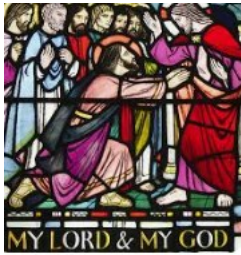


St. Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School

Friday, 14th April 2023



Thought for the week

"Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe"

Gospel of John 20

A message from Mrs. Rawlinson

The start of the summer term already—how time flies! We just need the weather to improve now!
I hope you had a lovely Easter and managed to enjoy what sunshine there was.

This term we have lots going on (as always!). However, this term we have very exciting news to share with you all. The archdiocese has agreed to improving our EYFS provision by funding an extension to the EYFS area. This will enable our youngest children to have their continuous provision activities in a more enabling and spacious environment that can be used whatever the weather, which will have a positive impact on their learning. Work is due to commence on 15th May. This will affect morning drop off and afternoon pick up routines for everyone, as the EYFS area will be out of bounds for the 2 weeks leading up to the Whit holidays. Planned work will continue throughout the Whit holidays and hopefully be completed by the start of the next half term.

This is a very exciting project for both the children and the staff of the school. Your co-operation and understanding will be much appreciated as the work is being completed. More details about how morning and afternoon routines will change will be shared with you in due course.

We are committed to continually looking for ways to further improve our school and school offer. You as parents/carers also have a part to play in the development of the school. Our next Parents' forum meeting will take place on Wednesday, 26th April at 5pm in the school hall (straight after the maths information evening for parents). During the meeting I can share the plans for the development of EYFS and discuss progress made towards the suggestions made during the previous Parents' forum meetings and comments received from the Parental questionnaire during our recent Parents' evening. If you have any other agenda items you would like to raise and discuss during the forum meeting, please email me on lyn.rawlinson@sthelens.org.uk.

Finally, just an update regarding teachers' strike action. The NEU have planned further strike days on Thursday, 27th April and Tuesday, 2nd May. There may be more classes disrupted in school this time around. I will endeavour to give you updates once particular situations are certain. Thank you for your continued understanding in this matter.

Here's to looking forward to a happy and successful summer term.

Internet Safety Meeting

We have invited a PSCO into school to talk with parents/carers about internet safety.

Adults have as much to learn as the children do about keeping safe online, especially as much of our lives these days is spent online (shopping, banking, emails, social media etc)

In today's rapidly changing world of technology, it is important that children and their parents are aware of potential dangers online.

More importantly, children need to know what to do if they are worried about anything they have seen or heard online.

The PSCO will be able to discuss with you measures you can take to keep you and your child safe online.

I hope to see many parents at the meeting—it is open to all parents/carers/family members.

The meeting will take place in the school hall on Tuesday, 18th April at 4.00pm.

Maths information evening for Parents/carers

- Has the way maths is taught changed since you were at school?
- Does your child's homework confuse you?
- Do you want to give your child the best opportunities for maths progress?
- Are you aware of what Age Related Expectations are for your child and for each year group?

We are holding an information evening on Wednesday, 26th April to explain more about how maths is taught and what the expectations are in each year group. We can show the resources we use in school and give tips and advice as to how you can further help your child at home with their maths.

Teachers will be doubling up in year groups to allow parents to attend more than one meeting and each meeting will be around 20-30 mins. Each meeting will be repeated to make it easier to attend two sessions. Meeting one will be at 3.30pm and meeting 2 will start at 4.10pm.

- ⇒ Nursery and Reception
- ⇒ Year 1 & 2
- ⇒ Year 3 & 4
- ⇒ Year 5 & 6



So please join us on 26th April and feel free to stay on for our parents' forum too!

Sacramental Workshop for Year 4 children

REMINDER: Our next workshop for the children making their First Holy Communion will take place on Monday, 17th April at 5pm in the school hall.



Dear parents/carers,

As you know, we have been taking part in CAFOD's Big Lent Walk to support our global neighbours with the skills and tools they need to fight the climate crisis. The challenge was to walk 200km in 40 days during Lent beginning on Wednesday 22nd February and to get family and friends to sponsor. It really doesn't matter if the distance wasn't achieved - any effort is appreciated!

Please could you send any sponsor money/donations into school as soon as possible so that we may forward your generous donations to CAFOD? Please place all donations in a labelled envelope.

Thanks so much to you all for your continued support.

Mrs Houghton.

New intake meetings

Parents will be informed by the local authority next week if their child has secured a place in our Reception class for September 2023.

Meetings for new parents will be on Thursday, 22nd June at 1.30pm and repeated at 4.00pm. During the meeting there will be opportunity to find out a lot more about life at St. Thomas of Canterbury, including: uniform, school dinners, curriculum, PTFA, school routines, opportunities and enrichment activities and so on. There will be plenty of opportunity to ask any questions you may have, as well as have a guided tour of the school. To help with our admin, there will be some forms to complete to help us gather as much information about your child so that September starts smoothly for everyone.

A meeting for our new Nursery September 2023 parents will be held on Monday, 19th June at 3.30pm.

Letters will be sent to parents with more information regarding these meetings in the coming weeks.

We look forward to welcoming our new families and children to our school.

Growing Together in God's Love

Important Dates for your Diary

April

- 17th - Y5 start Swimming (each Monday for 4 weeks)
- 17th - Sacramental workshop 5
- 18th - Online Safety talk for Parents (4pm)
- 24th - Chicks arriving for EYFS Living Eggs Programme
- 26th - Maths parents information evening (3.30pm)
- 26th - Parents Forum Meeting (5pm)
- 28th - PTFA Family Quiz Night (Police Club)

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
- 25th - Reception Class Vision Checks (0-19 team)
- 25th - Y6 trip to Lancashire Mining Museum
- 26th - May procession Church 11am
- 26th - Close for Whit Half-term (2 weeks)

June

- 12th - children return to school
- 12th - Year 4 Multiplication tables check
- 12th - Y4 start swimming (each Monday for 5 weeks)
- 16th - Nursery & Reception Fathers Day Assembly (2.30pm)
- 19th - Nursery September 2023 intake meeting (3.30pm)
- 20th - Y6 Leavers Photographs
- 20th - Times tables workshop for parents (4-5pm)
- 22nd - Reception September 2023 intake meeting (1.30pm & 4pm)
- 23rd - EYFS Collective Worship
- 29th - St Peter & St Paul Holy Day of Obligation Church 11am
- 30th - Y6 Crocky Trail Trip

July

- 1st - Y4 First Holy Communion - Church 12noon
- 3rd - Nursery & Reception trip to Windmill Farm
- 14th - Y6 Leavers Mass Church 11am
- 21st - End of Summer term (finish at 1.30pm)



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Would you like to make a difference?

An exciting opportunity

Shop Manager – St Helens

(new shop opening on Cambridge Road)

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Permanent Contract: 37.5 hours per week

Main duties include:

- * Managing a busy charity shop whilst leading a team of dedicated volunteers
- * Developing and delivering on the shops business plan
- * Ensuring that targets are met and exceeded consistently
- * Offering outstanding customer service
- * Maintaining excellent merchandising standards

It is essential the candidate demonstrates:

- * Experience working in a retail environment ideally from a charity background
- * Great communication and people skills
- * Good standard of numeracy and literacy
- * Ability to work within a team efficiently
 - * Ability to achieve sales targets
 - * Ability to work with IT
- * Ability to use social media/online selling
- * Good organisational and time management skills
- * Ability to adhere to health and safety policies and legislation
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Permanent Contract: 15 hours per week

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Well done to our stars of the week.

**This week's award is for:
Making a positive start to the
Summer Term**

Nursery: Charlotte Vincent

Reception: All Reception Class

Year 1: Aaron Burdett

Year 2: Alice Wilson

Year 3: Alice Hart

Year 4: Oliver Higgins

Year 5: Nicole Robinson

Year 6: Jacob Alexander