

St Thomas of Canterbury Newsletter



Head of School Comments

It is hard to believe that we are halfway through the penultimate week of this academic year. The time certainly flies but only because every single member of staff continues to work relentlessly for your children. Your children are such a privilege to teach and lead and they have achieved so much this year. It was an especially lovely morning yesterday when, for the first time, we did an 'in-school' pilgrimage with each class bringing an item to place in our re-vamped prayer garden. Each item linked to our Value of the Month 'Gratitude.' It was a lovely event and shortly you will be able to see the pictures on Twitter.

Last week you should have received your child's last termly report of the year. Thank you for all the positive comments you have sent back to the school having received them. Year 6 will be receiving their reports on Thursday.

Can I take this opportunity to encourage you to support our Summer Fayre this Sunday from 12-3pm. It really is a wonderful event and raises such crucial funds for the school. Thank you in advance to the Friends for all their work in pulling this event together.

Year 6 Awards' Evening

What a wonderful evening we had on Friday 5th July where we celebrated the second annual Year 6 Awards' Evening. Thank you to all who supported this event.



Message From The Gospel

In the Gospel assembly on Monday 15th July we will be talking about being good samaritans.

'The Good Samaritan' is a story that has been taught to children for generations. Yet despite its familiarity to many, the parable still has a resonance that can impact how we view the world. In this assembly, we present a contemporary retelling of the story of 'The Good Samaritan' using a simple narrated drama. Children will consider who their neighbour really is and what it means to be a good one. The story asks some challenging questions: are we sometimes too busy to stop and help someone? Too embarrassed? Worried about how others might view us? Think it easier to walk away and do nothing? By the end of the assembly, children will be inspired to reach out to others in need over the holidays.



Scripture:

'You must love your neighbour as yourself.'

Luke 10:25-37

Quote Of The Week

'Play is the work of the child.'

Maria Montessori

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Our playtime and lunchtime experiences continue to be a huge source of enjoyment and pride for the pupils and staff. We are seeing huge developments in relation to the quality of play, the range of different play experiences, and massive improvements in relation to how children are co-operating and socialising together. The next steps for this will be to hold parents information events in Autumn Term 2019 and also to give parents the opportunity to 'stay and play' with their child. We will be sending some information about all these developments in the very near future. Thank you for your continued support with this wonderful project, and thank you for all the donations of equipment you have made.
@StThomasOpal

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. **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. And finally if anyone is able to donate any raffle prizes – vouchers etc. please leave them with the school office. We look forward to seeing you on Sunday**

Value of The Month

Our new Value of the Month is gratitude. We have been exploring how we can show gratitude to God through our actions, words and prayers. Please see the Values Newsletter on the school website

Libby Hadfield Memorial Award

This is the third year we have given out this special prize. Staff nominate a child who exemplifies what Libby was known for: hard-work, determination, passion, and self-belief. It is our honour to announce this year's winner as Lucia from Year 2. What a wonderful role model!. #findonebeone