

St Thomas of Canterbury Newsletter



Head of School Comments

Welcome to the end of week 3 of the final half-term. Welcome back also to Mr Sutton, Mrs Lambert and Mrs Bruce who spent a (very wet!) week with the Year 6 children in Thornbridge. The staff were blown away by the attitude and application of the children, and could not have been more proud. I echo those thoughts and in addition, would like to give a special mention to the three staff members who gave their all to the children during the week to enable the pupils to create some truly special memories. On the theme of memories, how lovely our Family Mass was yesterday, and how incredibly well all the pupils did who either did readings, took part in the offertory, or showed visitors around school afterwards. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at church next week for both 9.15 and 11.15 Mass as we celebrate many of our Year 3 children making their First Holy Communion. Finally, we keep Year 5 in our prayers this week as they head to Eyam for a three day residential. May they be safe, have fun, and be blessed with better weather than Year 6!

Teachers 2019/20

For children in Y1-6 next year, please keep your eyes peeled for a special invitation from your new class teacher, which will also include some information about them that will help you get to know them a little better before September!

Summer Fayre

The School Summer Fayre which will be held on Sunday 14th July is fast approaching and we are looking for volunteers to set up, run stalls, amongst lots of other key jobs. **We are holding a meeting in the Abbey Pub (upstairs) on Tuesday the 25th June at 7.30** If any parents or relatives owning their own business which would like to sponsor the summer fayre please contact the friends at friends@st-tc.co.uk, in the past sponsorship has paid for the . And finally if anyone is able to donate any raffle prizes – vouchers etc please leave them with the school office.

Message From The Gospel

This week the church celebrated Trinity Sunday and it is also Refugee Week 2019, the theme of which is the title for this assembly. Trinity Sunday invites Christians to consider one of the mysteries of our faith: the doctrine of the Trinity, as a community of love that we are called to emulate. In understanding that we are called to love one another regardless of difference, children can be inspired to view all people who are refugees with love and generosity and think of ways they can 'welcome' them regardless of circumstances.

"When the Spirit of truth comes, He will lead you to the complete truth." (John 16: 12-15)



**You, Me and
Those Who
Came Before**

Quote Of The Week

'Do you know the difference between education and experience? Education is what you get when you read the fine print; experience is what you get when you don't.'

Peter Seeger

Summer 2 Week 3 2019



This month has seen some big and exciting changes to our playtimes here at St Thomas. We still have some way to go and are still looking for donations of loose parts, particularly wheeled items - scooters, bikes etc., which we hope to launch next. The children are already enjoying the freedom of the grounds at lunch time, playing in the woods, in the trees, getting crafty with cardboard and sheets. We have also enjoyed our fantastic mini golf course with huge thanks to Melvyn for designing and constructing. To keep updated please follow our Opal twitter @StThomasOpal

First Holy Communion

If anyone is wishing for their child to be candidates for first Holy Communion for next academic year they will need to fill in a form which can be collected from the office and returned to school or the church by 22nd September 2019. We would also like to send our prayers to all the children who will be making their First Holy Communion this Sunday at 9.15 and 11.15 Mass.

Family Mass

Thank you to all the children and families who attended the family mass at church this Sunday. It was a lovely event which was very well attended and we welcomed some very excited visitors to school afterwards who commented on how articulate the pupils were, and were very positive about the 'feel' of our wonderful school.

Value of The Month

We will soon be moving to our new Value of the Month; this will be revealed in our whole school assembly on Friday 28th June.

Student Voice

Our next meeting has been moved to Thursday 20th June where we will be meeting with an organisation called Energy Sparks; they will be giving us some advice and ideas for how we can start to reduce our energy bills and usage in school.