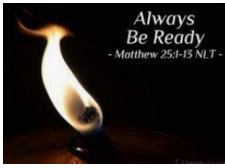


St. Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School

Friday, 10th November 2023

This week's Gospel



""Keep watch for you do not know the day or the hour""

Gospel of Matthew

This week's Gospel Value has been:

Peace

The next Gospel Value will continue to be:

Peace

Mrs. Rawlinson's messages

This week our Gospel value has been peace. We started the week with a special collective worship planned and delivered by four of our Mini Vinnies and they led us through a decade of the Rosary as we prayed for peace in our world.

We reminded ourselves how important it is to say, think and do positive things towards others and how the world would be a better place if everyone did this.

The children have been helping to sell the Royal British Legion poppy items - thank you to all the children for your kind and generous donations.

Our theme of peace will continue into next week.



Parents forum

The first parents forum meeting for this academic year will be held on

Monday, 13th November at 4.30pm.

All are invited.

We will be discussing our latest school improvement plan and other agenda items.

If you have an agenda item for discussion could you please email to let me know:

lyn.rawlinson@sthelens.org.uk

Thank you.



Congratulations

Mrs. Horton had a very special half term holiday as she got married in sunny Greece!

Congratulations to the newly married Mr. and Mrs. Range.

We wish you much love and best wishes for a very happy future together.

Cinema trips

On Thursday, our children in Years 5 & 6 visited the cinema to watch 'The Railway Children' and today the children in Reception to Year 4 have been to see Epic Tails.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed their cinema trip. Thank you to the PTFA for paying for the transport and making this trip possible.

Christmas Fayre

Our Christmas fayre is to be held on 24th November.

So in preparation there will be a further own clothes day on **Friday 17th November.**

In return for wearing own clothes, we are asking children to bring in donations of new toys or chocolates for the Christmas Fayre.

We are short on new toy prizes for the tom bowler stall so if possible a new toy would be preferred. However, all donations are greatly appreciated.

A message from the School Nurse

Dear Parents,

The 0-19 school nursing team are delivering a drop in service at St. Thomas of Canterbury School on:
Tuesday 14th November, between 14:40pm-15:40pm.

This service offers confidential support and advice for you and your family around:

- Emotional and mental wellbeing
- Physical health
- Dental health
- Bullying and keeping safe
- Relationships, advice and support
- Puberty
- Vaccinations

Please drop by between these times if you wish to speak with your school nurse.
We look forward to seeing you.

Junior Parkrun

I have been speaking with one of the run directors of Junior Parkrun at Victoria Park and it has been agreed that we can organise a

St. Thomas of Canterbury 'take over' at Junior Parkrun!

For those who don't know, Parkrun is a free, weekly event where you can run, jog or walk around the course; it is all inclusive, there is no time limit and no one finishes last.

Parkrun happens all across the country at 9.00am every Saturday morning (5km) and at 9.00am for junior parkrun (2km).

To take part, all you need is a barcode.

To get a barcode: search for Parkrun on the internet, click register, then complete the online form.

Junior parkrun is for children aged 4-14 (adults are allowed to run/walk/accompany children throughout the event). It would be amazing to see as many children from our school taking part. The actual date is still to be confirmed, but in the meantime you can get your barcodes ready!



If you have any queries please contact Lyn Rawlinson on
lyn.rawlinson@sthelens.org.uk

Growing Together in God's Love

Book Fair

To celebrate and encourage a lifelong love of reading at home and school, we will be running a sponsored read and book fair event during November.

Usborne Book Fair will be in school on Wednesday 15th, Thursday 16th and Friday 17th November.

There will be a wide range of books available suitable from early years right up to year 6/7. Parents can visit the book fair to see the wonderful selection of books that can be purchased for your children on any of the above dates.

With the book fair, school is entitled to up to 60% of all sales in free books. At the same time as hosting a book fair we are running a sponsored reading event.

The children will bring home a letter with further information and a sponsor form attached on Monday.

School Levy contributions

Our school is a Catholic Voluntary Aided school and as such a monetary contribution is required for the upkeep of the school (The Levy). The Levy is collected by Liverpool Archdiocese to ensure Catholic schools are kept in a good state of repair and functionality. Recently, the Archdiocese granted us the funds to build the canopy which has extended our provision in reception class, so you can see how important it is to have this Levy in place.

Please, if you haven't done so already, could you please pay your Levy (£10) through parent pay as soon as you can.

Thank you very much.

Attendance at school

Good attendance at school is not just valuable — it is essential.

Attendance and punctuality at school is not just for the academic progress your child will make, but is also important for developing personal qualities too, such as:

- ◆ Friendships
- ◆ Social skills
- ◆ Team and school values
- ◆ Cultural awareness
- ◆ Life skills etc

Attendance

For week ending Friday, 10th November 2023 the whole school attendance is 95%

Reception = 96%

Year 1 = 97%

Year 2 = 94%

Year 3 = 94%

Year 4 = 95%

Year 5 = 94

Year 6 = 94%

Growing Together in God's Love

Important Dates for your Diary

November

- 13th - Anti bullying/kindness week
- 13th- Parent Forum Meeting (4.30pm)
- 13th - First Holy Communion Sacramental Programme session for Year 4 parents
- 14th - School Nurse drop in 2.45-3.45pm
- 14th - New intake meeting for prospective parents 4pm
- 15th - New intake meeting for prospective parents 2pm
- 15th - Book Fair (from 3.30pm)
- 16th - Y6 Visit to Ecclestone Library
- 16th - Book Fair (from 3.30pm)
- 17th - Book Fair (from 3.30pm)
- 17th - Own Clothes Day for donations of new toys or chocolates
- 20th - Wonder Arts Poetry Workshops (KS1 & KS2)
- 20th - Y6 Bikeability training week
- 24th - Christmas fayre

December

- 1st - Advent Mass (11am)
- 4th and 5th EYFS Christmas play (times to be confirmed)
- 6th - Christmas Dinner Day
- 10th - School Choir to visit the Dementia Café
- 11th - Altru Drama performance of Pinocchio (1.30pm)
- 11th - KS1 Christmas play (3.30pm start)
- 12th - KS1 Christmas play (9.30am start)
- 12th - Rock Steady Performance (2.30pm)
- 19th - KS2 Carol Service (time tbc)
- 20th - Breakfast with Santa (8am start)
- 22nd - end of autumn term (school closes for Christmas at 1.30pm)

After School Club - 24th November 2023

There will be no after school club on Friday, 24th November due to the Christmas Fayre taking place.

Wider Opportunities Band

If your child has just started learning a musical instrument, come and join our FREE Wider Opportunities Band.

This will be starting up again on 8th November at St Helens Town Hall from 4-5pm. The group is aimed at students who play any instrument and have just started out on their musical journey.

The ensemble will run on Wednesdays during in term time and have the opportunity to perform in concerts and events across the year. To join and start, simply complete the consent form using the link below -

<https://www.sthelens.gov.uk/musicconsent>