



St Thomas of Canterbury School Newsletter

Week ending Thursday 26th April 2024

Dear parents and carers,

One of the joys of living in England is that our very varied (and sometimes unpredictable) weather always gives us a conversation starter - This week has been no exception. The children have been pleased that, on dry days, we are now able to use the school field at break and lunchtimes. Please can you check that they have a waterproof coat so that they can still play out when it is wet. Thank you!

In the Gospel on Sunday we heard how Jesus called himself the Good Shepherd. The children and I talked about how this means Jesus looks out for us at all times and he is there to support us in times of need. We thought about how this was a really reassuring message for us and how it was yet another example to us of how we can support Jesus with this by living out our values and being Jesus's shepherds here on Earth.

It was a real pleasure on Monday hearing how much they had enjoyed their Golden Time last week - I am sure they will have enjoyed today's just as much! As they arrived this morning, some of the younger children were telling me how excited they were about their chosen activity. There have been a huge number of Dojos awarded this week to all of our children showing what good examples they are..

Unfortunately, we needed to postpone the football match planned for Monday afternoon. The bake sale arranged by our Y4 Y4 Brownies still went ahead though and I would like to thank them for their efforts. They made over £80 which we aim to put towards resources for further Golden Time activities.

At this time where budgets are so very tight, every donation makes a difference to our children. I would like to say a huge thank you to The Friends, and to those of you who support their events, we have received contributions of hundreds of pounds over the last two terms to enable us to provide more resources for our children. Last term, The Friends funded basic classroom resources such as scissors and colouring pencils, things we needed but didn't have the budget to order ourselves. They also donated a large sum of money to Pre School to pay for new outdoor equipment for the youngest members of our school community. Thank you. Without these contributions we would not be able to provide our children with some of the experiences they need and deserve. Please continue to support The Friends' events; we have the summer disco coming up in a few weeks and are meeting next week to plan our Summer fair. The Friends of St Thomas' desperately need new members. If you are interested in joining, please speak to me at the KS1 gate or to Mrs Leask who is based in Y2. Thank you!

Have a good weekend. Let's hope the weather is as lovely as last week's!

God bless

Mrs Clements

Upcoming Events and Important Dates

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

20th-24th May – Walk to school week

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

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
- Mixing bowls & Spoons

Online Safety Update

In recent weeks we have been sharing resources from Childline. This week's resource is their advice and toolkit for having conversations about online activity:

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/have-a-conversation/>

Whole School Attendance

Our attendance for last week was 97.4%
Our attendance this week was 95.9% %

Makaton Sign of the Week

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

Please click this link to see how it is done!

<https://youtu.be/9t8XJADG4wE>



Shalom



Shalom

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 \(blog.gov.uk\)](#)

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

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.

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 joegmcnally@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.



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&rid=kZG667idhH8zewsE

Y4 Brownies bake sale success

Well done to the Year 4 brownies who hosted a bake sale on Monday and raised over £80 towards school. This will go towards fun resources for our Friday Golden Time. Well Done Girls!

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/>

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.

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*)

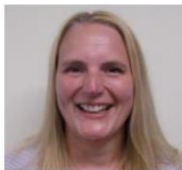
If you have any concerns about the health and safety of a child or young person at this education setting or feel that something may be troubling them, you should share this information with an appropriate member of staff straight away.

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.

Their tel. no / mobile no is 01142745597

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.