

St Thomas of Canterbury Newsletter



Message From The Gospel

Luke 21:25-
28,34-36

During Advent, we have a series of three linked assemblies that follow from one to the next.

The first helps children to recognise the distractions that can get in the way of truly celebrating Christmas and helps to engender a greater desire to meet Jesus.

Next Week's Gospel

Luke 3: 1-6

An assembly which continues the Advent journey of preparation for children and helps them reflect on how they can prepare internally for the coming of Jesus.

Quote Of The Week

'Unexpected kindness is the most powerful, least costly and most underrated form of human change.'
(Bob Kerrey)

Head of School Comments

We have begun our Advent preparations in school, and it feels like a truly special time in school. Our theme is all around 'Giving to make a difference' during Advent and we are working very hard with the children to develop an understanding and appreciation of the importance of seeing the build up to Christmas as an opportunity to give to make the world and our community a better place. To support this, we have created a programme of events that we would like you to engage with, including:

- Foregoing a chocolate one day from your child's Advent calendar and giving a donation to the Cafod collection box in the office
- An opportunity to contribute to the reverse Advent calendar, with donations of pens, pencils, rubbers, rulers etc.. to help children attend school in Kenya

There are numerous other events to support in school, and we look forward to seeing you in school at some point.

At this point, can I please make a plea to all those attending the Nativities, winter warmer, or class assemblies; for popular events, parking around school can be a challenge, so please support the school to maintain positive relationships with the community and local residents by parking considerately and using Morrisons if possible, before walking to school.



Advent Assemblies

The first class Advent assemblies have taken place and have been very well received by those who attended. Thank you for your support.

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Safeguarding Reminder

Please could you ensure that when dropping off or collecting your children from Breakfast Club or After School club, that you do not hold the gate open for parents behind you. It is really important that all parents/carers have been buzzed in rather than allowed through by another parents. Many thanks.

Value of The Month

This month's value is Teamwork and you can find the latest edition of the St Thomas of Canterbury Values Newsletter attached.

Friends of St Thomas

Many thanks to all who attended the quiz on Friday; it was a wonderful atmosphere. A special thanks to Mr and Mrs Johnson who officiated the quiz for the last time having done so for a number of years.

100 club winners:

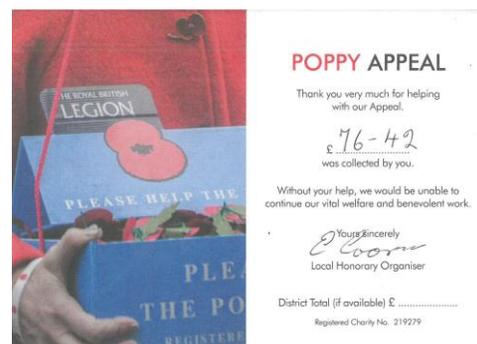
September no 24- Gary Dennis
October no 40- Nina Darwin

We Want Your (artificial) Plants!

As part of our work on transforming learning environments, we would like to 'lift' the aesthetics of the toilets across school. Therefore, if you have any artificial plants which could be donated, or happen to be in Ikea and can spare £3; then donations of these would be hugely appreciated:



<https://www.ikea.com/gb/en/products/decoration/plants-pots-stands/succulent-potted-plant-with-pot-grey-art-00343277/>



POPPY APPEAL

Thank you very much for helping with our Appeal.

£76.42
was collected by you.

Without your help, we would be unable to continue our vital welfare and benevolent work.

Yours sincerely
Local Honorary Organiser

District Total (if available) £
Registered Charity No. 219279