

St. Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School

Friday, 28th April 2023



Thought for the week

"Jesus is more than a friend. He is a teacher of truth and life who shows us the way that leads to happiness"

Pope Francis

Mrs. Rawlinson's messages

Wednesday's maths information sessions were well attended - thank you! I hope you have found these sessions useful and informative but more importantly have found different ways to help your child at home with their maths. It is my intention to have one of these information sessions at least once per year and the focus is always going to be something on the school improvement plan.

This year's focus for improvement is maths and staff have been trialling and implementing various strategies and resources to help improve the maths curriculum on offer. Any feedback about the maths information session would be much appreciated. Thank you.

The parents' forum meeting was also informative and gave chance to share developments and plans for further improvement as we continue to work together between home and school. Thanks to all those who stayed and contributed to this meeting. Updates to follow.

Strike action update

School will be closed on Tuesday, 2nd May to all classes due to strike action.

School will be open as usual on Wednesday, 3rd May.

Year 3 parents evening

Parent meetings for Year 3 has been rescheduled to the following dates:

Thursday, 4th May at 1.30—4.00pm

And

Wednesday, 10th May at 3.30—5.00pm

Please book your appointments via School Spider.

On-line Safety Tip

This week's tip is:

"Think about what you're posting or sending online. Don't post or send anything online that you wouldn't say to a room full of people."

- Macey V

Reminder: Monday, 1st May and Monday, 8th May are Bank Holidays.

Allergy Awareness week

This week the children have been learning about allergies.

Two of our parents, Mrs Jones and Mrs Dickinson have today given a presentation to the children on allergy awareness during our assembly.

The key points from the presentation are:

- An allergy is when your body reacts to things that can be harmless to others
- Allergies can be caused by certain foods, animals, medicines and even pollen
 - Signs of allergic reactions can be any of the following:
 - Swelling of eyes, face and lips
 - Runny nose
 - Itchy rash
 - Itchy mouth
 - Swollen tongue
 - Chest tightness
 - Breathing difficulties

To help our friend who have allergies please remember :

- Don't be tempted to share food or drinks
- Practice good hygiene, like handwashing
- Get help if your friend is feeling unwell
- Avoid bringing nuts into school
- All of these foods contain nuts



Growing Together in God's Love

Important Dates for your Diary

April

28th - PTFA Family Quiz Night (Police Club)

May

1st - Bank Holiday

2nd - School closed to all classes due to Industrial Action

4th - Rescheduled Year 3 parents afternoon (1.30pm - 4pm)

8th - Bank Holiday

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

10th - Rescheduled Year 3 parents evening (3.30pm - 5pm)

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)

Free School Meal Eligibility

We would like to inform you that we now have access to an on-line Free School Meal eligibility check. If you are in receipt of certain benefits your child may be eligible to a free school meal but you must apply.

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.



Well done to our stars of the week.

**This week's award is for:
Showing determination and
perseverance during difficult tasks.**

Nursery: Ella Hampson

Reception: Alice Hewitt

Year 1: Nathan Lomas

Year 2: Arnie Heaps

Year 3: James Seddon

Year 4: Anenyasha (Bernice) Siumya

Year 5: Megan Spark

Year 6: Noah Toole