

St Thomas of Canterbury Newsletter



Head of School Comments

We began this week by reflecting on the fact that we are halfway through Lent. This was an opportunity to think about the momentous events of Holy Week, and to think about how best we can prepare ourselves. The children are clearly connecting to the deep and profound meaning of this period in the year from a faith perspective, and we are really looking forward to creating some high quality, child-led collective worships as part of our Holy Week events.

On a different note, I urge all parents to read the important message below. This is not a message we as a school share lightly, but we reinforce the message to our children every day that we have to be the very best role models and representatives of our school, our community, and our faith. That starts with us as the adults at home and school in our children's lives. Please read the message carefully and support us as a school to maintain the reputation we have which has been so hard earned, yet so easily lost.

Important Message for All Parents

You will have noticed the parking attendants around school on several occasions this week; sadly, this has become necessary due to a small number of parents repeatedly parking in a way which is dangerous to children and families, and inconsiderate to neighbours. In addition to this, idling of engines has become a significant problem. Further to this, a number of children have been accessing the field near the Chancet Wood children's centre and damaged some young trees there, which was brought to our attention by the site manager of that location. Please can we collectively work to avoid these instances, and to uphold the incredibly strong reputation the school has with local residents and surrounding organisations which has been hard earned, yet easily lost. Thank you.

Pick up Times

The pick up times for our children are from 3:15pm – 3:30pm. We would recommend that parents aim to collect at 3:20pm as we have noticed a rush of parents at 3:15pm that quietens down at 3:20pm.

This Week's Gospel

Jesus says that we will only become the fruitful people we are meant to be if we are prepared to change. Throughout our Lent adventure, we have been trying to weed out unhelpful habits to make room for others.

Key Scriptures

“Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat, but if it dies, it produces much fruit.” **John 12: 20 – 33**

Meant to Be



Some men asked to see Jesus.
Jesus spoke to them, saying:

"I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit."

John 12: 20 – 33

What did Isabella enjoy doing with her Dad?

What did Isabella do that made things better for everyone?

How did Isabella 'grow' in the story?



Quote of the week



Joke of The Week



Why didn't the hyena cross the road?
He was too busy laughing.

Places available in Pre-school

We still have a few spaces left in our amazing pre-school for April starters. Please contact the school office for more information.



Teddy Howes

Many in our school community will know Teddy Howes, who has been in our prayers since his accident in Oman. We have received the positive news that Teddy has been moved from intensive care to the children's ward and is showing cognitive and physical response. Please continue to keep Teddy and his family in your prayers.

Pre-Loved Uniform

We have seen an amazing number of parents take up our Pre-loved uniform scheme and lots of uniform has been gifted to families. There is still lots of pre-loved, good quality uniform available at school. We are also still taking donations of any uniform that no longer fits your child. Please email Miss Schofield (b.schofield@st-tc.co.uk) if you would like to request any uniform. You can also now request pre-loved uniform via our school website. <http://www.st-tc.co.uk/parent/school-uniform>

Weekly Covid Updates

The weekly COVID measures document is attached. Please note that all our measures remain in place.