

St Thomas of Canterbury Newsletter



Message From The Gospel

Trusting in God has been the key message from this Week's Gospel, which is a key message behind our new Value of the Month: Perseverance. As is stated in the book of James, we know that the testing of our faith produces perseverance.



Next Week's Assembly and Gospel

Next week we will discuss how difficult it is to enter the Kingdom of God if we place too much emphasis on material things.

Quote Of The Week

'...because the testing of your faith produces perseverance.' **James 1:3**

Head of School Comments

A warm welcome to the start of the week. It is hard to believe that we are already in week 6!

There are a number of activities that I would like to draw your attention to and encourage you to support. Firstly, a letter will be sent home in the next few days regarding the first ever 'Family Mass' at Our Lady at St Thomas of Canterbury, taking place on Sunday 21st October. This mass represents one of our strategies for forging closer links between the school and the parish. The music will be chosen by the children, and the readings and bidding prayers will be led by the children too. It will take place at 11.15 mass and we would particularly like to encourage you to attend if you are not a regular churchgoer, or indeed attend another parish.

Finally, you will be receiving a 'Respond' booklet inviting you to respond to the RE topics in school. You will find a simple booklet and a set of instructions which will support you to reflect with your child. Many thanks for your engagement in this.

Mission Together

One of the charities we support during the year is Mission together. We had an assembly last week where one of the advocates, Peter Davison, shared with the children the importance of the charity and its work. Please collect loose change in these boxes and return them to school on 11th February 2018.

Brighten Up and Bring A Tin

Thank you for your support with the above event on Friday 5th October. We raised £123.65 and also had considerable donations of tins which will support people at St Wilfrid's Centre.

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A Special Visitor

We were truly blessed today when Fr Gus brought a Brother from the order of Franciscan monks. This is the same order that Maximilian Kolbe was in and Brother talked to us about the way the God's love poured out through his actions and words in Auschwitz.

Value of The Month

Our new Value of the Month is perseverance and we warmly invite you to read the first ever St Thomas of Canterbury Values Newsletter which is being sent out today.

Water Bottles & Belongings

Please ensure that all uniform and belongings are labelled; please also remember to send your child to school with a water bottle as, in our bid to support environmental awareness in our children, we will not be providing single use plastic cups.

Other Messages

Can we remind parents again to park considerately as this helps us to maintain positive working relationships with the community.

Attendance

Class	W.B Monday 1st Oct.	
	Attendance	Ready to Learn
Reception	93%	97%
Year 1	98%	97%
Year 2	99%	94%
Year 3	95%	94%
Year 4	97%	100%
Year 5	98%	97%
Year 6	97%	100%
School	97%	97%