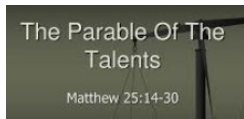


# St. Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School

Friday, 17th November 2023

## This week's Gospel



**"Do not waste what God  
has given to you."**

**Matthew 25: 14-30**

## This week's Gospel Value has been:

Peace

## The next Gospel Value will be:

Compassion

### **Mrs. Rawlinson's messages**

- It has been a very busy week at school this week with a lot of meetings and activities taking place.
- Thank you to the parents who attended the parents forum on Monday evening - your contributions and positivity are greatly valued and will help continue to feed into school improvement.
- Thank you to the parents who attended the first of the Sacramental workshops for our Year 4 children. Your engagement and encouragement was fabulous and the session was incredibly well attended.
- Thank you to the parents, grandparents and children who have visited the Usbourne Book Fair this week. This helps to raise money for school and with that money we can purchase more modern and up to date books for our school library area. Thank you!
- Thank you to the parents who have attended our new intake meetings in preparation for Reception class in 2024. It was lovely to meet with you all.
- Finally, thank you once again for your generosity in donations that have come in for our school Christmas Fayre, which takes place next Friday after school.

## **Nursery Admissions for 2024**

We still have 30 hour and 15 hour funded places available in our Nursery for September 2024

for children who turn three before

**31st August 2024.**

If you would like any further information regarding nursery places, funding entitlements or to pick up application forms, please contact the school office on telephone number

### **On-line Safety Tip**

This week's tip is:

Child tip - It is always worth making sure that your devices are updated with the most recent software. Some of these updates include security updates which help to keep your device safe.

-William M

Parent tip: Have you checked that your devices all have the latest software installed?

### **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!***

***This will be taking place on Sunday, 10th December at 9.00am at Victoria Park.***

***It would be amazing to have as many of our children there (there will be goodies too!)***

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.

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](mailto:lyn.rawlinson@sthelens.org.uk)

### **Use of Dojo**

Can I politely ask parents to use Dojo as a celebratory tool when communicating with teachers.

If you do need to speak with teachers about sensitive issues, it is best for all concerned that you phone school to arrange a mutually convenient time to have conversations face to face.

Thank you.

### **Attendance**

For week ending Friday, 17th November 2023 the whole school attendance is 96.93%

Reception = 94.81%

Year 1 = 98.85%

Year 2 = 98.52%

Year 3 = 98.52%

Year 4 = 99.26%

Year 5 = 97.04%

Year 6 = 91.76%

### **When is my child too ill for school?**

As we are working hard to improve attendance across the school, it can be quite difficult to decide sometimes if your child should attend when they are feeling unwell. With this in mind, this chart has been created to help parents and carers make that judgement call.

Please do use it and refer to it when needed.

Type of illness	Should my child attend school	How long should child be off school?	Further comments
Coughs and colds	Yes—if minor cough and cold	0	
Cough and cold with fever	No	Until fever goes	
High temperature	No	Until temperature has returned to normal	
Chicken pox	No	Until spots have crusted over	
Cold sores	Yes	0	
Conjunctivitis	Yes	0	
Covid	Yes— if only symptoms are runny nose, sore throat or slight cough and they feel well enough.  No—if they have a high temperature and don't feel well enough	Until they are well enough (avoid contact with others for 3 days)	
diarrhoea	No	48 hours after last episode	
Ear infection	Yes if also have symptoms of high temperature or is severe	Until feeling better	
Hand, foot and mouth disease	Yes	0	
Head lice and nits	Yes	0	
Impetigo	No	Until sores have crusted over	
Ringworm	Yes—once they have started treatment	0	
Scarlet fever	Yes—24 hours after starting antibiotics	Until they start antibiotics	
Slapped cheek syndrome	Yes	0	
Sore throat	Yes—unless they also have a high temperature		
threadworms	Yes	0	
Vomiting	No	48 hours after last episode	

### **After School Club - 24th November 2023**

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



## Job vacancy at SVP Shop.



# Assistant Shop Manager St Helens

At the SVP we understand that every shop, every team, every town and every day is different. Each of our shops have their own charm and personality due to our dedicated volunteers and colleagues. We are looking for someone who wants to help us make the most of that. If you would like to be in a role where your creativity and local knowledge is valued, where you will be supported to flourish alongside your shop, then we'd love to hear from you.

### Main duties include:

Support the shop manager to achieve income via shop sales, Gift Aid, donations, recycling, online selling and any other ethical routes in line with our values

Support the shop manager to maximise Gift Aid and deliver a consistent percentage appropriate to the shop location and ensure all donors are asked if they can Gift Aid

Support the shop manager to ensure adequate generation of good quality stock through local donations

Be a key holder for the shop/ building

### It is essential the candidate demonstrates:

Excellent customer service skills

Retail experience

Creativity

A drive and passion for charity retail

Good standard of numeracy, literacy and IT skills

For an application pack please email your CV to [hr@svp.org.uk](mailto:hr@svp.org.uk)

Closing date = 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023

# Growing Together in God's Love

## Important Dates for your Diary

### November

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

8th - Christmas jumper/wear it well for Willowbrook 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)

## PTFA Christmas Fayre

**We are looking forward to welcoming you all at this year's Christmas Fayre which will be held after school on Friday, 24th November.**

- Thank you for all the donations received today of new toys and chocolates
- From Monday, 20th November donations of pre-loved toys (in good condition), books and game console games can also be brought into school.
- We will be grateful for any donations of homemade or shop bought cakes on the day of the Fayre.

### **Raffle Tickets**

- Can we please ask for any ticket stubs to be completed & returned along with payment in a clearly labelled envelope by Thursday, 23rd November.
- Spare books of raffle tickets are still available from the school office. Please send any unused tickets back to school.
- Could parents who have kindly offered vouchers for prizes please send these into the office early next week.

**Unfortunately all the Santa's Grotto visit times slots have been taken, we are unable to accept any further requests.**

**Slips showing your child's time slot will be sent home on Monday.**