



St Thomas of Canterbury School Newsletter

Week ending Friday 15th March 2024

Dear parents and carers,

In the Gospel on Sunday we heard John remind us that, "God loved the world so much that he sent his only Son to give eternal life to those who believe in Him". Those who believe in him - that is us. This great gift is for everyone. When someone gives you a gift, it is never polite to ask, "How much did it cost?" But in this case, the Bible tells us how much God's gift cost – and the cost was great. It cost God his only Son. We can only imagine how much God loved us to send his one and only Son to earth to die on a cross so that we could have eternal life. In the same way, we can only imagine how much Jesus loved us to be willing to die on that cross so that we could have eternal life in heaven. Eternal life – the greatest gift. All we have to do to receive it is believe in Jesus and follow his teachings.

Thank you to those who were able to attend parents' evening this week. I hope that you found the meeting with your child's teacher useful. I also hope that you felt receiving the Spring Term report at this time was helpful in capturing the information the teachers shared. I have had some good feedback from the parents I have spoken to.

We hosted a football tournament this week with some other schools from our locality. We put forward two teams and the children were very committed and did their best. Well done children.

Safeguarding

During our safeguarding audit one of the things they found was that not everyone is aware of who all the members of our School Safeguarding Team are. This information is available on our website and we have attached our information sheet to this newsletter. In case you were not sure, I am our school safeguarding lead and would be the person you would contact with any safeguarding concerns. If you have safeguarding concerns about me, your point of contact would be our Chair of Governors. They can be contacted at chairofgovernors@st-tc.co.uk

We have noticed that there are a number of adults using mobile phones on the school playground in the morning and at the end of the day. For safeguarding reasons please can you ensure that your phone is not in use and is out of sight when you are on school grounds. This includes the area around preschool. I am sorry for the inconvenience this may cause but thank you for your cooperation.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.
God bless
Mrs Clements

Parish Events

Please see the attached church newsletter.

Upcoming Events and Important Dates

Tuesday 19th March – Year 5 Swimming lesson

Thursday 21st March – Year 5&6 Author Visit

Friday 22nd March – 09:00 Y1 Class Assembly

Friday 22nd March - Y1 Petit Paris Olympics

Wednesday 27th March – Easter Egg Decorating Competition

Easter Break – 29th March – 12th April

Monday 15th April – Pupils return to school

Monday 22nd April – Y3 Creswell Craggs trip

Wednesday 24th April – Class Photos

Monday 29th April - Summer 2 Breakfast & Afterschool club bookings open on Parentpay at 4pm

Friday 3rd May – 09:00 Reception Class Assembly

Monday 12th May -SATS WEEK

Friday 17th May – School Disco

Summer Half term – 27th – 31st May

Friday 7th June – Whole School Sports Day

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

Wednesday 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

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

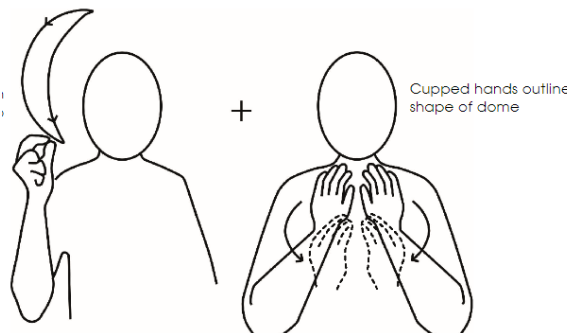
Our attendance for last week was 97.7%
Our attendance this week was 97.7% %

Makaton Sign of the Week

This week's sign is **Mosque**.

Please click this link to see how it is done!

<https://youtu.be/X17ZhaLS-zQ>



Contacting teachers via Email

We have noticed an increasing number of parents/carers are emailing teachers directly. Please can we remind everyone that if you are wanting to contact your child's class teacher, please email enquiries@st-tc.co.uk and the message will be passed on to the class teacher. We ask that you do not email teachers directly to ensure that messages are read in a timely manner. Teachers do not always have time to read their emails in a morning or during the school day and important messages may be missed. This is also for the wellbeing of our teachers as some emails are received outside of school hours.

ADHD Drop-in Café mornings and Information sessions

For HELP, SUPPORT, ADVICE and INFORMATION. Come along to our informal drop-in coffee morning sessions and have a chat with other parents and meet staff from the Sheffield ADHD Project, Sheffield Family HUBS, Ryegate, CAMHS and other agencies who support families affected by ADHD.

Please see the leaflets attached for more information.

PE Days

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

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.

Biz Kids

The results of the 'guess the number of sweets in the jar' are in, and the winner is... Jacob in Y6! The correct number of sweets was 110, and Jacob guessed 111. Enjoy, and don't eat them all at once. Unfortunately, no one chose the teddy's correct name. We will reset and choose a different name and have a roll over at a future fundraising event. Thank you everyone who came to support our Y5 and Y6 children. Our donations are being sent to St Luke's and we'll let you know the grand total when they do.

Sheffield Parent Hub Spring 2024 What's on Guide

<https://www.sheffielddirectory.org.uk/sheffield-parent-hub/>

RuggerEds Easter Holiday Camps

RuggerEds are hosting Easter Holiday Camps Monday-Wednesday of the School Holidays 9-4pm at High Storrs School. St Thomas families can use discount code: STCRUGGER More information can be found here:

<https://www.participant.co.uk/sporteds/event/426319/B11D1163F29148EA9F2AD844E2D9D84A#init>

Sheffield United Easter Football Clubs

More information and bookings can be made here: <https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/sheffieldunited/sheffield-united-courses.html>

Summer term Milk & Computer Xplorers Club

Bookings for Summer Term milk and Summer Term 1 Computer Xplorers Afterschool activity are now available to book via Parent. Places are also still available for the Summer term Striking & Fielding Evo club on Thursdays.

Online Safety Update

Online gaming is very popular with children and adults alike and players can play live with people across the world through a range of devices. In-game chat is a feature that many parents worry about, and which can cause anxiety and danger to children.

It is always helpful to discuss with your child how to stay safe online. Set boundaries about what information they can and can't share and what to do if they come across something inappropriate such as bad language. They should know that they can come and talk to you if they feel others are being mean or making them feel uncomfortable online.

Here are some useful resources about in-game chat and specific games.

Think U Know - article about in-game chat - <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/in-game-chat/>

Ask About Games - searchable advice for parents/carers and children about games - <https://www.askaboutgames.com/>



Easter Egg Decorating Competition

£1 Entry fee per egg

Wednesday 27th March



**Decorate a hard-boiled egg and make it as colourful as you can. Get creative and stick things on or create your favourite person or character.
Let's see some cracking ideas!**

The competition will be judged on Wednesday 27th March. Please bring your eggs into school by Monday 25th March.

Don't forget to include your name and year group. There will be a prize for the best egg in each class. Have fun decorating!





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 is:

Name: Mrs L Wragg
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.