



St Thomas of Canterbury School Newsletter

Week ending Friday 28th June 2024

Dear parents and carers,

Sunday's Gospel was one of my favourites as we heard the story of how Jesus calmed the storm. The Disciples, who were on a boat, became very scared by the ferocity of the storm and this fear was made worse for them because Jesus, the leader they looked to for support, was asleep on the boat and they felt alone. After waking and calming the storm, Jesus said to them, "Why are you fearful? Have you not faith yet?". In our assembly on Monday, the children and I thought about the relevance of Jesus's words and actions for us today. We thought about how there are times when we feel scared by 'storms' in our lives and how sometimes we might feel alone but that Jesus is always there for us to help us. We gave thanks for those people who Jesus has clearly entrusted to bring this reassurance to our daily lives: our friends, families; teachers / colleagues. We thought how reassuring it is to know that Jesus will always find a way to calm the storm.

It was lovely to see how many parents made it to our last open afternoon of the year this week. I hope you found the time informative and enjoyable. Next year, we plan to hold these in the Autumn and Summer terms; dates will be shared as soon as we have them.

This Tuesday, we have our whole school transition morning where the children will spend time with their new class teachers and visit their new classrooms for the first time. Our Y6 children are starting to take part in their transition visits to their new schools too. These can feel like 'stormy times' for all of our children but we know things will be ok as they are not alone.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

God bless
Mrs Clements

Sporting Success

Well done to the group of Year 5 & 6 pupils that attended U11 Citywide Athletics event on Thursday, one of our Y6 pupils came 3rd in one of the competitions.

Also wishing a very good luck to our Year 6 girls and boys teams who are competition in the Catholic Cup this afternoon.

Upcoming Events and Important Dates

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

2024/25 Important Dates

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

Fri 25th Oct - Inset Day (No pupils in school)

Mon 28th Oct – Fri 1st Nov – Half Term

Mon 4th Nov – Pupils return to school

Fri 20th Dec – School finishes at 12pm

Whole School Attendance

Our attendance this week was 97.1 %

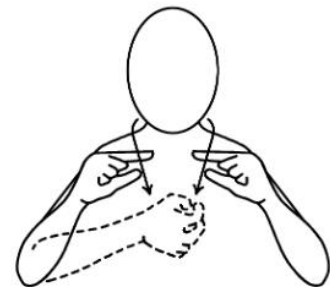
Makaton Sign of the Week

This week's sign is

Medal

Please click this link to see how it is done!

<https://youtu.be/hQy0il2RgM0>



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.



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](#))

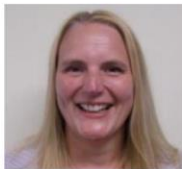
If you have any concerns about the health and safety of a child or young person at this education setting or feel that something may be troubling them, you should share this information with an appropriate member of staff straight away.

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

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Our Designated Safeguarding Deputy is:

Name: Mr M Richardson

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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.