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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 frequently being updated so keep an eye on it for up to date information.

**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](mailto: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.

**Site Improvements**

Thank you for being patient during the site improvements. The children playing in the back playground now have a new sheltered area and garden to play in. The second floor is developing nicely. Miss Garcia is very excited about her new Spanish Room as is Miss Crouch about the new and enlarged art room.

**Rassell’s Nursery**

Thank-you to Rassell’s of Kensington for donating a variety of plants and bulbs for our school gardens. Miss Paluch has been busy organising our new science resources including all the equipment needed for growing plants. We are looking forward to seeing the outcomes of all this hard work.

**Visiting Artist**

Linking in with our work on the 17 Global Goals and our current focus on the environment, the pupils have been very lucky to have visiting Artist Louise in this week to help them to think about elephant conservation. The children discussed the threats that elephants face such as poachers, space and tourism and are now aiming to raise awareness about these problems through a piece of giant elephant artwork that will be in display in the upper hall.

**BBC Radio 2 Writing Competition**

Congratulations to Lydia Oualah. Her story was so superb that she got through to the second round of the competition. This is an amazing achievement as there were 150000 entries!

**Race for Life**

7 staff members are taking part in a 5K Race for Life run on 27th May in Clapham Common to raise money for Cancer Research UK. If you would like to sponsor them, please visit the website online at: <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/team/thomass-academy>

Go Team Thomas’s Academy!!!!!

**TAPs**

**(Thomas’s Academy Parents)**

If you are willing and able to help in any way with this years’ Summer Fair or sports day, please give your name to the office.

**Maths Whizz**

Well done to those of you have that been using Maths Whizz.  
The top performing class in April is year 5 - well done!  
The top pupils are:  
**Mahad** in Year 5 with 214 minutes  
**Ayana** in Year 4 with 205 minutes  
**Shaficy** in Year 1 with 159 minutes  
Remember to keep using Maths Whizz at home! You should aim for at least 30 minutes per week.  
Please see Mrs Webber if you have any questions.

**Mayor of London**

**Count On Us**

**Primary Maths Challenge**  
On 25th April, Kaci, Ayana and Yaqub took part in the annual  
Mayor of London's maths challenge at a school in Lambeth.  
They have been practising their maths at lunch times. All three competed really well against the other 15 schools. Unfortunately we didn't quite make it through to the semi-finals, but they all enjoy maths so much that they are now  
going to run a fun lunchtime club in the front playground for pupils in years 1 - 3! Take a look at the school blog for more details and pictures from the day.

**Sports Day**

This will take place on 25th May in South Park. You will receive more information about it but please do make arrangements to come along to support us if you can. It is always a highlight of the school year.

**Y6 SATS**

Please be extra kind to year 6 pupils who have their end of primary school tests during the week of the 8th May. Well done year 6 and all the staff who have prepared so well. Do your best and remember to have plenty of sleep and healthy food. We will be providing Y6 with breakfast before school during the week of their tests.

**Enterprise Week 22 – 26 May**

If anyone has set up their own business or been involved in any kind of social enterprise, please make yourself known to Mrs James who is busy organising children’s activities.

**Religious Studies**

On 6th and 7th June, pupils will be learning about and from Islam. This will include a visit from a local Iman and visits to the local Mosque.

**School Meals**

If you think you may be entitled to free school meals (FSM) – 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 FSM 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**

Please ensure that school shoes continue to be worn throughout the Summer in all year groups. Please also label all items 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.

**Sun-cream and Water Bottles**

With improving weather (hopefully) please ensure your child has sun-cream applied before school. If your child is prone to burning, you may send in some cream (named) for them to apply before lunch play. Water bottles should also be brought into school.

**PE Kit**

The correct kit is **a house coloured top with the logo TA on** and **grey tracksuit bottoms also with TA on the leg**, dark blue shorts are also acceptable.

Children are encouraged to wear sports trainers as these are more comfortable than plimsolls.

**May Dates**

1st: Bank Holiday

2nd and 3rd: Visiting Artist

8th: SATs week – Y6

10th: Y5 to Tate Modern

15th: School Photos

22nd: Enterprise Week

25th: Sports Day

29th: Half Term

**June Dates (subject to change)**

5th: INSET Day

6th, 7th: Islam Days

8th: School closed for Polling