

St Thomas of Canterbury Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to be able to say that St Clare's CMAT was given approval to open in September 2022 at the Regional Schools' Commissioner Advisory Board on 18th May. This means that ten schools will be able to join together in forming the foundation of our new Catholic MAT in September.

The schools we are joining with are; St Alban's Denaby, Sacred Heart, St Ann's, St Catherine's, St Mary's, St Marie's, St Wilfrid's, All Saints and Notre Dame.

During the summer term, staff and governing bodies will be working with the directors, CEO and CFO of St Clare's CMAT to make sure that we are ready in September. There will be no immediate differences for the staff and children, as the CMAT is committed to maintaining the local character, local leadership and strengths of each school. This means that we will have the same governors and staff that you know, and the day to day running of the school will be as it is now.

Over time, St Clare's expect to strengthen collaboration with other schools in the Diocese, including others in the family who are seeking to join St Clare's CMAT soon. We believe this will help to free time in school by cutting down on duplication, and will allow all schools to benefit from sharing best ideas and from working together in addressing the things that can make us better. Governors resolved to join St Clare's CMAT because we believe it is the best thing for the common good of schools in the Diocese and because it offers exciting new opportunities to help us to maintain the best of what we do while improving further the education and care that our children receive.

Have a lovely weekend.

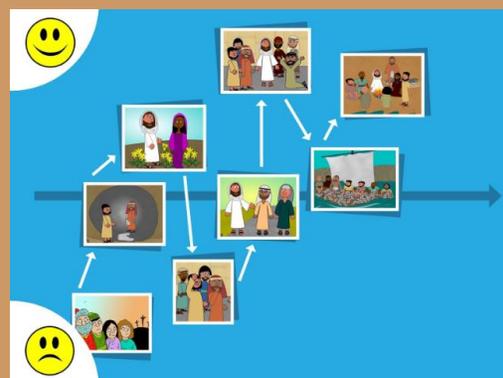
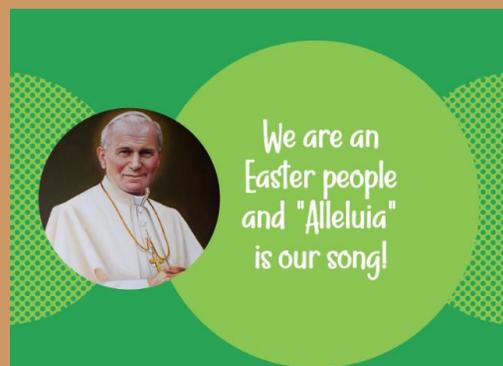
God bless.

Mrs Clements

In this final Eastertide assembly, we rejoice in Jesus' promise to be with us always. We see how Jesus' disciples were strengthened and comforted by His risen presence and learn that Jesus continues to be with us today in a new way.

Key Scripture:

"If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him."
John 14: 23 – 29 (Also Acts 1 : 1 – 11)



Week ending
Friday 20th May

Important dates for Summer Term

Please note that some dates are different from the yearly planner sent in September

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

- Mon 6th – Year 1 & 2 trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park
 - Mon 6th – Y5 Residential payment deadline
 - Fri 10th – Whole school sports day
 - Fri 17th – Y2 Football Derby**
 - Tues 21st – SEND Crown bowling**
 - Weds 29th – Fri 1st – Year 5 residential
 - Fri 1st July–Mass of St Peter & St Paul* – **rearranged from 8th July**
 - Mon 4th – Weds 6th July – Whole school transition mornings* – **rearranged to correspond with All Saints Transition Day**
 - Friday 8th July - Year 6 Awards Evening - **Now the Year 6 leavers party**
 - All Saints Catholic Cup*
 - Weds 13th July – Y2 & Y6 Qualitas Sports day*
 - Saturday 16th July – Friends of St Thomas Summer Fayre * – **rearranged from 3rd July**
 - Fri 22nd July – Last day of school
- **Details to follow

Class open afternoon booking links

Please see the attached letter with the timetable of dates and times for each class' open afternoon.

Jubilee Lunch – Thursday 26th May

On Thursday, we will be marking the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a special Jubilee picnic lunch on the school field. Please see the email about changes to lunch menu for this day.

On the day, the children are invited to wear red, white and blue (no football kits please) and it would be great if the children could bring in picnic blankets to sit on. Thank you.

Fingers crossed for good weather!