

St Thomas of Canterbury Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

This half term is a very busy one in school. The Y6 children and staff are getting ready for their SATs next week and are looking forward to their residential visit to Thornbridge the week after. Y2 children have their tests in the last two weeks of this half term and I know that Miss Hardwick and Mrs Murray are working hard to support the children with these.

As part of our steps back to normality, we have our first Friends of St Thomas' event next week: the school disco on Friday. Tickets are available through Parent Pay but it is also possible to pay at the door on the night. I know the children are really looking forward to this!

As we are now in the month of May, our attention in school has turned to Mary. Mr Richardson is planning a May procession for later this month and, as preparation for this, the classes are learning more about the glorious mysteries of The Rosary. It has struck me how the blossom falling around school marks the start of this occasion.

Have a lovely weekend.
God bless.
Mrs Clements

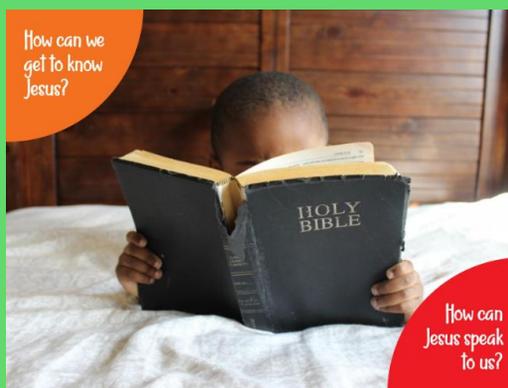
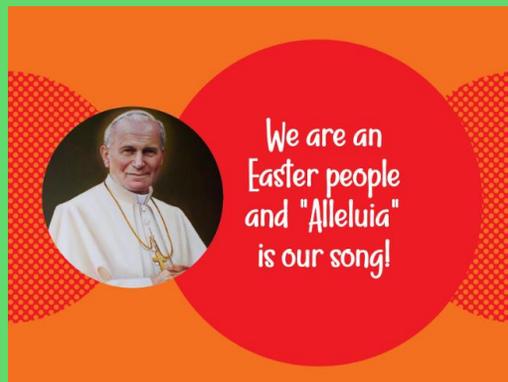
Safeguarding

It has been brought to our attention that some of the children have been talking about a character called Huggy Wuggy. This is a teddy bear style character with sharp teeth and can look quite frightening to some children. We want to reassure you that our filtering system at school will stop this being accessed on site but suggest that you make an effort to ensure such content isn't being accessed at home.

Through a story about a wayward sheep, children will think about whose voice they choose to listen to – and that if we want to follow Jesus' voice, we need to recognise it!

Key Scripture:

Jesus said: "The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me." John 10: 27 – 30



Week ending
Friday 6th May

Lost Property

As the weather changes, children are beginning to leave items of clothing outside. We have reintroduced lost and found. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you are missing any items of clothing. Please do ensure uniform is labelled with children's names to help with this process.

Morning Routines

In summer term, we are taking our next steps back to normality. The school gates will now be open from 8.35 and children will be allowed to gather in the playgrounds from that time. At 8.45, we will line up, say our morning prayer together, and make our way into classrooms. **Please can all children be on site for 8.45, thank you.** Adults will be on the yards to supervise and parents are welcome to stay on the yard for morning prayer. The gate will close at 8.50 and any child arriving after this time will need to go through the school office.

Important dates for Summer Term

Mon 9th- Thurs 12th – SATS week
Mon 16th – Weds 18th – Y6 Residential
Thurs 19th – Y1 Mini tennis event*

Mon 30th May – Friday 3rd June- Half term

Mon 6th– Y5 Residential payment deadline
Fri 10th – Whole school sports day at EIS
Fri 17th – Y2 Football Derby*
Weds 29th – Fri 1st – Year 5 residential
Mon 4th July – Y6 Crucial Crew trip
Fri 22nd July – Last day of school

Sports Day Coach booking

We would like to remind you that places are still available to book onto the coach for sports day. The deadline for bookings is **Friday 20th May.**

Coding club at Greenhill Library

We have attached a posted of a local Coding club at Greenhill Library. We have heard great things from some of our parents whose children attend the club.