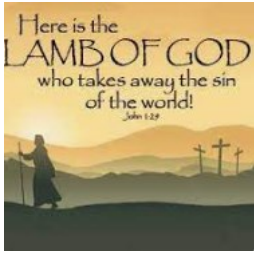


St. Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School

Friday, 13th January 2023



Thought for the week

*"Help one another. This is what Jesus teaches us to do.
This is what I do. And I do it with all my heart."*

Pope Francis

A message from Mrs. Rawlinson

I have some very exciting news for you all.

As you may be aware, I am a member of All Saints SVP conference for St. Helens and we meet monthly to turn concern into action, just as our Mini Vinnies do in school.

The SVP has very kindly donated money to school to purchase books. These books are not to be put into the school library, but are to be kept separately. The idea behind the donation is to create a book station where children (and adults) can take a book to read at home and return it, if they wish. The SVP would like for all children (nursery right through to Year 6) to have a book (or access to books) that they love and cherish. At the moment the book box is in my office, but as this scheme grows we will look to moving it elsewhere so parents can donate pre-loved books and swap for other books. Massive thank you to the Book Stop Book Shop in St. Helens who have been incredibly helpful in providing and labelling the books for us.

I am looking forward to seeing this venture take off and become another success for our school community.

Important dates for your diary

Fr. Michael and I met on Monday this week to plan and arrange Masses and celebrations for the rest of the academic year. The dates are as follows:

Wednesday, 22nd February	Ash Wednesday Mass	11am at church
Thursday, 18th May	Ascension Day	11am at church
Friday, 26th May	May Procession	11am at church
Thursday, 29th June	St. Peter and St. Paul	11am at church

The whole school will be attending these masses and our parents/parishioners are more than welcome to join with our children in these celebrations and Holy Days of Obligation.

Extra dates:

First Holy Communion for Year 4	Saturday, 1st July	12pm at church
Leavers Mass for Year 6	Friday, 14th July	11am at church

More information about First Holy Communion will be sent home in due course.

Important Dates for your Diary

January

20th - Y6 Collective Worship

23rd - Spring term extra curricular clubs start (6 weeks in total)

30th - Crucial crew (year 5)

February

1st - Young Voices (Performing Arts group)

3rd - Y5 Collective Worship

6th - Mental health week

6th - Sacramental workshop 3

7th - Y5 trip to Tatton Park

10th - Y1 Collective Worship

10th - End of Half term

20th - children return to school (this was originally an INSET day)

21st - Y4 trip to Deva Discovery Centre Chester

22nd - Ash Wednesday Mass Church 11am

March

3rd - World Book Day

6th - Whole School Photographs

9th - Y3 trip to Liverpool World Museum

10th - Y3 Collective Worship

15th - Y4/Y6 visit to Liverpool Catholic Cathedral

17th - Y2 Collective Worship

21st - Rock Steady concert

22nd - Parents afternoon/evening

27th - Y4 Collective Worship

27th - Y6 residential to Conway Centre (return 29th March)

31st - End of Spring term

April

12th - children return to school

17th - Sacramental workshop 4

18th - Y5 start Swimming (each Tuesday for 6 weeks)

May

1st - Bank Holiday

8th - Bank Holiday

9th - Start of Year 6 End of Key Stage tests (SATs)

12th - Y4 Collective Worship

18th - Ascension Day Mass in Church 11am

26th - May procession Church 11am

June

5th - Year 4 Multiplication tables check (2 week window)

12th - children return to school

13th - Y4 start swimming (each Tuesday for 5 weeks)

20th - Y6 Leavers Photographs

23rd - EYFS Collective Worship

29th - St Peter & St Paul Holy Day of Obligation Church 11am

July

1st - Y4 First Holy Communion - Church 12noon

11th - Y6 Leavers Mass Church 11am

Celebration page



**Stars
of the
week!**

**Well done to our stars of the
week.**

This week's award is for making a
positive
start to the new term

Reception: Anna Gordon & Autumn Toal

Year 1: Elliot Hill & Scarlett Waller

Year 2: William Jones

Year 3: Joshua Gibson

Year 4: Aidan Millea

Year 5: Sofia Bagdonavicius

Year 6: Amelia Witter

Free School Meal Eligibility

If you would like to check if you are entitled to Free School Meals for your children we now have access to an on-line Free School Meal eligibility check.

The checker is easy to use and completely confidential, simply click on the link below which takes you through to a short questionnaire and you will receive a decision immediately. The school will then be informed of the outcome.

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims>

Benefits are:-

A free school meal for your child.

Savings for you - worth over £350 a year.

Extra money for the school through Pupil Premium - worth £1385 a year.

Remember just registering your child for Free School Meals means that school receives the extra money even if you don't take up the free meal.

No-one will know that you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.

School Meals Catering Survey

A message from St Helens catering development manager :

As part of the development of the catering service and menus:

We are giving the chance for Parents and Children alike to have their say!

Please find a link and QR Code to a short anonymous survey below for parents and children to complete together

School Meals Service - Survey

