



St Thomas of Canterbury School Newsletter

Week ending Friday 2nd February 2024

Dear parents and carers,

This week in assembly, we thought carefully about Sunday's Gospel. We were told that Jesus went into the Temple to teach the Good News and that his teaching made a great impression on those that heard him. In our assembly, we thought about how we all make impressions on people and how important it is that we make the right ones. We thought about how our school values of ready, respectful and safe gave us guidance on how we could do this. We also thought about how we could use the impressions we make to be role models for others.

Next week is Child Mental Health Week and the theme is 'My Voice Matters'. The children will be taking part in different activities in class to support this. Please do ask them about what they have chosen to share with their teachers and their friends. If you would like to know more, materials for parents are available at the following: <https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/>

Currently, there is a big national campaign about the importance of school attendance. Each day at school is so important as each lesson is carefully planned to ensure it builds foundations for the next. As a school, our attendance is currently good and we want to celebrate this. There are still, however, a high number of requests for holiday days in term time. We are not able to approve such requests and the Council will issue fines for unauthorised absences of 5 days or more. More information about this, and about attendance in general, can be found on the Council's website: <https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/campaigns/school-attendance>. Remember, every day matters.

Our attendance for last week was 96.43%

Our attendance this week was 96%

Next Friday, we will say goodbye to Miss Needham, our Integrated Resource teacher. She is off to start a new adventure at Bents Green Special School. I'm sure you will join me in wishing her well and in thanking her for her contribution to all our children and our school.

Have a good weekend everyone.

God bless.

Mrs Clements

Upcoming Events and Important Dates

Tuesday 6th Feb – Year 6 Swimming lesson

Spring Half term – 12th – 16th February

Monday 19th February – INSET Day – No Pupils in School

Tuesday 20th February – Pupils return to school

Tuesday 20th February – Year 5 Swimming lesson

Tuesday 27th February – Year 5 Swimming lesson

Weds 28th Feb – Mon 4th March – Book Fair

Friday 1st March – 09:00 Y2 Class Assembly

Tuesday 5th March – Year 5 Swimming lesson

4th – 8th March – Open Afternoons

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day

Monday 11th March - Parents Evening (In Person)

Monday 11th March - Summer 1 Breakfast & Afterschool club bookings open on Parentpay at 4pm

Tuesday 12th March – Year 5 Swimming lesson

Wednesday 13th March - Parents Evening (Virtual)

Friday 17th May – School Disco

Tuesday 19th March – Year 5 Swimming lesson

Friday 22nd March – 09:00 Y1 Class Assembly

Easter Break – 29th March – 12th April

Monday 15th April – Pupils return to school

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

Summer Half term – 27th – 31st May

Friday 7th June – Whole School Sports Day

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

24th – 27th June – Open Afternoons

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

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.

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

Tues 9th July – Year 6 Leaver's show

Thurs 11th July – Year 6 Crucial Crew Visit

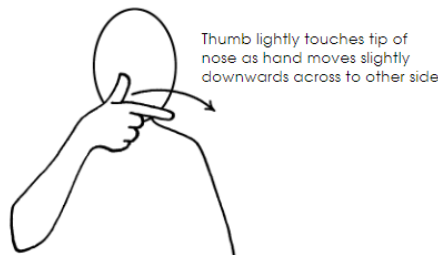
Fri 19th July – Last day of Term

Makaton Sign of the Week

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

Please click this link to see how it is done!

<https://youtu.be/FjC0tJEwsyl>



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.

Parish Events

Please see the attached church newsletter.

Pre-loved uniform

We have had a large number of pre-loved uniform donations over the last month. Please can we remind you that we ask for only uniform donations, a few coats have been donated which we are grateful for, however our focus is pre-loved uniform. With this in mind, we have a selection of uniform and coats in the school office which has been organised and are free to take.

Save the date.....ADHD workshop Wed 28th February 2:15pm

Would you like to learn more about ADHD and ways to support your child? If so, please email our Senco Kate Heaton (k.heaton@st-tc.co.uk) to book a place on the ADHD workshop. It will be delivered by a very experienced ADHD nurse and is open to any parent/carer. It will be particularly relevant to parents of children with a diagnosis of ADHD or who are awaiting an assessment, but is open to anyone with an interest.

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.

Lunchtime Supervisor Job Advert

We are currently advertising for a Lunchtime Supervisor role, if you, or someone you know would be interested, please see the attached Job advert. If you would like to know any more information, please speak to the school office.

Sheffield United February Football Camps

Mixed Camps

Handsworth Juniors Sporting club - S9 - Book 23/24 February Camp - Handsworth from Sheffield United (officialsoccerschools.co.uk)

Leisure United Westfield - S20 - Book 23/24 February Camp - L U Westfield from Sheffield United (officialsoccerschools.co.uk)

Leisure United Graves - S8 - Book 23/24 February Camp - LU Graves from Sheffield United (officialsoccerschools.co.uk)

Leisure United Thorncliffe - S35 - Book 23/24 February Camp - L U Thorncliffe from Sheffield United (officialsoccerschools.co.uk)

Wisewood Sports Centre - S6 - Book 23/24 February Camp - Wisewood from Sheffield United (officialsoccerschools.co.uk)

GIRLS ONLY camps

Leisure United Westfield - S20 - Book 23/24 February Camp - GIRLS ONLY LU Westfield from Sheffield United (officialsoccerschools.co.uk)

Leisure United Graves - S8 - Book 23/24 February Camp - GIRLS ONLY LU Graves from Sheffield United (officialsoccerschools.co.uk)

Please note that the GIRLS ONLY camp days at Westfield have change to Wed – Fri

Online Safety Update

Safer Internet Day is coming up on 6th February 2024 and a key theme this year will be how the Internet affects our emotions and can persuade us and influence our actions. In addition to education packs that we will introduce with the children, the UK Safer Internet Centre has produced free advice for parents and carers giving advice about some of the most common questions or concerns that parents and carers might have when it comes to thinking about managing influence or navigating change online.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/blog/safer-internet-day-2024-free-advice-for-parents-and-carers>