



St Thomas of Canterbury School Newsletter

Week ending Friday 22nd March 2024

Dear parents and carers,

Today, in their class assembly, Y1 told us about the importance of noticing the signs of spring. They reminded us of the joy that spotting spring flowers can bring and how we should enjoy these longer, warmer (let's hope!) spring days. They also reminded us that all of these are part of God's creation and it is our responsibility to nurture and protect them.

This coming Sunday, Palm Sunday, marks the start of Holy Week. On Thursday, Y5 will be sharing their Passion Play to help us to reflect on Jesus's sacrifice on Good Friday. Y5 parents are invited to join us for this. If the last two years are anything to go by, this will be a very powerful and moving performance.

On Thursday, we will also say goodbye to Mrs Wragg who is moving on to work at the village school her own children attend. During her time with us, Mrs Wragg has worked at St Thomas' for over ten years and has been part of our mental health team and one of the safeguarding deputies. I am sure you will join me in thanking her for all she has done for our children and wishing her well in her new position. We will miss you very much Mrs Wragg.

Miss Garner will be starting her maternity leave at the end of next week. We wish her well and welcome Mrs Charles who will be working in the office until Miss Garner returns.

Have a good weekend everyone
God bless
Mrs Clements

Parish Events

Please see the attached church newsletter.

Summer term Milk, School Dinners & Computer Xplorers Club

Bookings for Summer Term milk, school dinners and Summer Term 1 Computer Xplorers Afterschool activity are now available to book via Parent. Places are also still available for the Summer term Striking & Fielding Evo club on Thursdays.

Upcoming Events and Important Dates

Wednesday 27th March – Easter Egg Decorating Competition

Easter Break – 29th March – 12th April

Monday 15th April – Pupils return to school

Monday 22nd April – Y3 Creswell Craggs trip

Wednesday 24th April – Class Photos

Monday 29th April - Summer 2 Breakfast & Afterschool club bookings open on Parentpay at 4pm

Friday 3rd May – 09:00 Reception Class Assembly

Monday 12th May -SATS WEEK

Friday 17th May – School Disco

Summer Half term – 27th – 31st May

Friday 7th June – Whole School Sports Day

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

Wednesday 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

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

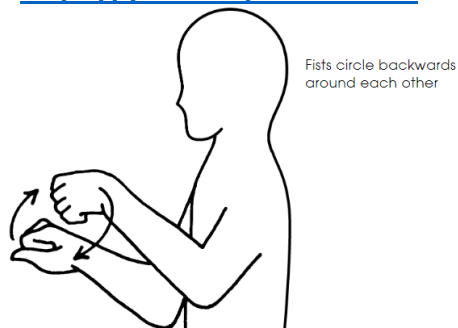
Our attendance for last week was 97.7%
Our attendance this week was 98.3% %

Makaton Sign of the Week

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

Please click this link to see how it is done!

<https://youtu.be/2zibLatm2cl>



Recycling

(To Change/ To Alter/ To Become)

PE Days

Reception	Thursday PM
Year 1	Tuesday PM & Thursday AM
Year 2	Monday PM & Thursday PM
Year 3	Tuesday PM & Thursday AM
Year 4	Monday PM & Thursday AM
Year 5	Wednesday PM & Friday PM
Year 6	Wednesday PM & Friday PM

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.

Sheffield United Easter Football Clubs

More information and bookings can be made here:

<https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/sheffieldunited/sheffield-united-courses.html>

Breakfast & Afterschool Club price increase from September 2024

Unfortunately, due to the ever-rising costs in staffing, food and resources we have no other option but to increase the breakfast and after school club to keep this sustainable.

Please note that the last price increase was in September 2019.

The following charges will apply from September 2024.

Breakfast club £5.25

After school club £9.50

Sheffield Parent Hub Spring 2024 What's on Guide

<https://www.sheffielddirectory.org.uk/sheffield-parent-hub/>

Children's Passion Liturgy on Good Friday

During the 3pm Liturgy on Good Friday (29th March) at Our Lady & St Thomas church, there will be a simple retelling of the Passion story for younger children in the Hall (the same story of the events leading up to Jesus' death which adults will hear in church), with reflective activities to help them engage with the themes of the day.

Led by the Children's Liturgy Team, it is hoped that Fr Geoff will also join us. All children who have not yet made their First Holy Communion are welcome. Please come straight down to the Hall when you arrive at church. We will rejoin the main congregation in church for the Veneration of the Cross. Adults are welcome to stay (and should stay with babies and toddlers please), but if your children are able to attend by themselves then do take the opportunity to be part of the main Liturgy

RuggerEds Easter Holiday Camps

RuggerEds are hosting Easter Holiday Camps Monday-Wednesday of the School Holidays 9-4pm at High Storrs School. St Thomas families can use discount code: STCRUGGER More information can be found here:

<https://www.participant.co.uk/sporteds/event/426319/B11D1163F29148EA9F2AD844E2D9D84A#init>

Dronfield Rugby Easter Camp

Please see the attached poster for 6-16 years Easter rugby camp.

Cheese grab bags for Summer 1 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/7XAxjh641P8DYchA6> 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 14th April 2024.

Online Safety Update

Online gaming is very popular with children and adults alike and players can play live with people across the world through a range of devices. In-game chat is a feature that many parents worry about, and which can cause anxiety and danger to children.

It is always helpful to discuss with your child how to stay safe online. Set boundaries about what information they can and can't share and what to do if they come across something inappropriate such as bad language. They should know that they can come and talk to you if they feel others are being mean or making them feel uncomfortable online.

Here are some useful resources about in-game chat and specific games.

Think U Know - article about in-game chat - <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/in-game-chat/>

Ask About Games - searchable advice for parents/carers and children about games - <https://www.askaboutgames.com/>



Easter Egg Decorating Competition

£1 Entry fee per egg

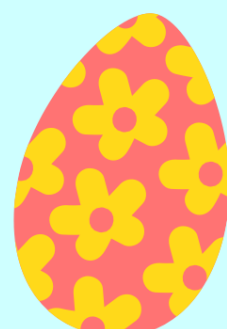
Wednesday 27th March



**Decorate a hard-boiled egg and make it as colourful as you can. Get creative and stick things on or create your favourite person or character.
Let's see some cracking ideas!**

The competition will be judged on Wednesday 27th March. Please bring your eggs into school by Monday 25th March.

Don't forget to include your name and year group. There will be a prize for the best egg in each class. Have fun decorating!





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 is:

Name: Mrs L Wragg
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.