# St. Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School

Friday, 22nd March 2024



#### This week's Gospel

"Hosanna!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heavens!" Mark 11:1-10

#### Mrs. Rawlinson's message

I am incredibly proud of the children this week for their wonderful Easter Stations of the Cross Service at church on Wednesday. Their reading was confident and clear, behaviour impeccable and their singing was simply beautiful. Well done to all our children and thank you to parents and family members for attending and making it such a special occasion.

Year 4 were back at church on Wednesday evening to make their First Confession. Once again, reading, singing and behaviour were impeccable. It was a lovely occasion, marking an important step for the children on their sacramental journey. Thank you to Fr. Michael and Fr. Kevan for helping the children on their faith journey and well done to our wonderful Year 4s.

Next Thursday we have a special treat to look forward to. A past pupil, Billy Gill Atherton, currently at De La Salle, is going to return to showcase his talent. He has taught himself to play keyboard to the highest standard and he is phenomenal. His performance will lead into our own talent show! Children can pay £1 to take part and showcase their talent. All money raised will be sent to Good Shephard as part of our Lenten almsgiving. It should be a lot of fun and a lovely way to finish our spring term.

Remember, we are hosting a St. Thomas of Canterbury takeover at Junior Parkrun this weekend. It is a free event that happens every Sunday at 9.00am., meeting at the bandstand at Victoria Park. I hope to see you there.

Finally, our Year 6 children are going on their residential next week (Monday-Wednesday) where they will be taking part in outdoor activities at the Conway Centre on Anglesey. We hope they have a great time and that the weather stays dry!

#### PTFA

This year's Easter Bingo night was a real success and a good time was had by all. A big thank you for all Easter donations received.

A special thank you to our Bingo caller Andy Hart and to all parents that helped to make the event run smoothly.

#### Junior Parkrun

St. Thomas of Canterbury 'take over' at Junior Parkrun! The second takeover will be taking place on Sunday, 24th March at 9.00am at Victoria Park.

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

To take part, all you need is a barcode (use google for this) or come and speak with Mrs Rawlinson who will be more than happy to help you.

My aim is to get as many children as active as possible as it is good for physical and mental health for 🖟 everyone. Children (and accompanying adults) can walk, jog or run the 2km course but most of all you get to enjoy the fresh air and make new friends.

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

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

This week's tip is:

Child tip: "Make sure that you show your parents the apps that you want to download before doing so."

Parent tip: Have you looked at setting timers for screen time and usage on your child's device?

## Nursery Admissions for 2024

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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

01744 621380

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#### End of spring term

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Please be aware that the last day of the spring term is Thursday, 28th March 2024 Children will finish school at 1.30pm.

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

#### School Photographs

The deadline for parents to return orders to school or to order on-line is Monday, 25th March 2024

We will be unable to accept any orders after this date.

### Growing Together in God's Love

#### **Important Dates for your Diary**

#### March

24th - Junior Parkrun (9am Victoria Park)

25th - Y6 Residential (The Conway Centre) leave at 10am

27th - Y6 return from Residential

27th - Nursery Easter Bonnet Parade - (9.15am in school)

28th - end of Spring term (school closes for Easter at 1.30pm)

#### <u>April</u>

10th - School Re-opens for Summer term (doors open from 8.40am)

22nd - Nursery/Reception Living Eggs (chicks) delivered

#### <u>May</u>

1st - Y3 visit to Liverpool Museum (re-arranged from 7th March)

1st - Reception Vision Screening

3rd - Y1/Y2 visit to Liverpool Museum (re-arranged from 1st March)

10th - PTFA Family Quiz Night at Ruskin

22nd - Y5 Trip to Tatton Park

24th - End of Summer term 1 (school closes for Whit half-term)

#### **Attendance**

For week ending Friday 22nd March 2024 the whole school attendance is 95.08%

Reception = 96.3%

Year 1 = 91.19%

Year 2 = 24.25%

Year 3 = 96.3%

Year 4 = 95.56%

Year 5 = 94.07%

Year 6 = 97.41%