



# St Thomas of Canterbury School Newsletter

Week ending Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been a great week in school with lots of children living out our core values each day. The values of ready and respectful were mirrored in Sunday's Gospel story of the rich man and the poor man. The message, that we need to be ready to recognise how lucky we are and to share what we can with those in need, is lived out in school in a number of ways. One way we do this is through our commitment to our chosen charities, such as Grace Food Bank for which we are having a non-uniform day on 21<sup>st</sup> October. In assembly on Monday, we thought about how we are the rich man; our riches are worth more than those of the man in the story as ours are loving families, good friends and caring teachers. We talked about how we can share our riches by showing kindness to others.

We have had some fantastic PE sessions in school this week. The SportsEd team have commented on how ready, respectful and safe our children are and how much they are enjoying working with them. They have asked about procedures with the changing weather and I have said that our intention is to carry on with PE outside for as long as possible. Please do check that your child has their PE hoodie (red ones to come next year!) and a waterproof coat.

School is looking fantastic and so, to help us keep it this way, I ask, if possible, that children bring a pair of slippers to school (name in please). If you will find this difficult, let us know and we will do what we can to help. As ever, many thanks for your support.

God bless and have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Clements

## Reading Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to come and read with our children. If you are able to help us, please let Miss Schofield or Miss Garner in the office know.

Please note that, as part of our safeguarding commitment to our children, we will now need to carry out a DBS check on all regular volunteers. Thank you.

## Upcoming Events and Important Dates

### Autumn Term 2022

**Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct** – Family Mass 9.15am

**Tues 4<sup>th</sup> and Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Y1-Y6 Parents Evening (letter sent separately)

**Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Individual Photos

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Oct** – 9.00 Y5 Class Assembly

**Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Friends' Event: 6 – 7.30 School Disco

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Oct** – Non-Uniform day in exchange for donations for Grace Food Bank

**Half term 24<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> October**

**Mon 31<sup>st</sup> Oct** – Inset Day (No children in school)

**Sun 6<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Family Mass 9.15am for the school's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Nov** – 9.00 Y6 Class Assembly

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec** – 9.15 and 2.00 EYFS and KS1 Nativities

**Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Dec** – 2.00 Winter Warmer

**Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec** – Break up for Christmas: School Finishes at 12pm

### Spring Term 2023

**Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Return to School

**Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Jan** – 9.00 Y4 Class Assembly

**Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Feb** – 9.00 Y3 Class Assembly

**Half term 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> February**

## A reflection from Year 4

Dear God,  
Thank you for being beside me.  
Thank you for this new school year.  
Please be there to hold my hand.  
Please help me to enjoy the day.

Bring new chances to learn and grow.  
Bring new friendships into my life.  
Help me to remember that you are always with me.  
Amen.



## Book Corner

Miss Needham recommends  
Wonder by R J Palacio.



This is a book for Y5 and 6 children.  
The messages of acceptance and  
anti-bullying in this book are really  
important and powerful.

## Family Masses and 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

This year, we are delighted to be bringing back Family Masses. These are celebrated at Our Lady & St Thomas Church and are an opportunity for children to take part more actively in Mass. **The first of the school year will be celebrated this Sunday at 9.15 Mass.**

There will be a Family Mass every half term, so we hope everyone who would like to be part will get a chance.

The second Family Mass of the year is doubling as our belated 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. We are inviting current and former pupils, families, staff and governors to join us at 9.15 Mass on 6<sup>th</sup> November and then to come to school for an open event with refreshments. Please help us to spread the word about this event and get a wonderful turnout. If anyone has any pictures of the school from their time here, please share them with us on the day, or by dropping them into school beforehand.

## FAO parents/carers of children on the mainstream SEND register and those in The Hive

Miss Needham (Teacher and Senco of The Hive) and Mrs Heaton (mainstream Senco) would like to invite you an informal coffee meeting on TUESDAY 18TH OCTOBER at 2:30pm here at school. The meeting is a joint one for all parents/carers of children on the SEND Register, both those with a mainstream place and those with an IR place in The Hive. It will be an opportunity to get together and perhaps consider if you would like us to provide future opportunities to meet. Perhaps you would like to consider if you would like meetings to have a particular SEND focus?

Please contact either Mrs Heaton ([k.heaton@st-tc.co.uk](mailto:k.heaton@st-tc.co.uk)) or Miss Needham ([e.needham@st-tc.co.uk](mailto:e.needham@st-tc.co.uk)) to confirm your attendance on the 18th October.

## A message from Eat Smart Sheffield - Newsletter for Parents/Carers

Eat Smart Sheffield is a school-based programme focussing on food and nutrition. They support families to help encourage children and young people to develop healthy lifestyle habits so they can grow, thrive and live life to the full. They are here to help and have pulled together some top tips for healthy eating throughout the day which we hope you will find useful...

Please click this link to access the newsletter. [Eat Smart Sheffield Newsletter - for Parents/Carers \(office.com\)](https://www.eat-smart-sheffield.co.uk/newsletter-for-parents-carers-office.com)

## Safeguarding Our Children

Please can we remind parents and carers to encourage their children to use the footpaths around school when entering or leaving the school site. Please do not to use the school car park as a walk way or entrance/exit as vehicles can be arriving or leaving at any time. Thank you.

## Online Safety Update

This week, try thinking about number 4: Give to others

As well as being charitable, we can give in how we speak to others online. A 'like' and a kind comment letting people know that you appreciate what they have made is encouraging to others. Just be sure to stay safe and not give away personal information.

It is very important that, if other people behave badly online, we report it to someone we trust to keep our online community safe and respectful.

