maths Whizz**

We have invested in an online maths programme called Maths Whizz. All children from years 1 have a log in so please take advantage of this. If you have any questions related to Maths Whizz, please speak to Mrs Webber our Y2 teacher and Maths Leader.

**School Meals**

If you think you may be entitled to free school meals – even if you choose to eat a packed lunch, please speak to Anna/Yasmin in the office. The school receives additional funding for each pupil entitled to free school meals so it is important that applications are made.

**E-Mail Addresses**

We are increasingly sending communication to parents by e-mail. If you haven’t already done so, please provide your email address to the school office. In addition, if your contact details change, please inform the office.

**Uniform**

**Pupils may now wear the Summer Uniform.**

Please ensure that school shoes continue to be worn throughout the Summer. Please ensure all items are labelled so they can be returned to their owner if lost. **Sogans are selling the school Summer baseball cap for £6.50** which is the only Summer hat permitted.

**PE Kit**

The correct kit is **a house coloured top with the school logo** and **grey tracksuit bottoms also with the logo on the leg**, dark blue shorts are also acceptable.  Children are encouraged to wear sports trainers as these are more comfortable than plimsolls. Black school shoes are not appropriate for PE lessons.

**April Dates**

18th: INSET Day

19th: Pupils return

24th: After-school Clubs begin

25th: Maths Challenge

26th: Y5 to Thomas’s Clapham

**May Dates (subject to change)**

1st: Bank Holiday

2nd and 3rd: Visiting Artist

2nd: Football Fun (Y3,4)

8th: SATs week – Y6

10th: Y5 to Tate Modern

15th: School Photos

25th: Sports Day

29th: Half Term