



April 2019

**PLEASE**



**NO PEANUTS  
OR  
NUT PRODUCTS**

**MEDICINES**

**Please be reminded that the school is NOT permitted to administer **any** short-term medication. If your child requires short-term medication you will need to make arrangements to come in and administer it yourselves.**



## Summer Term 2019

### A warm welcome back!

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the Summer Term. As you can see from this bumper Newsletter there is lots going on this term and all of our Learners have exciting opportunities to develop their understanding and consolidate their learning.

We will continue to develop Writing through our use of Alan Peat sentences and Mrs Wordsmith vocabulary and we are sure that you will have noticed your child's vocabulary and writing improve. This term we remain focussed on the non-negotiables which are on our school website and it is important that your child masters these non-negotiables in order that he / she is prepared for their next stage in learning. This term we aim to develop our policy and strategies for spelling and more details will follow shortly in terms of how you can support your child to develop their spelling. We will also be working hard to support your child's oracy skills. We will be holding a Parent café later this term to share our strategies.

This time last year we introduced our RESPECT code to reflect the Learning attitudes that we foster at Thomas Eaton. These underpin our Teaching and Learning and we are delighted to celebrate the improvements made by our Learners in every respect.

From my own personal perspective I cannot quite believe that I have been at Thomas Eaton for a year. The time has flown by and I would like to thank you all for supporting the many changes that have been implemented throughout this year. My vision for Thomas Eaton Primary Academy is that all our Learners achieve their potential and are challenged, motivated and excited to come to our wonderful school. Your support in helping your child to be determined, independent, aspirational, meticulous, organised and resilient is very much appreciated and is reflected in the number of pupils who have achieved the Diamond Learner Award.

We welcome your ideas, suggestions and your presence in school and hope to see you at one of the many events this Term.

Kind Regards  
Nicola Jones

### **Arbor**



Thank you to the 61% of parents/carers that have registered with Arbor. If you need a new link to be sent to your email then please let the office know. New links have been sent (30th April) for those who have not yet registered. This has been sent to the email address we currently hold for you on Arbor. If your email has changed then please let the school office know and we will change it and get a new link sent to you.



AND



eSchools and  
Arbor:

Although we are now using Arbor as the system to communicate with parents/ carers we are still running eSchools in parallel with Arbor to ensure you have enough time to set up Arbor. At the present time Arbor do not have an App so you will need to use the website to access information.

## School Clubs

A separate letter regarding clubs was issued shortly on Monday 29th April. Gardening club is now full.

These are also available on the school website.

Premier Sports, which is a separate payable club provided by an external provider, commenced on Monday 29th April after school from 3:15pm-4:15pm. They are offering two clubs for the Summer Term, one for KS2 Dodgeball on Tuesdays after school and one for KS1 Gymnastics on Mondays after school. Separate consent forms have been sent out by Premier Sports.



## School Meals

A copy of the 3-weekly cycle menu has been emailed out and is also available on the school website. Payment should continue to be made in advance to the school office or online via your Arbor login. The cost remains at **£2.25** per pupil meal.



## Please Remember!

Please check your child's bag on a daily basis for school letters and information. Thank you.

## PTFA information

Hello, at our recent EGM I was voted in as the new chair of our PTFA. I am already getting stuck in to preparations for our Summer Fayre on 28th June, which I hope you are all looking forward to.

If you are able to help out by manning a stall at the event, maybe with a friend, I would love to hear from you. We will also soon be looking at events for next year so if you have any ideas for different events please let us know, it would be great to try something new.

Thank you  
Petra

### Key dates:

Summer Fayre—Friday 28th June straight after school

Ice cream sales after school on Fridays—first date is Friday 24th May (no sales on 28th June due to the Summer Fayre). They will also be sold on the last day of term, Wednesday 24th July.

### Key members:

Chairperson is Mrs Petra Brooks

Treasurer is Mrs Anne Appleby

Publicist is Mrs Amy Robson

Secretary is Mrs Nicola Clifford

PTFA Email contact = [pta@thomaseaton.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:pta@thomaseaton.cambs.sch.uk)



### School website:

Please check the school website for further information. There is also a calendar of events on there. The pages at the back of this newsletter have some key dates for you so please refer to these pages and remember to put them in your diaries at home. Thank you!

## Sports Afternoon

Sports Afternoon will be held on **Monday 17th June**. This will be held at Thomas Eaton. Everyone is welcome to attend.

A reserve sports day has been organised for Monday 8th July.

The children will wear their house coloured bands so there will be no need to hunt for a t-shirt to match your child's house colour!

## Trim trail & outdoor equipment

Please be reminded that children must **NOT** play on the trim trail and other outdoor equipment before or after school. Children will not be allowed to use this equipment in open toed sandals.

## End of year reports

You will receive your child(ren)'s end of year report on **Friday 12th July**.

There are no formal parent/teacher consultations this term, but should you wish to talk to your child's class teacher or discuss the report, please make an appointment directly with the class teacher.

## Hats and Sun protection

During playtimes, lunchtimes and outdoor activities, it is important that all our children are appropriately dressed for the weather. To protect them from the sun, we ask you to ensure that your child is equipped with a peaked cap or wide brimmed hat, which they can easily access on hot days. Likewise it is advisable that exposed skin is protected by sunscreen. We recommend a high factor sunscreen is applied before school to enable it to last all day as staff are unable to apply it. Just to provide some clarity regarding sunscreen:



If your child requires sunscreen to be applied during the school day please bring it into school in a plastic bag ensuring that it is clearly labelled with your child's name. The sunscreen needs to be kept in your child's classroom.

**Please be reminded that it is your child's responsibility to remember to apply their sunscreen.**

## Letting your child walk home alone

Please **inform the school office** if you wish to allow your child to walk home alone. This will then be passed onto their Class Teacher. Thank you.

## ARBOR—Online payments

We can now accept online payments for school meals and wraparound care (Breakfast and After school clubs). You will need to login to your Arbor account to do this. There is an extensive help facility on Arbor but if you need further help then please come into the school office.



We will also be using Arbor online payments for upcoming class trips.



The number of children reading at home **every** day continues to increase.

It is great to see more of our older pupils participating and **thank you** for continuing to support your child's reading.

Reading at home will be rewarded in our Celebration Assemblies to which you are warmly invited to.

Please refer to the diary dates at the back of this newsletter.

Remember, you can monitor your child's progress by logging in to the Accelerated Reading site at:

<https://ukhosted14.renlearn.co.uk/2233572/homeconnect>, using your personal password

## Class Information sheets/ topic webs

Teachers issued their class information sheets/ topic webs on Friday 26th April for this term. These sheets will inform you of the learning your child(ren) will be covering this term, as well as any special requests/requirements. They can also be viewed on the school website.

## Water bottles and Fruit

Please ensure your child brings a water bottle (with a non-spill top) each day, as we encourage them to drink plenty of water throughout the day. This is particularly important as the weather becomes warmer.

The bottles must contain **plain, still water ONLY** please. Please do not send in flavoured water as this is very sticky when spilt. Bottles with the school logo are available from the School Office at a cost of £1.20 each.

Key Stage 1 pupils will continue to receive their fruit/vegetable snack each day at break time and Key Stage 2 pupils may bring their own piece of fresh fruit or vegetable from home.

## Getting ready for KS2 SATS week

**The SATs week commences w/b 13th May. Please be advised to keep it CLEAR of any pupil appointments etc.**

Further information on how you can support your child can be found at: [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/792059/Information\\_for\\_parents\\_-\\_2019\\_national\\_curriculum\\_tests\\_at\\_the\\_end\\_of\\_key\\_stages\\_1\\_and\\_2.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/792059/Information_for_parents_-_2019_national_curriculum_tests_at_the_end_of_key_stages_1_and_2.pdf)

## Swimming – Chatteris–Y6

**Year 6** sessions (6 in total) at The Empress Pool in Chatteris will be on **Thursdays** (between 1:30pm-2:30pm): 6th June; 13th June; 20th June; 27th June; 4th July; 11th July.

## Term time holidays – PLEASE AVOID THEM

Amendments to the regulations regarding children being granted leave of absence in term time came into force on the 1 September 2013. Following the result of the Supreme Court Judgement on the 18th April 2017, the County Council is continuing to issue Penalty Notices for unauthorised holiday leave. The law gives **no entitlement to parents** to take their child on holiday during term time. No parent/carer can demand leave of absence as a right; however individual cases are considered and "holiday leave" may be granted in exceptional circumstances.

In all circumstances of holiday leave, a written application must be made in advance by the parent/carer and a date for the pupil's return to school agreed. Parents will be informed in writing as to the decision made regarding the absence. Where leave of absence has not been granted but is taken by the family, the Local Authority may issue a penalty notice\* to each parent for each child.

\*The Penalty Notice shall be a sum of £120 if paid within 28 days. This shall be reduced to £60 if paid within 21 days.



## Free School Meals (FSM)

If you apply and qualify for Free School Meals, our school will receive additional funding called Pupil Premium, up to **£1,320** a year.

Even though all children in Key Stage 1 receive Universal Infant Free School Meals, our school can only benefit from Pupil Premium funding if parents/carers apply, and are eligible, for Free School Meals. Don't delay the funding ... apply today!  
Schools spend the pupil premium money on anything that can help your children do well at school, including trips, activities and extra support.

Applying online only takes a few minutes and, if eligible, your child will continue to receive Free School Meals until:

- The end of Year 6 (if they are in primary school on 31 March 2022), or
- The end of Year 11 (if they are in secondary school on 31 March 2022)

This is even if your income rises above the threshold at any point during that time.

### Eligibility

To get free school meals you need to be receiving one of the following:

- Universal Credit (up to £7,400 net earned income)
- Income Support
- Income based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop working altogether or start to work less than 16 hours per week)
- Child Tax Credit but no element of Working Tax Credit and have an annual income that does not exceed £16,190

To apply, visit [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)

**You may not wish for your child to have the meals, but still do apply as the school will be given money that can directly help your child make progress at school.**

## Healthy Snacks

The Government National Fruit and Vegetable Scheme provides each child in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 with a piece of fruit each day which is eaten at break time. All children may bring in a 'healthy' snack of their own for break time if they wish, for example, fruit, vegetables, cheese, cereal bar etc. Please **no cake, chocolate, biscuits, crisps or sweets.**

Your support in applying this consistently is appreciated.

## School website

Don't forget to visit the school website **regularly** and check for updates on what's happening. The Calendar is a useful reference for key dates.

[www.thomaseatonschool.co.uk](http://www.thomaseatonschool.co.uk)

## Consents

Please be reminded that parents/carers are responsible for ensuring their child's details are up to date (either by informing the school office or updating their details using your Arbor login). It is important that the school is made aware of the consents you give for your child. The consents that are available are: Internet Access/ Photograph/ Home to School Agreement/ Walks around the village. You can either update these yourselves using your Arbor login or inform the school office and we will amend your child's records accordingly. **Thank you for your continued support!**

**Parking**  
**Outside**  
**School**  
**Parents are reminded that they should not park their cars on the yellow zig zag lines outside school or opposite them. This applies before and after school and when collecting children at other times. In addition, please park with consideration for our neighbours**



## School Uniform

We shall continue to reinforce our expectations regarding the wearing of school uniform and encourage children to take pride in their appearance. Our school uniform colours are royal blue, white, grey or black.

**Appropriate** summer footwear should be worn. Open toed sandals are not permitted as they pose a health and safety hazard on the play equipment. Trainers and jogging bottoms are not part of the school uniform except for outdoor sports/PE sessions.

Our uniform:

### Girls

Grey or black skirt/pinafore/trousers

White/pale blue blouse

Royal Blue sweater/cardigan (available to purchase on-line)

Royal Blue sweat-shirt (available to purchase on-line)

Pale Blue and white summer dress

### Boys

Grey or black trousers/shorts

White/pale blue shirt

Royal Blue v-neck sweater

Royal Blue sweat-shirt (available to purchase on-line)

### Boys & Girls

Royal Blue fleece (available to purchase on-line)

Royal Blue Weatherproof reversible jacket (available to purchase on-line)

White, Grey or Black socks/tights

### Footwear

Black school shoes or boots ONLY. **No** sports shoes (eg trainers) are permitted.

**PLEASE NAME ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING. NAIL VARNISH AND JEWELLERY (except small ear studs that MUST be removed for PE sessions) ARE NOT PERMITTED.**

## Wraparound Care (BSC & ASC)

We are delighted with the success of our Breakfast (BSC) and After School clubs (ASC). These clubs are run by staff and provide parents/carers with an opportunity of a paying before and after school club for their children to attend. You can also pay online using Arbor if your child accesses the wraparound care.



This term After school club will be continuing to focus on 'countries' including Italy, Greece and Spain. We will be tasting food from these countries. Our creative theme will be Mini Beasts. We have been doing our own self portraits and piecing our puzzle together, exploring how we all fit. We will be making the most of the summer evenings and getting outside to play games.

Dates for your diary: Movie night 21st May

Picnic outdoors 14th June

***Further information can be found on the school website***

***BSC is open daily (term time only) from 07:15-08:45 and ASC is open daily (term time only) from 15:15-18:00. Booking forms are required should you wish your child to attend a club and these can be downloaded from the school website (see above) or from the school office.***



## KS1 (Y2) SATS—May

KS1 (year 2) children will be taking their SATS in May.

Please ensure that your child gets a good night's sleep, a good breakfast and arrives at school on time during this important time.

## Attendance

**It Matters!**

Our whole school attendance up to 29th April was **95.7 %**. This is just below the government target set for all schools of 96%. We still need to improve on our attendance so that children are able to have the maximum learning time in school.

I'd like to thank all the parents and carers of children who attend school regularly and punctually, we have 16 children who have 100% attendance since September and 84 children who are above the National Average of 96%.

Unfortunately we have 43 children below 96% and 11 children below 90%. If a child has an attendance level of below 90% the Government categorise them as being Persistent Absentees and we as a school are required to challenge parents. As part of this challenge, where attendance does not improve, we are required to work with the Educational Welfare Officer and apply to the County Council for a **Penalty notice to be issued**.

There is a leaflet 'Is Your child at School today' that is attached to the back of this newsletter for you to read.

Descriptor	Threshold Attendance	Actual Attendance	Whole Days Absent	Learning Hours Lost		
<i>An approach to help schools target non-attendance methodically – it is intended to apply to absence that is mostly unauthorised!</i>						
<b>Excellent</b>	100%	190	0	0	P R E V E N T A T I V E	
	99%	188 days	2	10		
<b>Good</b>	98%	186 days	4	20		
	97%	184 days	6	30		
Identify students of concern and send <b>Letter One</b>	96%	182.5 days	7.5	37.5		
<b>Becoming Unsatisfactory</b>	95%	180.5 days	9.5	47.5		
Identify students of concern and send <b>Letter Two</b> . Meet with parents to discuss concerns and identify support – complete CAF	94%	177 days	13	65		
<b>Cause For Concern</b>	90%	171 days	19	95		
After identifying students of concerns at 90 - 92% attendance and having sent <b>Letter Three</b> , monitor attendance over a four week period and refer for PN when attendance falls between 86 to 89%	89%	169 days	21	105		P E N A L T Y
	88%	167 days	23	115		
	87%	165	25	125		
Over previous 6 weeks attendance recorded as mostly unauthorised prepare referral to Education Welfare. Non buying back academies progress to formal Parent Contract Meeting	86%	163	27	135	N O T I C E	
<b>Serious Cause For Concern</b>	85%	161.5	28.5	142.6		
Academies to refer to Legal Panel	84%	159.5	30.5	152.5	C O U R T	
	83%	158	32	160		
	82%	156	34	170		
	81%	154	36	180		
Critical	80%			190		

# OUR STAFF

## THOMAS EATON SCHOOL STAFF – Summer 2019

Headteacher	Mrs N Jones
Deputy Headteacher	Mrs N Irvine (Wednesdays)
Year 6 Teacher	Mrs K Bultitude
Year 4/5 Teachers	Mrs N Jones/ Mrs K Ball
Year 3 Teachers	Mrs N Webb and Miss Turner
Year 1/2 Teacher	Mrs D Sycamore
Year R/1 Teacher	Mrs S Allum
Teaching Assistants	Mrs S Brown Mrs M Randell Ms P Virgo Mrs J McHaffie (HLTA) Mrs S Baker Mrs K Ball (HLTA) Mrs J Holmes Mrs K Anthony Mrs E Payne Miss L Lindsey (HLTA) Mrs L Webb Mrs C Jones Mrs S Coney
Inclusion Co-ordinator	Mrs N Brightey
Mid-day Supervisors	Mrs L Baxter Mrs J Goult
Office Manager	Mrs E Weatherill
Office Assistant	Mrs M Cook
Catering Manager (Caterlink)	Mrs H Cavilla
Catering Assistants (Caterlink)	Mrs J Parkin Miss L Prince Mrs S Coney
Wraparound care (BSC/ASC)	Mrs Ball Mrs Fleet Mrs Webb
Caretaker/Cleaner	Mrs J Porter
Cleaner	Mrs J Dent
Preschool Leader	Mrs S Allum
Preschool Assistants	Mrs S Baker and Mrs K Anthony

## **DIARY DATES — SUMMER TERM**

Monday 29th April	Premier Sports ASC commence this week
Tuesday 30th April	9am Junior Maths challenge @ Cromwell (selected Y6 children) 9:30am-12pm Y5 visit to March Fire Station 3:15pm Y6 SATS booster session
Thursday 2nd May	7pm PTFA meeting (for Summer Fayre)
Friday 3rd May	1:15pm High 5's netball @ Lionel Walden (selected children) 1:15pm-3pm Cricket Coach in to see Pankhurst/Curie
<b>Monday 6th May</b>	<b>Bank Holiday</b>
Tuesday 7th May	9am-9:30am Coffee & Catch up (parent/staff drop in session) 2pm-2:30pm Coffee & Catch up (parent/staff drop in session) 3:15pm Y6 SATS booster session
Thursday 9th May	1:15pm NCMP in to see Reception & Y6
Friday 10th May	9am Celebration Assembly 1:15pm-3pm Cricket Coach in to see Pankhurst/Curie
<b>W/C Monday 13th May</b>	<b>KS2 (Y6) SATs Week</b>
Thursday 16th May	Summer Census
Friday 17th May	1:15pm-3pm Cricket Coach in to see Pankhurst/Curie 2:30pm Parents invited in to look at home learning in the school
W/C Monday 20th May	Assessment week (Y3-Y5) PM (TTBC) girls Kwik cricket tournament @ March town cricket club (selected children)
Thursday 23rd May	Abax Stadium visit for selected Y4/Y5/Y6 children
Friday 24th May	9am Celebration Assembly 1:15pm-3pm Cricket Coach in to see Pankhurst/Curie
<b>W/C Monday 27th May</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
<b>Monday 3rd June</b>	<b>TRAINING DAY—NO CHILDREN</b>
Wednesday 5th June	PM (TTBC) Mixed Kwik cricket tournament @ March town cricket club (selected children)
Thursday 6th June	1:30pm-2:30pm Y6 swimming @ Chatteris
Friday 7th June	Pyjamara Day! Curie class (Y3) trip to London
Monday 10th June	Phonics screening check week

## **DIARY DATES (cont'd) – SUMMER TERM**

Tuesday 11th June	9am-11:30am Cromwell parent appointments at TEPA (Y6)
Thursday 13th June	1:30pm-2:30pm Y6 swimming @ Chatteris
Friday 14th June	1:15pm-3pm Cricket Coach in to see Hawking/Earhart PM—Oracy parent café (TTBC)
Monday 17th June	1:15pm Sports Afternoon to be held at school
Tuesday 18th June	Earhart (Y1/2) Class trip to West Stow 1:20pm NSPCC Safeguarding assembly (children only—KS2) fol-
Wednesday 19th June	Scholastic book Fair being delivered
Thursday 20th June	1:20pm NSPCC Safeguarding assembly (children only—KS1) fol- lowed by Y5 workshop 1:30pm-2:30pm Y6 swimming @ Chatteris
Friday 21st June	9am Celebration Assembly 1:15pm-3pm Cricket Coach in to see Hawking/Earhart
Wednesday 26th June	Scholastic book Fair being collected
Thursday 27th June	1:30pm-2:30pm Y6 swimming @ Chatteris
Friday 28th June	1:15pm-3pm Cricket Coach in to see Hawking/Earhart PTFA Summer Fayre @ 3:15pm
Wednesday 3rd July	Y6 Cromwell transition day (1 of 2)
Thursday 4th July	Life Education Bus Visit (day 1 of 2) 1:15pm Inter-Village athletics @ Lionel Walden (selected children) 1:30pm-2:30pm Y6 swimming @ Chatteris
Friday 5th July	9am Celebration Assembly Life Education Bus Visit (day 2 of 2) 1:15pm-3pm Cricket Coach in to see Hawking/Earhart
Sunday 7th July	Wimblington Summer Show in village hall (opens @ 1pm)
Monday 8th July	Reserve sports afternoon (at school)
Tuesday 9th July	Pankhurst (Y4/5) class visit to Fitzwilliam Musuem
Thursday 11th July	1:30pm-2:30pm Y6 swimming @ Chatteris
Friday 12th July	End of Year school reports to be available 1:15pm-3pm Cricket Coach in to see Hawking/Earhart
Wednesday 17th July	Y6 Cromwell transition day (2 of 2)
Friday 19th July	9am Celebration Assembly 1:15pm-3pm Cricket Coach in to see Hawking/Earhart
Tuesday 23rd July	Reward Day
Wednesday 24th July	Y6 Leavers Assembly (TTBC) <b>TERM ENDS</b>