



St Thomas of Canterbury School Newsletter

Week ending Friday 2nd February 2024

Dear parents and carers,

We have come to the end of another half term and are now half way through the school year. There have been some great experiences for our children so far this year with the Road Safety lessons from Karen, James Partridge teaching us all Christmas songs, the video some of our children were part of for the MOBO awards being just a few of them. In the coming weeks, we will have more exciting events, including some football competitions, another skipping day and school trips to look forward to.

Today we say goodbye and good luck to Miss Needham, our IR Lead, who is off to Bents Green Special School and to Mrs Radford, one of our brilliant TAs. We wish them both well for the future and thank them for all they have done for our children.

In the Gospel on Sunday we heard how Jesus healed one of his disciples' relatives. On hearing that this had happened, many other people gathered to see Jesus in hope that he would help them. Just as the others came to ask for Jesus's help, we too often turn to him in times of need and ask for his support. Jesus is always there for us, just as he was there for the people in the Gospel. I am sure he will be there for Miss Needham and Mrs Radford in their new roles.

Have a good weekend and a wonderful half term.
God bless
Mrs Clements

Upcoming Events and Important Dates

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

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

Tues 9th July – Year 6 Leaver's show

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.

Thurs 11th July – Year 6 Crucial Crew Visit

Fri 19th July – Last day of Term

Whole School Attendance

Our attendance for last week was 96%

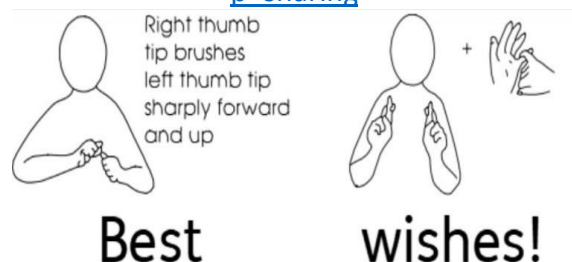
Our attendance this week was 96.2%

Makaton Sign of the Week

This week's sign is **Best Wishes**.

Please click this link to see how it is done!

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1MsphpDMDF6MhmjsfqfvM1fsujneIWmuN/view?usp=sharing>



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.

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.

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.

Online Safety Update

We celebrated Safer Internet Day on Tuesday and considered how the Internet affects our emotions and can persuade us and influence our actions. The NSPCC say that "Talking openly about life online from an early age, can be a helpful bridge to sharing safety messages and addressing more difficult conversations later; it also shows your child that you are someone who knows about the internet and can help them," so please ask your children about their learning from the day and look out for blog posts sharing our work.

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>