



DIARY DATES

July 2022

Mon 11th

Ashlyns Language
Leaders Workshop – Y2

10:30 Piano Student
Assembly – Y2
(parent/carer by
invitation only)

Ashlyns Science
Workshop – Y2

Tues 12th

Thomas Coram's
production – Y2

Wed 13th

Reception trip to the
zoo

Thurs 14th

Athletics Workshop

Fri 15th

Y2 trip to the zoo

09:00 Hedgehogs Class
Assembly

Mon 18th

09:00 Foxes Class
Assembly

Tuesday 19th

09:00 Badgers Class
Assembly

Beach Party – Y2

Wed 20th

Non uniform day (no
donation required)

Leavers' Disco – Y2

13:15-13:45 FoSG
Preloved Uniform Sale

Last day of term –
early finish at 13:30



8th July 2022

The current children have now completed their transition programme for moving onto new classes and schools in September. They have really enjoyed meeting their new teachers and spending time in their new classes.

The Year 2 children had great fun at the Intersports Event at Thomas Coram and have visited their new schools. We are always sad to see our children leave but feel confident they are ready to continue their learning adventures in pastures new.

Message from Thomas Coram for Year 2

'We hope your Year 2 pupils enjoyed their transition day at The Thomas Coram CE School yesterday.'

Miss Williamson and the Year 3 teachers will be sending a letter out to the children to let them know who their teacher will be in September. This will be before the end of this term.

Uniform Orders

We are pleased to let you know that you can now purchase school uniform online with our new provider, Essential Schoolwear, visit their website [here](https://www.essential-schoolwear.co.uk).

School Learning

In Voles the children have been exploring howling like



wolves. This was linked to Isaac's question; 'How wolves howl at the moon?'

They have also been getting to know their stick insects. They also made stick insects using repeating patterns of pasta and Cheerios. Look carefully at the camouflaged creatures they created.



Friends of Swing Gate School

The end of term Pre-Loved Sale is planned for the last day of term at 13:30 in the playground.

We have one full rail of uniform bits already and would love more to sell. If you have good clean quality



clothes to donate, there's a box in reception. We also need more rails and hangers if you happen to have some we could borrow. Items are going to be sold for a suggested donation of £1 and will mean we are wasting less and saving more. A theme we want to continue next year, watch this space!

We're also going to be selling ice creams and cakes.

The FoSG team is a great place to have a bit of fun and help the school enrich our children's



Pause for thought

"Celebrate endings for they precede new beginnings."

Jonathan Lockwood Huie, author

learning journeys. We are going to be losing some great members of the team as they move on to their new schools, so if you can spare any time to get involved, please do give us a shout. We have so many things we want to do for the community that we need as many hands as possible. Even if it's just an hour, it will be appreciated. Drop us a [email](#) or have a chat with Sara (Voles parent) or Gill (Squirrels parent), our Chairs. You can often find us hanging around or lurking in the FoSG's shed.



Squash Stars

England Squash, the national governing body of squash, have launched their nationwide Squash Stars programme to encourage children to pick up a racket and begin a lifelong love of the game. This action-packed six-week programme starts at the beginning of September and is delivered by a number of participating sports clubs and venues in the area.

Your child will be taught the skills to play squash, develop hand-eye coordination, increase fitness and make new friends. All sessions include match play through fun games and drills, delivered by specially trained leaders. Sessions are taking place locally to book your child's place now visit their [website](#).

Toy Hub Children's Charity

Toy Hub is a newly-launched children's charity working across the HP4 and HP23 areas, supporting families and carers on low incomes by supplying toys and gifts for their children to unwrap this Christmas. With the cost-of-living continuing to rise, some households in the local community will struggle to navigate the

additional financial commitment that Christmas can bring. Toy Hub is here to help. Founded by a group of Berkhamsted-based school mums, it is managed entirely by volunteers.

The trustees will be calling on everyone in the local community to help spread some festive joy by donating new or like-new toys, money to purchase items, or their free time to help volunteer.

Toy Hub will launch an online application form this autumn and any parent, carer or an organisation working on a family's behalf will be able to apply for Toy Hub support.

Later this year Toy Hub will be opening a number of toy donation drop-off points across the HP4 and HP23 areas and will be asking people to donate new and like-new toys to the cause.

For more information about the charity including how to donate, volunteer and support, please visit their [website](#).

Wellbeing in Action

Healthy Eating Super smoothie ice lollies

Ingredients

- 1 small ripe banana
- 1 mug of fresh or frozen berries (150g)
- 1 mug of milk (300ml)
- 3 tablespoons natural yoghurt
- 1 tablespoon runny honey
- 6 mint leaves

Method

1. Peel the banana and place in a blender with the berries, milk, yoghurt and honey.
2. Pick in the mint leaves, then blitz until super smooth.
3. Divide the mixture between 8 ice lolly moulds, then pop a stick into each one. Put





the ice lollies in the freezer for at least 4 hours, or until solid.

Tips:

A super-ripe banana will add extra sweetness, so depending on its ripeness you might need a little more or less honey.

Mindfulness

Have a go at some mindful colouring using the attached sheets.

And finally...

What a wonderful week we have had, from the fantastic Rabbits Class Assembly, to the Key Stage 1 talk by Robin Ince. We had personal hellos to the four classes by key scientists. Hopefully, with their agreement, we will be able to put them on our website.



Have a good weekend and stay safe!

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