



Thomas's Academy

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Happy New Year 2020!

We hope you all had a good break and are ready for the Spring Term. We have many exciting things in the coming weeks.

Communication

If you wish to discuss a matter relating to your child, your first point of contact should be their class teacher. Teachers are available for a short amount of time before and after school however we ask that conversations do not spill over into learning time (after 8.50am in the morning) as at this time, a teacher's focus will be on the entire class. If you wish to have a more substantial conversation, then please make an appointment with the teacher via the school office.

Uniform

We are very proud of our uniform at Thomas's Academy. We feel that, in lots of cases, pupils behave in a more positive and collaborative way when they are in uniform. It is our uniform policy that pupils from Year 1 are in full Thomas's Academy school uniform at all times. We are a little more relaxed in the Early Years where children are still learning to dress themselves. This policy also includes PE kit. We thank you for your support.

Breakfast



Towards the end of the month, we will be serving a free bagel breakfast to ALL pupils before the start of the school day. This is thanks to a Hammersmith and Fulham initiative. We are in the process of organizing the logistics and further details will follow.

Change of date

Please be advised that we will be closed to pupils for **INSET on 20th April 2020**. This is instead of 1st June as previously stated therefore school will be open as usual on 1st June 2020.

January 2020

7th: Pupils return to school

13th: Y1 library trip

14th: Y5 library trip

15th: Y3 library trip

16th: Y4 library trip

17th: TAPs meeting

20th: Y2 library trip

21st: Y6 library trip

21st: Y4/5 Maths Challenge at Thomas's Fulham

28th & 29th: Parents meetings

30th: Y4 Art Buddies

February 2020

7th: Y1 Outdoor Learning

7th: Young Singers to Wembley

13th: International Food Day

14th: Mayor's Cup Match

14th: Mayan Workshop for Y5/6

17th: Half-term

24th, 25th: Humanism focus days

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

Piano Lessons

We are now able to offer piano lessons to pupils. If you are interested, please let our office know.

Steve McQueen Year 3 exhibition

This is an exhibition held in the Duveen Galleries at **Tate Britain** from 12th November 2019 to 3rd May 2020. It is displaying 1,500 Year 3 class photographs taken from different schools across the country in 2018. Unfortunately, we were unable to secure a class booking for this event but families are welcome to visit free on weekends and during the holidays. The Thomas's Academy photo (current Y4 class) is located in **Section 2**. The exhibition spans 24 sections that are marked clockwise from the entrance.

For more information, go to:

<https://www.tate.org.uk/whats-on/tate-britain/exhibition/steve-mcqueen-year-3>

Children's Hospital Pyjama Charity

Thank you to all the parents who donated pyjamas for this charity. Chelsea & Westminster Neptune Ward were



very touched by the amount of pyjamas delivered by our House Captains.

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.

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



Breakfast Club



For £3 a day, pupils from Nursery to Y6 may attend breakfast club in the school hall from 8am for parents with early commitments. It is run by staff

at Thomas's Academy. **Please sign up at the office if you would like your child to come along as places must be booked and paid in advance.**

Playground

We are working towards improving our playgrounds with lots of money raised for improvements already. Please 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.

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 or the office 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.