



St Thomas of Canterbury School Newsletter

Week ending Friday 14th June 2024

Dear parents and carers,

I've said before what a very busy half term this is in school. Just in the last week, we have had Sports Day, Summer Fair, First Holy Communion and we have had a skipping day for all our children. This coming week, we have the Class Photos and Year 2 attending a Skipping event on Monday. Y4 & 5 are visiting the Mosque on Tuesday and Y5 are visiting All Saints on Wednesday. As well as our Y6 children on their residential visit to Hollowford from Wednesday.

In the Gospel on Sunday, we heard Jesus talk about family and working together. I have the privilege of accompanying the Y6 children for part of their residential and I know I will see them as a class family, supporting each other and enjoying spending the time together. I'm so looking forward to it.

The Summer Fair was a great success, raising over £1600 for our school. None of this would have been possible without the hard work and huge effort by The Friends of St Thomas. Please, speak to me or Mrs Leask about joining them. We really need to grow the Friends family.

Have a wonderful weekend
God bless
Mrs Clements.

Upcoming Events and Important Dates

- Mon 17th June** – Class Photos (rearranged from 24th April)
- Mon 17th June** – Year 2 Skipping event
- Tues 18th June** – Y4 & Y5 Mosque Visit
- Weds 19th June** – Y5 All Saints Visit
- Weds 19th – Fri 21st June** – Year 6 Residential
- Mon 24th June** – 14:00 Y3 & Y6 Open Afternoon
- Tues 25th June** – 14:00 Y2 & Y4 Open Afternoon
- Weds 26th June** – 14:00 Y1 Open Afternoon
- Thurs 27th June** - 14:00 Y5 Open Afternoon
- Mon 1st July** – Autumn 1 Breakfast & Afterschool club bookings open on Parentpay at 4pm
- Weds 3rd July** – Reception Trip to Cleethorpes
- Thurs 4th July** – **Whole school and Pre-school closed due to Polling Day**
- Weds 3rd – Fri 5th July** – Year 5 Residential
- Tues 9th July** – Year 6 Leaver's show
- Thurs 11th July** – Year 6 Crucial Crew Visit
- Fri 19th July** – Last day of Term

Summer Holidays

- Mon 2nd Sept** – Inset Day (No pupils in school)
- Tues 3rd Sept** – Inset Day (No pupils in school)
- Weds 4th Sept** – Pupils return to school

Summer Term PE Days

Reception	Thursday PM
Year 1	Monday PM & Thursday AM
Year 2	Monday AM & Wednesday PM
Year 3	Tuesday PM & Thursday PM
Year 4	Wednesday PM & Friday PM
Year 5	Monday PM & Thursday AM
Year 6	Tuesday PM & Thursday AM

AM - children come to school in their PE kit and bring their uniform to change into.

PM - children should come dressed in their uniform, with their PE kit to change into.

A Prayer from our Class Teachers

Dear Lord,

Thank you for this opportunity to nurture the faith of the children in my care. By the power of your Holy Spirit, lead and guide me as I prepare this assembly and bless each and every child with an open heart and mind to hear your Word.

In your name, Jesus, Amen.

Whole School Attendance

Our attendance for last week was 96.7%

Our attendance this week was 98 %

Makaton Sign of the Week

This week's sign is

To Care For / To Look After.

Please click this link to see how it is done!

<https://youtu.be/5prON0ohU-s>



To Care For/ To Look After

Parish Events

Please see the attached church newsletter.

Labelling items

As the weather is getting warmer, children have been taking off their jumpers/cardigans and uniform is going missing. Please can you ensure that you are sending your child in with labelled uniform and that you are also checking the uniform that your child is coming home with and returning any uniform to school that is not theirs. Children should also be coming to school with a labelled bottle of sun cream. We **do not** have spare sun cream to give to pupils.

Scarlet Fever

We just want to let you know that there have been multiple confirmed cases of Scarlet Fever in school. We have been in touch with the Health Protection Team who have advised us to increase hygiene measures in school. If your child has a temperature, sore throat, has difficulty swallowing, has a rash that looks like measles or feels at all unwell, please seek advice from your doctor, letting them know that they could have potentially been in contact with Scarlet Fever.

More information can be found on the NHS website here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/scarlet-fever/>

Please keep us informed of any illness

Active Travel

Thank you for your fantastic engagement with Walk to School Week in May. The Mayor of South Yorkshire has launched a similar event, running for the next two weeks, called the Walk and Wheel Challenge. Attached to this newsletter you will find an introductory letter and activity pack from the Mayor. We hope you are able to take part.

National School Sports Week Monster Kickabout

Next week is Youth Sport Trust's National Sports Week and we have signed up for their Monster Kickabout. We are delighted to have been chosen to receive a free equipment pack and will be putting these to good use during our lunchtime clubs, with children having the opportunity to play football versions of cricket, tennis, handball, golf, athletics and rugby. Look out for the Active Planner that children will be bringing home to map out at least 60 active minutes per day.

Local Vacancies

Please see the following link for vacancies at Meadowhead school:

<https://www.meadowhead.sheffield.sch.uk/page/?title=Vacancies&pid=187>

Family Learning: Families Staying Safe Online Workshop

Please see below link for information and to book the Family Learning: Families Staying Safe Online Workshop.

[Family Learning: Families Staying Safe Online Workshop Tickets, Wed 19 Jun 2024 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](#)

Online Safety Update

ReelLife is an interactive resource developed by Childnet to help young people aged 9-14 identify the potential risks of social media.

ReelLife encourages young people to think about the posts they may share, the messages they may receive, as well as the content which they may see on social media.

Have a go at the interactive game below:

<https://apps.childnet.com/reellife/>



A Safeguarding Policy Front Sheet

Name of Education Setting: St Thomas of Canterbury School Academic Year 2023 - 2024

We all have a statutory duty to “safeguard and promote the welfare of children”, ([Working together to safeguard children, DfE 2015, page 5](#))

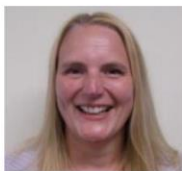
If you have any concerns about the health and safety of a child or young person at this education setting or feel that something may be troubling them, you should share this information with an appropriate member of staff straight away.

Some issues such as a child’s appearance, hygiene, general behaviour, can be shared with any teacher or member of support staff in this setting. Do not worry about reporting small matters – we would rather that you tell us things which turn out to be small than miss a worrying situation.

However, if you think that a child, a young person or an adult who cares for them has been or might be harmed, please talk to one of the people below immediately.

You can ask any member of staff to find them and ask them to speak to you straight away about a confidential and urgent matter.

The people you can talk to are:



Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is:

Name: Mrs L Clements
Their office is located next to the school office.
Their tel. no / mobile no is 01142745597



Our Designated Safeguarding Deputy for under 5’s is:

Name: Mrs R Hanson
Their office is located next to the school office.
Their tel. no / mobile no is 01142745597



Our Designated Safeguarding Deputy is:

Name: Ms D Swain
Their office is located next to the school office.
Their tel. no / mobile no is 01142745597



Our Designated Safeguarding Deputy is:

Name: Mr M Richardson
Their office is located next to the school office.
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An allegation or disclosure involving someone working with children in a paid or unpaid capacity **must** be reported directly to the Head Teacher, Principal or Senior Manager, unless it involves them and then it should be reported directly to the Chair of the Governing Body or Management Committee.