



St Thomas of Canterbury School Newsletter

Week ending Thursday 19th April 2024

Dear parents and carers,
I hope you have had a wonderful Easter.

We were very much looking forward to seeing the children on Monday and have all been thrilled with how well they have returned. The children have been keen to earn as many Dojo points as possible and have been going above and beyond to live out our core values in a very visible way. Well done and thank you children.

The Gospel on Sunday was the story of Jesus walking on the road to Emmaus with two of his followers. We heard how these disciples initially did not know he was Jesus; they did not know he had risen from the dead. It was only later in the day, when, through his words and actions, Jesus was recognised. As a community, through living out our values of ready, respectful and safe, we are recognised through our words and actions as followers of Christ. Our children have been clear examples of this, this week.

This is a really busy but enjoyable and exciting term in school. We have trips and residential visits to look forward to as well as sports day and our school science week. For our Y6 children, this is their last term with us at St Thomas'. I know that the end of year performance, trip to Crucial Crew and the residential will make it an enjoyable and memorable one.

Have a wonderful weekend.
God bless
Mrs Clements

Upcoming Events and Important Dates

Monday 22nd April – Y3 Creswell Craggs trip

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

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

Summer Half term – 27th – 31st May

Friday 7th June – Whole School Sports Day

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

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

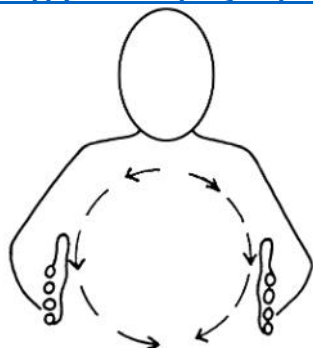
Our attendance for last week was 91.8%
Our attendance this week was 97.4% %

Makaton Sign of the Week

This week's sign is **Earth/World**.

Please click this link to see how it is done!

<https://youtu.be/0KjKaQX-MuU>



Earth/ World

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.

Breakfast & Afterschool Club price increase from September 2024

Unfortunately, due to the ever-rising costs in staffing, food and resources we have no other option but to increase the breakfast and after school club to keep this sustainable.

Please note that the last price increase was in September 2019.

The following charges will apply from September 2024.

Breakfast club £5.25

After school club £9.50

Parish Events

Please see the attached church newsletter.

Changes to term time leave fining and attendance.

Please see the attached new guidance and more information can be found here:

[Fines for parents for taking children out of school: What you need to know – The Education Hub \(blog.gov.uk\)](#)

Golden time donation Wishlist

There is a number of activities offered during golden time and we are needing a number of resources for them.

We thought we would open it up to parents/carers to see if you have any of these items at home you would be willing to donate.

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
- Mixing bowls & Spoons

6-15yr free diving session

Please see the attached poster with information about a free diving session for children aged 6-15 years old.

New uniform provider

We are pleased to inform you that Pinder's uniform will now be stocking St Thomas of Canterbury School uniform. They offer competitive pricing and have a store at Crystal Peaks shopping centre. More information can be found here:

<https://pindersschoolwear.com/schools/170/StThomasofCanterbury> .

Logo Leisurewear <https://logoleisurewear.com/product-category/schools/schools-st-thomas-canterbury-primary/> and

Myclothing <https://myclothing.com/st-thomas-of-canterbury-school/8411.school> will also continue to stock our school uniform.

Free parent wellbeing course

Please see the attached poster with information about a free parent wellbeing course starting Wednesday 8th May.

PACT 5k Charity Walk/Run

PACT charity are hosting a charity 5k walk/run on Sunday 12th May at Hillsborough Park.

PACT (Parents' Association of Children with Tumours and Leukaemia) helped support one of our families during a long treatment process and we would love to see some of our families supporting such a great cause. More information can be found on the attached poster or here:

https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=10159445381651126&id=632661125&mibextid=WC7FNe&rdid=kZG667idH8zewsE

Online Safety Update

Childnet is a great source of online safety resources and advice. Their help and advice section contains simple and useful guides, including key advice on parental controls for parents and carers, which can be found at

<https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/parental-controls/>

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](#))

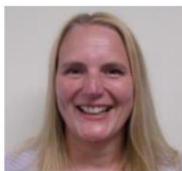
If you have any concerns about the health and safety of a child or young person at this education setting or feel that something may be troubling them, you should share this information with an appropriate member of staff straight away.

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.