# St Thomas of Canterbury Newsletter



## **Head of School Comments**

As this week draws to a close, so too does the first half-term. It has certainly been a long one as well as a highly productive and enjoyable one. I would like to personally thank the staff team for their relentless hard work and commitment to your children, and to thank you for your support and engagement with the school during the half-term.

There has been much to celebrate; more children than ever taking a leading part if leading acts of worship; a very positive RE review which praised the Catholic life of the school; more children than ever representing the school in sporting activities: new, simplified behaviour policy which strengthened further relationships between staff and children: the introduction of the Value of the Month which has strengthened learning behaviours around school.

Another huge success has been the first ever Family Mass at church; the venue was packed to the rafters and we look forward to many other events like this in the

#### 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**

We have been thinking about Saints as superheroes who use their powers for the good of others.



#### **Quote Of The Week**

- 1. Show up
- 2. Speak up
- 3. Look up
- 4. Team up
- 5. Never Give Up
- 6. Lift others up

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# A Special Visitor

We were truly blessed today when Fr Gus brought a Brother from the order of Fransican monks. This is the same order that Maxilimian 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 has been sent out.

# Friends of St Thomas

The next friends of St Thomas meeting will be held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November.