



St Thomas of Canterbury School Newsletter

Week ending Friday 17th May 2024

Dear parents and carers,
What a different week we have had! I do hope that last week wasn't our summer!

We didn't have an assembly this week, but, if we had, the theme would have been 'We are One'. We would have discussed how our faith in Jesus makes us one with him and unites us with one another. Our school community reflects this message so clearly. Just this week, we have had two parents meet with a number of staff to discuss possible plans for our outside areas. The time they had given up to this and the support there was from our staff was wonderful - thank you all. We also have 'all hands on deck' tonight for our summer disco (setting up before, face painting etc. during and then clearing away at the end) all to make sure our children have a memorable time and that we raise much needed funds for resources around school. Again, I thank you all.

Our PTA, Friends of St Thomas', are really in need of new members so we can continue to work together for the good of our children and the whole school. Please volunteer if you can. Speak to me or to Mrs Leask for more information.

Over the week, Miss Swain and I have been talking to some of our children about Golden Time and Dojos. My conversations have happened by chance at the gate or over lunch and have included one Y1 child telling me Friday, today, is the best day ever because we have Golden Time and the disco! Miss Swain has spoken with some of our younger children more formally to collect their views. It is safe to say that they are really enjoying collecting points and taking part in Golden Time - their main suggestion for improvement was more time! We are constantly reviewing this and are looking at ways to further improve this system. As part of this, will be asking for your views towards the end of the term.

Have a lovely weekend - fingers crossed for the sunshine!
God bless
Mrs Clements

Upcoming Events and Important Dates

20th-24th May – Walk to school week

Mon 20th May - St Thomas v St Wilfrid's Football match

Tues 21st May – Y1&2 Trip to Yorkshire Sculpture Park

Weds 22nd May – U11 Athletics Heats

Summer Half term – 27th – 31st May

Fri 7th June – Whole School Sports Day

Sat 8th June – School Fayre

Mon 17th June – Class Photos (rearranged from 24th April)

Mon 17th June – Year 2 Skipping event

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

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

Golden time donation Wishlist

If you have any of the below items in clean/working condition, please bring to the school office.

- Nerf guns/bullets
- Board Games
- Lego
- Children's DVD's
- Jewellery making crafts (beads etc.)
- Coloured wool
- Spatula's and whisks

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.

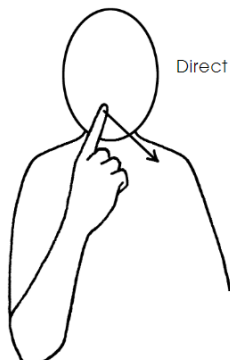
Whole School Attendance

Our attendance for last week was 96.6%
Our attendance this week was 97.6% %

Makaton Sign of the Week

This week's sign is **To Speak / To Talk**.
Please click this link to see how it is done!

<https://youtu.be/u-aB8TURzPM>



Direct sign towards person

Parish Events

Please see the attached church newsletter.

Cheese grab bags for Summer 2 Afterschool club

If your child would prefer to have a Cheese Grab bag instead of the hot meal, please complete the below google form.

<https://forms.gle/J21dZcz2B1kDRzVe6> If you would like to continue to receive a hot dinner, you do not need to do anything. Please can we ask that you complete the google form by Sunday 2nd June 2024.

Sacred Heart Concert at Church

As you will see from the advert below, the Parish's annual Sacred Heart concert is taking place at 7pm on Friday 7th June 2024 in Our Lady and St Thomas Church, and they are looking for performers.

To share our love of music as a school, we wonder if a group of children would like to get together and represent the school by singing two songs. These could be any songs that are joyful and uplifting and we will choose together. We would get together to practise on a Thursday lunchtime, beginning on Thursday 16th May, before performing at the concert. If your child is interested, please contact Mr Richardson, m.richardson@st-tc.co.uk

Annual Sacred Heart Concert planned for Friday 7th June 2024 the feast of the Sacred Heart - at Our Lady and St Thomas Church

WANTED!!!; Musicians; Thespians; makers of mirth; tellers of tall tales and poets to take part in the Parish annual Sacred Heart Concert on Friday 7th June. There will be a raffle. Keep the date free; Put your name down to take part.

We would welcome raffle prizes and suggest a shared table to make this a parish event.

To help, take part and/or donate raffle prizes. Please contact Pam Corkell; Tel 07941 661272 email pamelacorkell@gmail.com or Joe McNally 07891072858 e-mail joemcnally@gmail.com

All proceeds to help care for Bethlehem's terminally ill helping them end their days pain free and with dignity. God bless.

We are working to sustain the first Hospice in Bethlehem. Find out how you can help.



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.

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 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

Mini Vinnies knit and natter

Please see the attached letter with information regarding an upcoming event hosted by our Minnie Vinnies.

Local Vacancies

Please see the following link for vacancies at Meadowhead school:

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

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/>

ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY SCHOOL

Summer Fair

SATURDAY 8TH JUNE

2-5PM

Food & drinks, Bar,
Bouncy Castle,
Stalls , Raffle
Fancy Dress Competition,
Games for all the family
& much more

Entrance: £1 Adults, kids Free
All the money raised supports our school

We'd love to see you there.
St Thomas of Canterbury School
Chancet Wood Drive, Sheffield S8 7TR



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](#))

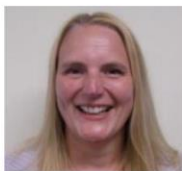
If you have any concerns about the health and safety of a child or young person at this education setting or feel that something may be troubling them, you should share this information with an appropriate member of staff straight away.

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.