

# St Thomas of Canterbury Newsletter



## Head of School Comments

As we draw this term to a close, I would like to thank you all for your support and engagement with the school up to this point. It has been an extremely successful year so far, with significant developments in the RE and Catholic Life of the school, and the wider curriculum. Indeed, I am proud to say that the curriculum on offer to the children grows in strength every single week, and that our children experience a wide range of enriching and challenging opportunities to develop them academically, morally and spiritually. At the end of this week I hope this will become even more clear when you receive our Spring Term PE and School Sport Newsletter, and a curriculum newsletter from Mrs Lambert detailing how the wider curriculum continues to evolve.

Finally, can I please warmly invite you to attend the Stations of the Cross at church this Friday at 2pm. This will be a powerful way to close our term together.

## Charity Support

After the Easter break each class will be taking part in fundraising events with the money raised going to The Good Shepherd Fund. During lent children are also encouraged to take the "give it up" challenge and donations made to CAFOD. You can donate cash to the school office or online

at: <https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-CAFOD/Lent>

## Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) Consultation

RSE is becoming statutory for schools in September 2019 and a major area of focus for the school is developing the RSE policy and curriculum for children. Part of this is consulting with parents. We would like to offer parents the opportunity to see the proposed RSE resource and draft RSE policy, and to raise any questions/perspectives on these with governors and the leadership team on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April from 6.30-7.30pm or on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April from 2.00-2.45pm. Should you wish to attend, please email Mrs Maw on [z.maw@st-tc.co.uk](mailto:z.maw@st-tc.co.uk)

## Message From The Gospel

Luke: 13: 1-9

### 'The Fig Tree.'

This week we have talked about the parable of the fig tree and asking children to reflect on the importance of showing mercy to others, thereby watering the plant of the kingdom of Heaven on Earth.



### Quote Of The Week

*Life is either a daring adventure or nothing at all*



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## Value of The Month

Our Value of the Month continues to be 'compassion', and when the children return to school in April, a new value will be introduced. Each class has a 'Good Deed Feed' where they can highlight times when people in their class have gone out of their way to show acts of compassion.

## Accelerated Learning Plans

These plans were sent out last week and early this week to any children who are not on track for the highly ambitious targets we have set for each child for the end of Key Stage 2. We know that attainment in reading, writing and maths is incredibly important in helping children to access a wide and varied wider curriculum. These plans have been very well received by parents, and we would like to thank you for your support. More information can be found here: <https://cop23.unfccc.int/climate-action/momentum-for-change/climate-neutral-now>

## Student Voice



The Student Voice group is now in full swing and they have an incredibly exciting mission: **to make St Thomas of Canterbury a climate neutral school!** Over the rest of the academic year and into next, they will be working on measuring, reducing, and offsetting omissions from school into the atmosphere, and preparing to apply for the United Nations Climate Change Award. The Student Voice group is being bold, ambitious, and innovative and would really value your support.