

St Thomas of Canterbury Newsletter



Week ending
Friday 22nd July
Upcoming Events and
Important Dates

Dear Parents and Carers,

Where have the last 6 months gone? It feels like only yesterday that I was wondering what to write in my first newsletter to you all. I cannot begin to put in to words how much I appreciate how welcome you have made me feel over this time. Thank you!

Today, we say good bye to our wonderful Y6 class. This week alone, they have shown what conscientious, hardworking and also fun and caring children they are, as they showed yesterday in their end of year production. I am confident that they will settle in quickly to their new schools. We will miss them greatly.

We also say good bye to two members of staff today. Miss Hardwick may have only been at St Thomas' for a year but in this time, she has worked with so many of our children. She has been so adaptable. We wish her well with her new class at St Patrick's.

In September, Mrs Poulton begins her new chapter at Nether Edge Primary School. In her 7 years at St Thomas', she has contributed an enormous amount to the school. I have been lucky enough to work with Mrs Poulton through our roles as science leads for several years before I came here. It has been a privilege getting to know her better since January and she has been a huge support to me. We will all miss her very much. We wish her well in her new adventure – Nether Edge are very lucky to have her. I look forward to seeing you again in September and to welcoming our new Preschool and Reception Starters. Have a wonderful summer.

God bless
Mrs Clements

School Dinners for September 2022

School dinners are now available to book via Parentpay.

PE

In September, we are excited to be working with SportsEd as our PE partner.

To allow children more chances to be active in the week, we will be moving to two 1-hour PE lessons per week. If PE is in the afternoon, children should come to school in normal school uniform and will get changed at lunchtime. If PE is in the morning, children should come in PE kit and bring normal uniform to change into. The PE days are as follows:
Preschool: Tuesday a.m. and Thursday a.m.

Reception: Tuesday a.m. and Thursday a.m.

Year 1: Tuesday p.m. and Thursday p.m.

Year 2: Wednesday p.m. and Friday p.m.

Year 3: Tuesday p.m. and Thursday a.m.

Year 4: Monday p.m. and Thursday p.m.

Year 5: Monday p.m. and Wednesday p.m.

Year 6: Tuesday a.m. and Friday p.m.

Good Shepherd Appeal

A huge thank you for your support of the Good Shepherd Appeal this year. We are very proud of the efforts of our children, who have raised £941.72.

Autumn Term 2022

Monday 5th Sept – Pupils return to school

Tuesday 13th Sept – Start of year Mass in school

Weds 21st Sept – Friends' Event: Teachers vs Parents Football Match

Thurs 13th Oct – Individual Photos

Thurs 20th Oct – Friends' Event: School Disco

Half term 24th-30th October

Mon 31st Oct – Inset Day

Mon 12th Dec – Winter Warmer

Thurs 22nd Dec – Break up for Christmas: School Finishes at 12pm

Addition to uniform – Red Polo shirts

We understand how difficult it can be to keep white clothes clean, therefore we would like to give you the option to send your child in either red or white polo shirt. The red embroidered polo shirts are available to purchase from Logo Leisurewear.

Election of a Parent Governor

St. Thomas of Canterbury Board of Governors are delighted to offer an opportunity for a parent to join us in the role of Parent Governor.

This exciting opportunity is open to parents who will have children on roll at St. Thomas of Canterbury in September 2022.

Parent governors are elected by means of a parent ballot. Further information is available in the letter attached.

Changes to Breakfast & Afterschool club payments

As you are aware as of 1st September 22 our school will become part of a multi academy trust. Therefore as of the 31st August 22 the schools current bank account will close. Payments cannot be accepted into this account after this date.

From September all payments should be paid through Parentpay. You will receive the invoice for Autumn term 1 by the 9th September 22 with an expected payment date of the 23rd September 22. This will be an allocated payment item on Parentpay for the exact amount owed, therefore please login to your account and pay as you would for a trip etc. If you have more than one child attending the breakfast and after school club the charge will be allocated to the youngest sibling.

Nothing will change regarding the childcare vouchers scheme and the school will contact the companies to change the payments through the vouchers to our new multi academy bank account.

If you have an outstanding balance for this academic year (21/22), it is essential that this must be paid fully by Sunday 31st July please, this payment must be paid into the current bank details that you have on record.