

# St Thomas of Canterbury Newsletter



## Head of School Comments

Welcome back to school; I hope that you have had a restful and enjoyable half-term, and that your children have returned to school ready for an exciting run up to Advent.

We are really excited about the WW1 Centenary event on Friday, and would like to warmly invite as many people as possible to attend. It promises to be an event which really brings to the fore the message of sacrifice and solidarity in times of struggle. If you are able to attend please book your place via ParentPay.

It has certainly been an exciting half-term, with the new artificial surface laid in the KS2 playground, and the Year 6 classroom having a complete refurbishment undertaken, with this work marking the start of a transformation of the school learning environments. With this in mind, please see the request below:

## We Want Your (artificial) Plants!

As part of our work on transforming learning environments, we would like to 'lift' the aesthetics of the toilets across school. Therefore, if you have any artificial plants which could be donated, or happen to be in Ikea and can spare £3; then donations of these would be hugely appreciated:



<https://www.ikea.com/gb/en/product/s/decoration/plants-pots-stands/succulent-potted-plant-with-pot-grey-art-00343277/>

## Derek Paige

Everyone at St Thomas of Canterbury was very sad to hear of Derek's passing. Derek was the first ever Headteacher of the school when it was founded in the 1970s.

His memorial mass will be held at the Parish Church Saturday, 15th December 2018 at 12 noon.

## Message From The Gospel

In assembly today, we have explored the greatest commandment: Love god with your whole selves. This has given us an opportunity to support the pupils to understand that everything we think, say and do can be done in a way which spread's God's love. You can explore this further at home by asking your child the ways they have shown their commitment to God's greatest commandment.



## Next Week's Gospel Mark 12: 41-44

**Quote Of The Week**  
*Unexpected kindness is the most powerful, least costly, and most underrated agent of human change.*

Bob Kerrey

Autumn Term 2 Week 1 2018

## Parent Governor

Many congratulations to Emma Chatten who has been elected as the new Parent Governor. Many thanks to all who voted, and thank you to the other parents who put their names forward in service of the school.

## Value of The Month

We will be launching the next Value of the Month this Friday, and you will also receive the next Values Newsletter. We are also in the process of finalising plans for the new celebration assemblies which will link to the values.

## Friends of St Thomas

The next friends of St Thomas meeting will be held on Tuesday 6th November at 7pm – 8.30pm.

There will be refreshments and nibbles

## Reminder of PE Days

The PE days for the next half term are as follows:

Monday- Y2 & Y4

Tuesday- Y3 at Graves leisure centre, Y5 in school with soccereds

Wednesday- Y6

Thursday- Y1, IR

Friday- Reception/ Pre-School

## Advent Assemblies

We are excited to be inviting parents of Key Stage 2 classes into school during Advent to share a collective worship with their child's class. The specific dates for this can be found in the parent calendar, and more information will be shared nearer the time.