

St Thomas of Canterbury Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a great first week back, made even better by the lovely sunshine.

The change to morning routines has been a real success. Children are enjoying the chance to socialise before we begin the school day and joining together to start our day in prayer has given us a great sense of community. KS2 Parents, please feel free to come and join in if you have time.

Today, we say goodbye to Miss Lancaster who is leaving us to go and work for MAST. Miss Lancaster has been at St Thomas of Canterbury for 12 years and we will miss her very much. We wish her every success in her new role at MAST.

Have a good weekend.

God bless
Mrs Clements

Class Photographs

Class photographs will be taken this Wednesday 27th April.

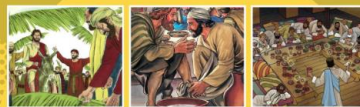
Year 4 pupils – Rather than PE kits, please can you come to school in your normal school uniform on this day and bring your PE trainers in a bag to change into for the afternoon.

Pre-school Pupils - If your child does not normally attend on a Wednesday morning session, but you would like them to be included in the Pre-school class photo, please bring them to the pre-school building for 9am in their uniform. The class will then be walked up to the school field to be photographed. The photographs should take around 10 minutes and any children not booked in to attend the morning Pre-school session will need to be collected after this time. Parents are welcome to wait in the Pre-school car park whilst the photo is being taken.

In this, the first of five Eastertide assemblies, we celebrate the hope, joy and peace of Easter and will consider the meaning of faith and belief through a dramatisation of Thomas' encounter with Jesus.

Key Scripture:

Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, "Peace be with you", and showed them His hands and His side. John 20: 19 – 31



Jesus was welcomed into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday

Jesus washed the feet of the disciples

Jesus had the last supper with the disciples



Jesus was put on trial

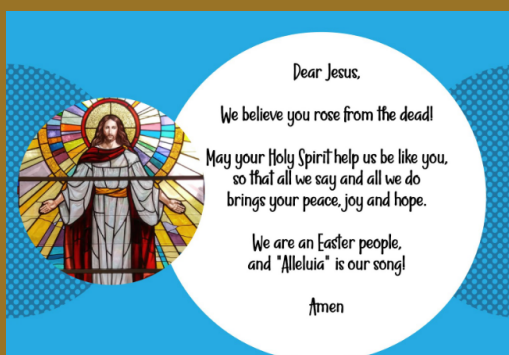
Jesus was sentenced to death. He carried the own cross

Jesus died on the cross

Jesus was buried



Jesus is Risen!
Alleluia!



Dear Jesus,

We believe you rose from the dead

May your Holy Spirit help us be like you,
so that all we say and all we do
brings your peace, joy and hope.

We are an Easter people,
and "Alleluia" is our song!

Amen

Week ending
Friday 22nd 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. 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. Please note, the gate between the KS1 yard and the main footpath will remain locked.

Important dates for Summer Term 1

Weds 27th April – Class photos
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

Sports day – Friday 10th June

As we prepare for our Summer term events, we would like to make parents aware that our Whole school sports day is Friday 10th June at the EIS. All children from Reception to Year 6 will be attending the whole day event and parents are invited to watch in the stands. More information will be sent out in the following weeks.