

St Thomas of Canterbury Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,
What a wonderful week this has been in school! Despite the snow on Thursday, my heart was warmed by the truly wonderful singing of the KS2 children as each class performed the songs they have been working on this term for each other. My hope is that we will be able to repeat this for parents at the end of next term. This was followed today by the moving performance of the Y5s portraying the Passion of Christ in our Passion Play. The talent of our children really is something to celebrate.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for making my first term so wonderful and for welcoming me into the St Thomas of Canterbury family. Have a good holiday and a happy and holy Easter. God bless
Mrs Clements

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. 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.

Summer term SEN Reviews

For summer term, parents will be invited to book their child's SEN review via Parentmail, similar to parents evening. Each SEN review will be 30 minutes long. More information will be sent during the first week back after half term.

Hot meal change- Tuesday 19th April

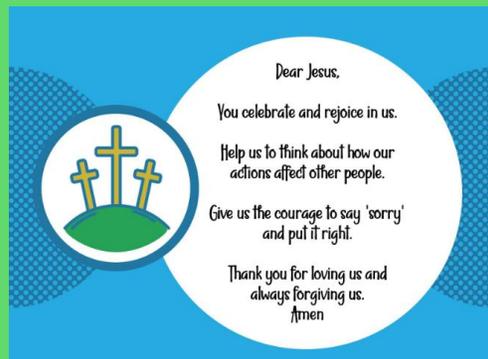
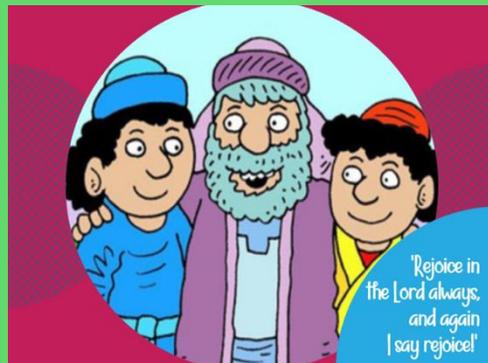
On Tuesday 19th April, due to half term, the hot menu option will be Pizza instead of Bolognese. If you order your child the main hot option they will receive pizza. All other menu options will stay the same.

This fifth assembly in Our Pilgrimage to the Cross continues the theme of God's nurturing love and hopefulness.

Key Scripture:

"...celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found." Luke 15: 1 – 3, 11 –

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Week ending
Friday 1st April

Catholic Multi Academy Trust

You will be aware that the governing body passed a resolution to join St Clare's Catholic Multi Academy Trust (CMAT), with an expectation that this would be from today, 1st April. We were one of 10 schools in the Diocese resolving to join St Clare's CMAT at this point, with another group of schools set to start consultation to join us from September. I am sorry to say that there will be a delay in the start date for the CMAT.

The delay recognises the ambitious nature of the timescale and the helpfulness in having some more time for preparation before the Department for Education confirms assent for our CMAT to open. We are awaiting confirmation of a revised timescale.

In the meantime, we will continue to work with the other schools, the St Clare's directors and the CEO and CFO in preparation for opening our CMAT. We look forward to the opportunities for development for St Thomas of Canterbury and for other schools in the Diocese that will open to us through closer collaboration as part of St Clare's CMAT. We will of course keep you informed of any updates on the timescale.

Parents' Evening

Next 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.

Appointments

Please may we ask that, if at all possible, all appointments are made for outside of the school day. If you do need to take your child out of school for an appointment, please ensure that you provide the school office with confirmation of your appointment. Thank you.