

St Thomas of Canterbury Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy week in school, it has been good to reflect on all of the things that have been achieved. The new morning routine in both key stages has been a great success and it has been particularly wonderful to see some of our EYFS and KS1 parents joining us for morning prayer. I think some are even beginning to sign using the Makaton, thank you!

This inclusive feel to morning prayer has been mirrored in school as the children from The Hive are now able to integrate on a more regular basis.

Key stage assemblies are beginning again, with KS1 and EYFS meeting this week to talk about our new lunchtime routines. Mr Walker has done a fantastic job of making lunchtimes more structured and the children are responding well to this.

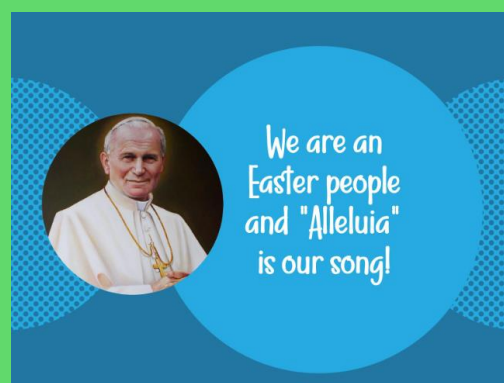
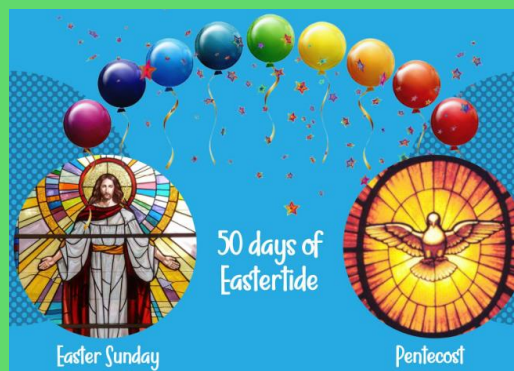
Hopefully, this good weather will continue this term. As the weather warms up, children are more likely to remove jumpers, cardigans or coats. Please ensure that all items of clothing are labelled clearly with children's names so that we can return any found items to the correct owner.

Enjoy the longer weekend.
God bless
Mrs Clements

Through the Gospel story of Jesus sharing a miraculous breakfast with His disciples, and that of 17th century missionary George Müller, children will learn that they can trust Jesus to provide for them – because He loves them!

Key Scripture:

Jesus said to them: "Come and have breakfast." John 21: 1 – 4



Week ending
Friday 29th April

Parents' Evening

This term, rather than holding a third virtual parents' evening, each class will hold an open afternoon where parents will be offered a time to visit the classrooms and look at what the children have been doing over the year and talk to them about their learning. Please be assured that teachers will still keep you informed about your child's progress. This will be in the form of the end of year report. Summer SEN reviews will still be held as normal.

Morning Routines

In summer term, we are taking our next steps back to normality. The school gates will now be open from 8.35 and children will be allowed to gather in the playgrounds from that time. At 8.45, we will line up, say our morning prayer together, and make our way into classrooms. **Please can all children be on site for 8.45, thank you.** Adults will be on the yards to supervise and parents are welcome to stay on the yard for morning prayer. The gate will close at 8.50 and any child arriving after this time will need to go through the school office.

Important dates for Summer Term 1

Mon 2nd May – Bank Holiday
Tues 3rd May – Y6 Residential payment deadline
Friday 6th May – Y5 cross country event
Mon 9th – Thurs 12th – SATS week
Mon 16th – Weds 18th – Y6 Residential
Thurs 19th – Y1 Mini tennis event*
Mon 30th May – Friday 3rd June- Half term

Addition to uniform – Red Polo shirts

We understand how difficult it is to keep the white polo shirts clean, therefore we would like to give you the option to send your child in either red or white polo shirts. Red embroidered polo shirts will be available to purchase from today on Logo Leisurewear.