



Welcome Back

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It has been a thoroughly positive and sun-kissed start to the Summer Term – some reception lads were so relaxed they removed their shoes and socks!

Although some of us would have preferred to have jetted off to foreign climes during the Easter break – I think the ‘stay at home’ directives helped us all properly recharge and the energy levels were up this week.

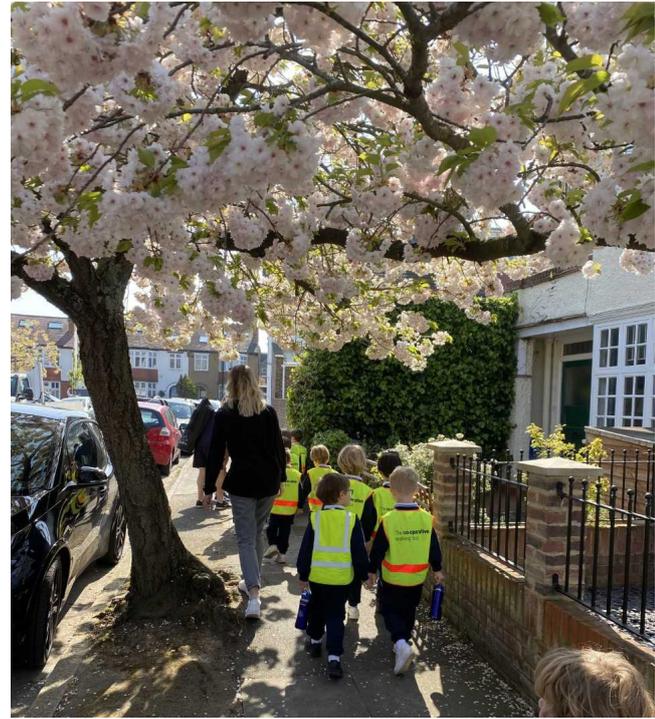
Combined bubbles enabled some rationalisation of drop offs/pickups and although no one said it too loudly – ‘it started to feel a bit more normal’.

Headline grabbers were homework, catering and swimming. The return to a normal schedule of homework speaks for itself but catering and swimming need further details.

Salome had been chef here at THS for 17 years – but the pandemic caused her to re-evaluate the daily 4 hour round trip from Kent – and she has secured a position closer to home. We send our warmest wishes and hopes for the future to Salome. Gaps always provide opportunity and we are delighted that Chef Chris has joined the team. Boys and staff have been unanimously positive in their appraisal of lunches this week – a resounding ‘thumbs up’. They say an army marches on its stomach – it is fair to say we seem to be travelling ‘on the double’!



Junior School pupils have been very lucky indeed to be some of the first to benefit from the area’s newest installation. The new SwimWay pool at the Barnes Home Guard is literally on our doorstep and the logistics of getting to swimming has been very smooth indeed. The boys were also delighted to find that some of their new instructors have swum in The Olympics! Many thanks to Mr Peyton and Mr Philips for ensuring that THS pupils can gain maximum advantage from this wonderful new resource.





Instrumental lessons

Instrumental lessons will continue to be taught online this term, to ensure pupils are learning a musical instrument safely during the current restrictions. All instrumental lessons will return to face to face in September when hopefully we will return to 'normal'. If you would like your son to take an ABRSM exam this term then please speak directly to his instrumental teacher.

PSHE

This term all pupils will be learning about 'Relationships' and 'Changing Me' (physical and emotional changes) in their PSHE lessons. We are continuing to use the Jigsaw scheme which has a spiral curriculum approach and tailor-made age-appropriate lessons. Your son's class teacher will be sending weekly emails this week to highlight the lesson topic in order to make you aware of what is being taught in PSHE as you may want to support your son further at home.

Virtual Reality Fun!

Next week boys in every year group will be taking part in a VR experience! The timetable for these sessions is below - look out for photos next week!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y7 'America's National Parks' 8:40-10am ICT room (TC)	Y4 'Ancient Romans' 8:40-10am ICT room (TC)	Y5 'Field Trip to L'ile de France' 8:10-9:20 ICT room (TC)	Y6 'Ypres WWI' 9:20-10:10 ICT room (TC)	Y1 'Castles' 8:30-9:30 Y1 classroom (JaR)
Y8 'Spanish Armada' 12-1:20 ICT room (TC)	Y3 'Ancient Egypt' 10:50-11:50 Y3 classroom (KH)	Y2 'Samburu Kenya' 1-2pm Y2 classroom (DH)	YR 'Santiago Zoo' 1-2pm YR classroom (MC/AM)	



New Appointment

In what has been a difficult year for everyone Year 8 have been a shining example of application and dedication. Each year we select some prefects to act as a bridge between pupils and staff -after initial selections we always look to see if others have shown a sensible, helpful attitude. Angus Beaumont has done just that over the last two terms and I was delighted to pass on a prefect badge and tie to him earlier this week - well done Angus!



Years 4-8 BofE pick up next week after games



Just a reminder that next week will be the last week that we have games at the Bank of England. The pick up times below allow us both maximum games time and a punctual return to school. We can only wait for five minutes after these times. Any boys not collected at this time will walk back to school with the staff. Please can all parents, carers and guardians continue to wait outside the BofE gates where we will bring the boys out to you.

Year 4 & 5 (Tuesday/Friday) 3.15

Year 6 (Monday/Wednesday) 3.35

Year 7 & 8 (Monday/Wednesday) 3.45

Information will be in next weeks newsletter with regard to collection times and venue for the rest of term when we begin games lessons at Sheen Common.

Hair Cuts

Just a polite reminder that the school policy as set out in the booklet given to all parents when they begin at THS states:

"It is school policy that all boys have neat, smart haircuts. Hair should be off the collar and ears and away from the eyes. Hair gel is not allowed."

Clearly there has been a great deal of necessary leeway while hairdressers and barbers have been closed but now they are open for business we ask that boys do please adhere to this policy. The vast majority have returned to school sporting smart new haircuts but one or two do need a trim please.

Thank you for your co-operation with this.



FOTH Second Hand Uniform Sale

Wed 28th April

9am to 12pm (booked slots)

Outside 33 Sheen Common Drive, TW10 5BW. Card payments only.
Please wear a face mask and hand sanitise before entering the area.

You must book a time slot, to do so please click [here](#)



Donations

We are desperate for donations of good condition uniform/blazers and sports gear which can be dropped off outside the same address above by Tuesday evening (27th) latest.

Thank you, The FOTH Team.

Typing's cool

Summer term Typing's Cool Zoom based touch typing club for 7 - 16's.

Beginners, improvers and advanced learners are warmly welcome.

Sessions are available Monday to Thursday at 4:30 and 5:30 pm.

Cost £125.00

Please apply at www.typingscool.co.uk



This week's **review of the week** is a special entry by Ashwin Chockalingam in Year 2.

Jack Stalwart, The deadly dinosaur USA by Elizabeth Singer Hunt

I liked the book because Jack was reading a book and the author was Lewis Potter but Jack was wondering who is this Lewis Potter? When Jack went on his mission he was in the Natural History Museum and saw Lewis Potter in the museum! The hallux was stolen from the alasourous's bones and they were wondering who stole it? The bone could make a dog into a dinosaur and they had to chase the dinosaur all over the city and it was crazy. They used a canister to make the dinosaur's mouth to open and they used the reversing serum to make the dinosaur turn back into the dog. The book was exciting and scary. I love reading Jack Stalwart books

What a fantastic review, keep them coming boys!

Have a lovely
weekend!



Mr Gregory Evans, Headmaster