



# St Thomas of Canterbury School Newsletter

Week ending Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Dear parents and carers,

On Sunday we celebrated Pentecost and so our assembly was all about the Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit.

We heard about the gifts The Spirit brought to the apostles, enabling them to speak different languages so they could spread the Good News about Jesus all over the world. We thought about how this special day of Pentecost, therefore, was the birth day of the Church and how we now have the job of being Jesus's disciples and spreading the Good News.

While we believe we receive the Gifts of The Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirmation, The Fruits are part of everyone's daily lives and enable us to spread this message: including love, faithfulness, joy, generosity, kindness, goodness, patience, self-control and peace. Just thinking about this week, we saw many of these in action. We had a truly joyful music assembly this morning led by Jack Lowe from Lowe's Academy. Your contributions of bottles today for our upcoming summer fair along with the huge amounts of time The Friends are putting in to arrange it show generosity aplenty. In the football match against St Wilfrid's on Monday, we saw many of these fruits in action (especially the self control in not boasting about our 6-0 win!). And today, we have the peace of half term to look forward to.



Thank you very much to our parents, staff and to Fr Stephen for taking part in the football match on Monday. Thank you too to those who stayed behind to cheer the team on.

I wish you all a very peaceful and joyful half term.  
God bless  
Mrs Clements

## Upcoming Events and Important Dates

### Summer Half term – 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May

**Fri 7<sup>th</sup> June** – Whole School Sports Day

**Sat 8<sup>th</sup> June** – School Fayre

**Mon 17<sup>th</sup> June** – Class Photos (rearranged from 24<sup>th</sup> April)

**Mon 17<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 2 Skipping event

**Weds 19<sup>th</sup> – Fri 21<sup>st</sup> June** – Year 6 Residential

**Mon 24<sup>th</sup> June** – 14:00 Y3 & Y6 Open Afternoon

**Tues 25<sup>th</sup> June** – 14:00 Y2 & Y4 Open Afternoon

**Weds 26<sup>th</sup> June** – 14:00 Y1 Open Afternoon

**Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> June** - 14:00 Y5 Open Afternoon

**Mon 1<sup>st</sup> July – Autumn 1 Breakfast & Afterschool club bookings open on Parentpay at 4pm**

**Weds 3<sup>rd</sup> July** – Reception Trip to Cleethorpes

**Weds 3<sup>rd</sup> – Fri 5<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 5 Residential

**Tues 9<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 6 Leaver's show

**Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 6 Crucial Crew Visit

**Fri 19<sup>th</sup> July** – Last day of Term

## Summer Holidays

**Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept** – Inset Day (No pupils in school)

**Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept** – Inset Day (No pupils in school)

**Weds 4<sup>th</sup> Sept** – Pupils return to school (Reception to have phased transition days)

## 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

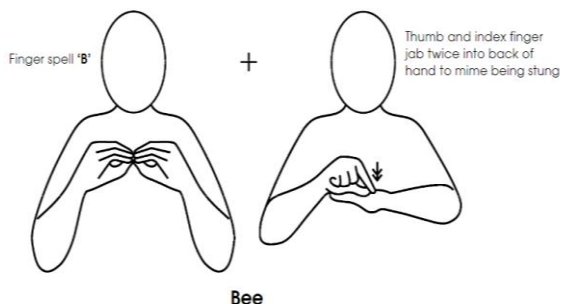
Our attendance for last week was 97.6%  
Our attendance this week was 95.4% %

## Makaton Sign of the Week

This week's sign is **Bee**.

Please click this link to see how it is done!

<https://youtu.be/XKrijVLWT2oA>



## 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.

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> May, before performing at the concert. If your child is interested, please contact Mr Richardson, [m.richardson@st-tc.co.uk](mailto:m.richardson@st-tc.co.uk)

## Annual Sacred Heart Concert planned for Friday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:pamelacorkell@gmail.com) or Joe McNally 07891072858 e-mail [joegmcnally@gmail.com](mailto:joegmcnally@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.



## 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

## School disco

The school disco on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> raised over £900 which is incredible. Thank you to everyone that attended and helped out at the event.

## 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/>

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# 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](#))

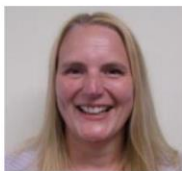
If you have any concerns about the health and safety of a child or young person at this education setting or feel that something may be troubling them, you should share this information with an appropriate member of staff straight away.

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.