

St Thomas of Canterbury Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,
We have had a skipping extravaganza this week! Jodie from Skipping School visited on Wednesday and carried out a session with each class. This was a great success with one of our Y5 children commenting that everyone is now obsessed with skipping! Each key stage now has access to skipping ropes, including some very long ones for group skipping. Many thanks to the Friends of St Thomas' who have funded this.

Many congratulations to the children who made their First Holy Communion last Sunday. Both masses were well attended and there was a wonderful feeling as our school and church joined together to celebrate.

Our Y5 children are very excited about their residential visit to Hartington Hall next week. Let us pray that the good weather continues for them.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.
God bless
Mrs Clements

Healthy Schools Award

We are starting to work towards achieving the Healthy Schools Award. One of the criteria we will be judged against is Healthy Eating. To help us meet this, please ensure that any snacks you send for your children are healthy ones such as fruit and vegetables.

Now the weather is getting much warmer, please also ensure that your child has a water bottle in school each day. Please note, only water should be brought in to school. Squash or fruit juice are not allowed.

Promoting good health, including oral health, is now part of the safeguarding guidance in the new EYFS framework.

Toys and Collectable Cards


Please remember that toys and collectable cards are no longer allowed in school.

In this assembly, the next part of the Ten Ten Year of Pilgrimage, we journey to Rome. Pilgrimage Guides introduce two of the amazing heroes of our faith, St Peter and St Paul, and children will discover the importance of Rome and how the saints still guide and inspire us and the leaders of our Church today.


Key Scripture:

“You are Peter and, on this rock, I will build my Church.” – Matthew 16: 18


ST PETER was...





- A fisherman, then one of Jesus' closest disciples
- Known as Simon before Jesus changed his name to Peter meaning 'the rock'
- A good leader
- A loyal friend of Jesus, who was also weak at times
- The first 'Bishop of Rome' and also put to death there



ST PAUL was...



- Well educated in Jewish law
- A convert to Christianity
- A great Christian missionary
- A great letter writer
- Imprisoned and put to death in Rome for his faith



Dear God,
You have inspired the lives of many great Saints who still help and guide us today.
Thank you for the example they have given us.
Help us to be inspired by their lives and their great love for you.
We pray for Pope Francis and all the leaders of your Church.
Help them to continue to guide and lead us to you.
Amen

Week ending
Friday 24th June

Important dates for Summer Term

- Weds 29th – Fri 1st – Year 5 residential
- Mon 4th – Weds 6th July – Whole school transition mornings* – rearranged to correspond with All Saints Transition Day
- Tues 12th July - All Saints Catholic Cup*
- Weds 13th July – Y2 & Y6 Qualitas Sports day*
- Fri 22nd July – Last day of school

*Details to follow

Grace Food Bank

Remember that our donations box will be on the school gate each morning and afternoon, and a volunteer from the food bank will come into school every two weeks to collect. Your support is greatly appreciated.



Safeguarding: Dog Safety

We have been asked by Sheffield Safeguarding Hub to share the following message.

The Canine and Feline Sector Group Dog Safety Code highlights three crucial messages that all dog owners and families need to know:

Be alert – Always keep an eye on your dog around children. Never leave them alone together

Be aware – Dogs use signals to tell us how they feel – What is your dog telling you?

Be safe – Any dog can bite. Accidents happen fast.