

St Thomas of Canterbury Newsletter



Head of School Comments

Welcome to the first newsletter of the year 2019. I hope that you and your families had a peaceful and restful Christmas. The children have settled in very well to the new year, and last week was a very calm and purposeful one in school. We spent a lot of time reflecting on Christmas and the concept of giving gifts; not physical ones, but the giving of time, care and attention to others. In an increasingly commercially driven world, these discussions are very important.

We are looking forward to seeing you at parents' evening this week, and just a final reminder to book your appointment time through the Parentmail app. Each appointment slot is five minutes long so on the evening, please be mindful of this and support us to help the evening run to time. You will also have a chance on the evening too to visit your child's classroom and see some of the work in their books.

Charity Support

Thank you for all the donations for Cafod and Mission Together during Advent. A significant amount of money was raised, and a box of stationery is on its way to Kenya to support children wanting to attend school there. A special mention too for Amanda who was so inspired by our work with Cafod that she decided to donate her entire year's pocket money (£234) to the charity.

Pre-Loved Uniform

We are delighted to say that every Wednesday in the KS1 yard there will be a clothes rail packed with pre-loved uniform. All these items have been dry cleaned, and are of great quality. Items can be taken free, although there is the option of leaving a voluntary donation for the Friends of St Thomas. Donations of pre-loved uniform can be left in the school office. Thank you to Mrs Reynolds from Reception who has taken a great deal of time to set this system up.

Message From The Gospel

Last week's assembly was a guided meditation on the journey of the wise men, in which the children were given the opportunity to reflect on their personal relationship with Jesus, and that we can make an offering to Jesus just like the wise men did.



This Week's Gospel
In this week's Gospel we learn about Baptism and the children will learn that Jesus was the Son of God



Quote Of The Week
'Progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything.'
(George Bernard Shaw)

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Parking Reminder

Please remember to park considerately; there have been a number of instances recently of parking across footpaths, double yellow lines and across driveways. Incidents like these make it difficult for the school to maintain positive relationships with residents so please bear this in mind when parking.

Value of The Month

This month's new value is the value of Uniqueness. The Value of the Month newsletter will be sent out today giving more detail. Please explore and discuss this with your child at home.

Friends of St Thomas

The Friends continue to seek volunteers to support their planned events, please see their email for further details.

KS2 Toilets

A huge thank you to those who donated some small artificial plants for the KS2 toilets. As you can see from the pictures, they look absolutely superb and the children are really appreciative of them.

