



St Thomas of Canterbury School Newsletter

Week ending Thursday 6th June 2024

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you all enjoyed the half term break.

On Sunday, we celebrated the Body and Blood of Christ. All of the readings referred specifically to blood. If you know me well, you will know that I am not one of our trained first aiders for a reason - I can't cope with blood (not great with sick either to be honest!). The science teacher in me knows though how vital blood is for health and indeed to keep us alive. We use the phrase 'life blood' to describe people or factors that are essential to the success of something. This helps us to understand why Jesus used bread and wine as his body and blood to help us remember him and his teachings and why The Eucharist is one of the sacraments.

It is very fitting that the week following our celebration of the Body and Blood of Christ is followed by many of our Y3 children receiving the Eucharist for the first time this weekend. The majority will do this at Our Lady and St Thomas' and we also have some of our children who will make theirs at the parish church at the same time. We keep you all in our thoughts and prayers.

We have sports day tomorrow and so we are sending this out to you today. I hope you are able to join us. Evo Sports and the students from All Saints are running the day and I am sure it is going to be just as fantastic as last year's!

I hope to see you all at the Summer Fair on Saturday. All the money raised goes towards school improvements and much needed resources for our children.

Enjoy the weekend
God bless
Mrs Clements

Upcoming Events and Important Dates

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

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 (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

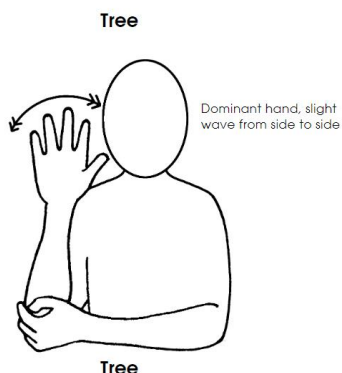
Our attendance for last week was 95.4%
Our attendance this week was 96.7% %

Makaton Sign of the Week

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

Please click this link to see how it is done!

<https://youtu.be/mE9t6jCrtTc>



Parish Events

Please see the attached church newsletter.

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 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.



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

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/>

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.