

# St. Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School

Friday, 14th July 2023



## Thought for the week

*"The family is where we first learn to listen and share."*

Pope Francis

### Mrs. Rawlinson's messages

What an incredibly busy yet joyous week we have had at school. On Monday, the rain held off long enough for EYFS and Key Stage 1 sports day to take place. Unfortunately, Key Stage 2 were not so lucky and their afternoon events were rained off. Mr. Hale and I are watching the weather forecasts closely over the weekend and **if** there is any chance we can squeeze a sports day in for KS2, we will do. We will give parents as much notice as possible but I am sure you understand.

On Tuesday, the KS2 results were published and Mr. Hale, the governors and myself are all delighted with the individual achievements of each and every pupil in Y6 and the school overall. The school is once again, above national levels for Reading, Maths, Grammar and Writing.

On Wednesday evening, Year 6 performed their end of year show at De La Salle for their parents and families, which I believe was a huge success and the children performed brilliantly, with a few budding comedic actors in the mix! My apologies for not being there (I had a governors meeting the same evening) but the children will get chance to perform again for the school as it was so good!

### **WELL DONE TO OUR FABULOUS YEAR 6 CHILDREN—YOU ARE AMAZING!**

On Thursday, all the children in school met their new teachers and spent time in their new classrooms. It was lovely to welcome our new children to Nursery and Reception class too—they came in to school so confidently and were happy to explore their new learning environments.

Well done to you all.

The children are taking home their end of year reports today (Y6 have already taken theirs) so please make sure to read and return the parental comments slip. Thank you.

### **Parental car park**

For once, this is not a request to be more patient on the car park but an update regarding the foliage that has overgrown! Over the summer holidays there will be work completed to reduce the foliage that has grown over several car parking spaces and to cut back the bushes on both the left and right hand sides of the exit of the car park.

## Growing Together in God's Love

### PTFA updates

Members of the PTFA have met with Mrs Rawlinson to plan some of the events for next academic year as follows:

- ◆ 26th October - Halloween Disco
- ◆ 24th November - Christmas Fayre
- ◆ 21st March - Easter Bingo
- ◆ 28th June - Summer Fayre

There will be many more dates to follow, this is just a starter.

Michelle and Christy have worked so well for a number of years for the PTFA and now their children are approaching Y6, they are handing the baton to other parents.

I would like to thank both Michelle and Christy for their commitment and hard work over the years and for all the money raised that has benefitted the children at school in so many ways.

Over the last 12 months the PTFA have funded:

- ◆ refurbishment of the library (part 1)
- ◆ Ice cream for all children on special days
- ◆ Cinema trips
- ◆ Christmas drama visit (Charlotte's Web)
- ◆ World Book Day drama visit
- ◆ Visit from mobile zoo
- ◆ Christmas parties
- ◆ Y6 coach to Crocky Trail
- ◆ Soil for school gardening area
- ◆ Subscriptions for teacher resources

We look forward to even more PTFA events and fundraisers but we cannot do these things without your help.

Please help the PTFA to help our children.

If you want further information please contact Mrs Rawlinson. Thank you.

### End of Year Assemblies

Nursery parents are invited to attend their end of year assembly on Wednesday, 19th July starting at 10.30am in the school hall.

Year 2 will share their end of KS1 assembly with parents on Thursday, 20th July at 9am in the hall.

### Grease at St Helens Theatre

Four of our children (Nicole, Flossy, Georgia and Ewan) are performing at the St Helens Theatre Royal in Dream Academy's production of Grease.

18th—20th August and tickets start at £20.

Tickets available at  
sthelentheatreroyal.com or call  
01744 756000  
We wish them the best of luck.

### Donations of clothes

Mrs. Burrows, one of our grandparents of the school and ex-governor, has asked for donations of any clothes to be brought into school. This is to help refugees who arrive in the UK with absolutely nothing but the clothes they are wearing.

If any donations could be bagged and labelled (eg: male size L/child aged 3-4 etc) that would be great. Thank you.

**Class Organisation for next academic year 2023-2024**

Nursery - Mrs. Horrocks, Miss Taylor and Mrs Scott

Reception - Mrs. Farrell

Year 1 - Mrs. Barry

Year 2 - Mrs. Cain

Year 3 - Mrs. Houghton

Year 4 - Mrs. Ganson (& Miss Hitchen on Fridays)

Year 5 - Mr. McCue

Year 6 - Mr. Hale and Mrs. Woodward

Mrs. Connolly will be working 3 days a week covering all classes.

Miss. Hitchen will be teaching Y4 Thursday afternoon and all day Friday, cover PPA for Year 2 & 5 and continue in her SENDCo role.



**Goodbye to Mrs Pilkington and Mr Ellis**

Mrs Pilkington and Mr Ellis have decided that it is time to retire and enjoy a well earned rest!  
Mrs Pilkington has given 24 years of service to St. Thomas of Canterbury, she has helped support so many children, both past and present to achieve their personal and academic goals.

Mr Ellis joined us in April 2019 and during this time has worked mainly with children in KS1, gaining their respect and helping support them in all their activities

I am sure you will agree that both Mrs Pilkington and Mr Ellis have been amazing in their roles throughout their time.

The staff at school wish them both the very best of luck in their retirement, they will be greatly missed by the staff, parents and children.

Their last day at will be Friday, 21st July.

## A message from Mrs. Murphy



I would like to say a big 'Thank You' to the children who brought in 50p for our sale yesterday and to Year 6 for helping to organise, raising money for the Haydock Hedgehog Hospital.

Between the Fayre sale I attended last weekend and our school sale, we have raised just over £180 which will go towards a new incubator!

### PTFA

#### **Congratulations to our Lottery winners**

##### **July winners**

1st No. 34 Sophie Terry - £40

2nd No. 3 Paula Rafferty - £20

3rd No. 24 Erin Griffin - £10

##### **August winners**

1st No. 5 Michelle Robinson - £40

2nd No. 71 Joanne Curties - £20

3rd No. 57 Frances Simms - £10

**These are the last two draws for this year!**

### On-line Safety Tip

This week's tip is:

"When downloading apps, always use trusted places like the app store or google play store. If you download things from a web browser like google chrome, these could contain viruses. "

- Macey

Parent tip - Do you know the age rating for games and videos that your child may be playing or watching?

### End of summer term

Please be aware that the last day of the summer term is Friday, 21st July.

Children will finish school at 1.30pm.

Please note there will be no after school club on this day.

Thank you.

## Break The Rules Day!

On Monday, 17th July the PTFA are holding a break the rules day

#### **How It Works:**

**Pay the amount next to any rules that you will break on the day:**

Wear non-uniform	£1
Have crazy hair	50p
Wear nail varnish and/ or tattoos	50p
Have squash in your bottle	50p
Have a less healthy snack at break time	50p
Bring a teddy/toy to school	50p
Tuck Shop (juniors only)	50p

**BREAK THE RULES  
DAY  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July**



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

**This week's award is for:  
Building positive relationships in class**

**Nursery: Sam Higgins**

**Reception: Jaxon Marsh, Arthur Turner & Millie Taylor**

**Year 1: Jack Middleton, & Bea Millen**

**Year 2: Maisie Sewell, Coco Graphine & Arthur Waring**

**Year 3: Flossy Mulligan, Jessica Appleton, Oscar Brimelow  
& Amelia-Mae Nolan**

**Year 4: Lois Clark, Alfie Mills & Esther Toole**

**Year 5: Aoife Cross, Nancy Booth & Sofia Bagdonavicius**

**Important Dates for your Diary**

**July**

17th - Break the rules day

17th - Y6 End of Year Awards & Collective Worship in school (4.30pm)

18th - Healthy Living Team in school (each class will have a 40 min session/PE kits to be worn)

18th - Performing Arts End of Year Production (5pm)

19th - Nursery end of year assembly (10.30 - 11.30am)

19th - Y1 Trip to Catalyst Museum

19th - Performing Arts End of Year Production (5pm)

20th - Year 2 end of year assembly (9am)

20th - Performing Arts End of Year Production (5pm)

21st - End of Summer term (finish at 1.30pm)