



St Thomas of Canterbury School Newsletter

Week ending Thursday 10th May 2024

Dear parents and carers,

What a lovely week it has been! My highlight has been getting outside and watching the children enjoying this wonderful weather. Mr Richardson has been holding athletics tryouts for the Y5 and 6 City Heats which will be held in a couple of weeks time; despite the warmer temperatures, the children still gave their absolute best. Well done!

In Sunday's Gospel, we heard Jesus give his disciples his one and only commandment: love one another as I have loved you. It's easy to show love to people we get on with, who treat you well and give us joy. Jesus reminded us that he showed his love for us by giving up his life. While he is not asking us to do this, Jesus does ask that we too put others before ourselves in order to show them love. This is really difficult to do and it is to their credit that our children rise to this challenge on a regular basis.

Next week, our Y6 children have their SATs tests. They have worked really hard to prepare for these as they want to show their very best. I am very proud of them but want to remind them that these tests may show their understanding in English and maths but will not capture what kind, thoughtful and wonderful young people they are.

Enjoy the weekend!
God bless
Mrs Clements

Upcoming Events and Important Dates

Mon 12th May -SATS WEEK

Fri 17th May – School Disco

20th-24th May – Walk to school week

Mon 20th May - St Thomas v St Wilfrid's Football match

Tues 21st May – Y1&2 Trip to Yorkshire Sculpture Park

Weds 22nd May – U11 Athletics Heats

Summer Half term – 27th – 31st May

Fri 7th June – Whole School Sports Day

Mon 17th June – Class Photos (rearranged from 24th April)

Mon 17th June – Year 2 Skipping event

Weds 19th – Fri 21st June – Year 6 Residential

Mon 24th June – 14:00 Y3 & Y6 Open Afternoon

Tues 25th June – 14:00 Y2 & Y4 Open Afternoon

Weds 26th June – 14:00 Y1 Open Afternoon

Thurs 27th June - 14:00 Y5 Open Afternoon

Mon 1st July – Autumn 1 Breakfast & Afterschool club bookings open on Parentpay at 4pm

Weds 3rd July – Reception Trip to Cleethorpes

Weds 3rd – Fri 5th July – Year 5 Residential

Tues 9th July – Year 6 Leaver's show

Thurs 11th July – Year 6 Crucial Crew Visit

Fri 19th July – Last day of Term

Golden time donation Wishlist

If you have any of the below items in clean/working condition, please bring to the school office.

- Nerf guns/bullets
- Board Games
- Lego
- Children's DVD's
- Jewellery making crafts (beads etc.)
- Coloured wool
- Spatula's and whisks

A Prayer from our Class Teachers

Dear Lord,

Thank you for this opportunity to nurture the faith of the children in my care. By the power of your Holy Spirit, lead and guide me as I prepare this assembly and bless each and every child with an open heart and mind to hear your Word.

In your name, Jesus, Amen.

Whole School Attendance

Our attendance for last week was 94.7%
Our attendance this week was 96.6% %

Makaton Sign of the Week

This week's sign is **To dance.**

Please click this link to see how it is done!

<https://youtu.be/5gTiHrNFxU>



Parish Events

Please see the attached church newsletter.

Cheese grab bags for Summer 2 Afterschool club

If your child would prefer to have a Cheese Grab bag instead of the hot meal, please complete the below google form.

<https://forms.gle/J21dZcz2B1kDRzVe6> If you would like to continue to receive a hot dinner, you do not need to do anything. Please can we ask that you complete the google form by Sunday 2nd June 2024.

Sacred Heart Concert at Church

As you will see from the advert below, the Parish's annual Sacred Heart concert is taking place at 7pm on Friday 7th June 2024 in Our Lady and St Thomas Church, and they are looking for performers.

To share our love of music as a school, we wonder if a group of children would like to get together and represent the school by singing two songs. These could be any songs that are joyful and uplifting and we will choose together. We would get together to practise on a Thursday lunchtime, beginning on Thursday 16th May, before performing at the concert. If your child is interested, please contact Mr Richardson, m.richardson@st-tc.co.uk

Annual Sacred Heart Concert planned for Friday 7th June 2024 the feast of the Sacred Heart - at Our Lady and St Thomas Church

WANTED!!!; Musicians; Thespians; makers of mirth; tellers of tall tales and poets to take part in the Parish annual Sacred Heart Concert on Friday 7th June. There will be a raffle. Keep the date free; Put your name down to take part.

We would welcome raffle prizes and suggest a shared table to make this a parish event.

To help, take part and/or donate raffle prizes. Please contact Pam Corkell; Tel 07941 661272 email pamelacorkell@gmail.com or Joe McNally 07891072858 e-mail joemcnally@gmail.com

All proceeds to help care for Bethlehem's terminally ill helping them end their days pain free and with dignity. God bless.

We are working to sustain the first Hospice in Bethlehem. Find out how you can help.



Summer Term PE Days

Reception	Thursday PM
Year 1	Monday PM & Thursday AM
Year 2	Monday AM & Wednesday PM
Year 3	Tuesday PM & Thursday PM
Year 4	Wednesday PM & Friday PM
Year 5	Monday PM & Thursday AM
Year 6	Tuesday PM & Thursday AM

AM - children come to school in their PE kit and bring their uniform to change into.

PM - children should come dressed in their uniform, with their PE kit to change into.

Diarrhoea and Vomiting

We have been advised by UKHSA (UK Health Security Agency) to inform you that we have several cases of Diarrhoea and vomiting (gastroenteritis) in school. If you think that your child may have developed this infection, please keep them off school until they are 48-hour symptom free. Please inform school immediately of any cases.

Please see the link below for further information:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/diarrhoea-and-vomiting/>

Scarlet Fever

We just want to let you know that there has been a confirmed case of Scarlet Fever in school. We have been in touch with the Health Protection Team who have advised us to increase hygiene measures in school. If your child has a temperature, sore throat, has difficulty swallowing, has a rash that looks like measles or feels at all unwell, please seek advice from your doctor, letting them know that they could have potentially been in contact with Scarlet Fever.

More information can be found on the NHS website here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/scarlet-fever/>

Please keep us informed of any illness

Sheffield United Spring Half term football camps

Sheffield United are offering football camps during spring bank half term.

More information can be found below:

<https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/sheffieldunited/23-24-lu-graves-spring-bank-camp.html>

<https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/sheffieldunited/23-24-lu-graves-girls-only-spring-bank-camp.html>

Online Safety Update

ReelLife is an interactive resource developed by Childnet to help young people aged 9-14 identify the potential risks of social media.

ReelLife encourages young people to think about the posts they may share, the messages they may receive, as well as the content which they may see on social media.

Have a go at the interactive game below:

<https://apps.childnet.com/reellife/>

FRIDAY 17TH MAY

SCHOOL
6-7.30PM
DISCO

£5 TICKET FEE VIA PARENTPAY - ONLINE ONLY
NO TICKETS AVAILABLE AT GATE
£5 INCLUDES ENTRANCE AND £3 WORTH OF VOUCHERS.
DEADLINE TO BUY ONLINE WEDNESDAY 15TH MAY

PARENTS AND CARERS MUST STAY WITH THEIR CHILDREN. MINIMUM 1 ADULT TO 5 CHILDREN.
UNFORTUNATELY, DUE TO HEALTH AND SAFETY WE ARE NOT ABLE TO ADMIT ANY CHILDREN OR BABIES
INCLUDING OLDER OR YOUNGER SIBLINGS WHO DO NOT CURRENTLY ATTEND SCHOOL. OUR APOLOGIES FOR
ANY INCONVENIENCE.

FRIENDS OF ST THOMAS





A Safeguarding Policy Front Sheet

Name of Education Setting: St Thomas of Canterbury School Academic Year 2023 - 2024

We all have a statutory duty to “safeguard and promote the welfare of children”, (*Working together to safeguard children, DfE 2015, page 5*)

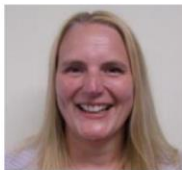
If you have any concerns about the health and safety of a child or young person at this education setting or feel that something may be troubling them, you should share this information with an appropriate member of staff straight away.

Some issues such as a child’s appearance, hygiene, general behaviour, can be shared with any teacher or member of support staff in this setting. Do not worry about reporting small matters – we would rather that you tell us things which turn out to be small than miss a worrying situation.

However, if you think that a child, a young person or an adult who cares for them has been or might be harmed, please talk to one of the people below immediately.

You can ask any member of staff to find them and ask them to speak to you straight away about a confidential and urgent matter.

The people you can talk to are:



Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is:

Name: Mrs L Clements

Their office is located next to the school office.

Their tel. no / mobile no is 01142745597



Our Designated Safeguarding Deputy for under 5’s is:

Name: Mrs R Hanson

Their office is located next to the school office.

Their tel. no / mobile no is 01142745597



Our Designated Safeguarding Deputy is:

Name: Ms D Swain

Their office is located next to the school office.

Their tel. no / mobile no is 01142745597



Our Designated Safeguarding Deputy is:

Name: Mr M Richardson

Their office is located next to the school office.

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An allegation or disclosure involving someone working with children in a paid or unpaid capacity **must** be reported directly to the Head Teacher, Principal or Senior Manager, unless it involves them and then it should be reported directly to the Chair of the Governing Body or Management Committee.