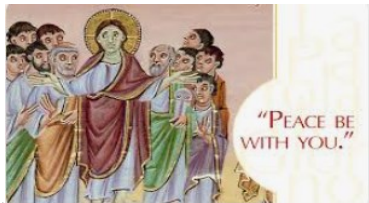




St. Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School



Friday, 12th April 2024



This week's Gospel

"Peace be with You."

Luke 24:35-48

Mrs. Rawlinson's message

Welcome back! I hope you have had a lovely Easter break and are ready for all the summer term will bring (we just need the weather to realise we are in summer term now!)

As always, we have many exciting plans, celebrations, themed weeks and events for the summer term so please keep up to date with current events via our newsletter, class dojo and Facebook/Twitter feeds.

Sadly, we said goodbye to Miss Lloyd today as she moves on to pastures new as from next Monday. We wish her the very best of luck as an assistant speech and language therapist. Good luck, Lyndsey, we know you will be amazing and they are lucky to have you on their team, just as we have been.

Thank you to the parents who attended our assemblies today, raising awareness of autism. I hope it was a useful and informative session for you. Here at St. Thomas of Canterbury we work hard to ensure all children have equal opportunity and access to all areas of the curriculum. We also work hard to ensure all children have a good understanding of 'hidden' conditions such as autism and ADHD so that children are included and accepted by their peers. If you have any questions, queries or concerns about autism please do not hesitate to contact school to discuss further. By wearing our bright colours today, we have raised £176 for the National Autistic Society. Thank you.

School attendance will remain a priority during this term. Our overall percentage dipped slightly before Easter, so let's make a concerted effort to get the highest attendance possible. Lateness is also an issue which we need to address. Children who are coming in to school after 8.55am are losing at least half an hour teaching time over the course of a week. Please make sure your child(ren) are in school before 8.55am as the gates will be closed at 8.55am.

Final note: now that the weather is improving (or should be!) children can wear their summer uniform with school shoes. (Trainers should only be worn with PE kit).

As ever, thank you for your continued support for our children and our school and here's to a happy, exciting and successful summer term.

REMINDER: From September 2024, our times of the school day will be slightly changing and will be as follows:

Gates open: 8:40am

Registers: 8:50am (meaning children need to be in class by 8.50am)

End of day for Reception, KS1 and KS2: 3:20pm (nursery remains unchanged).

Growing Together in God's Love

Health and Safety reminders

- ◆ We are a nut free school. Please do not send any food that contains nuts of any sort into school for snack or lunch.
- ◆ The car park is for staff only, Parents are not allowed to use the staff car park at any time (This includes breakfast and after school club). Parents must use the parent car park before the school gates.
- ◆ Please be patient and mindful of other car park users at drop off and pick up times. The car park does get busy so observations and patience is important.

THESE REMINIDERS ARE FOR THE SAFETY OF THE CHILDREN AND FOR YOURSELVES.

Important dates (so far) this term

Monday, 22nd April - Friday, 26th April - Allergy awareness week

Monday, 6th May - Bank Holiday

Thursday, 9th May - Service of the Word (not Mass) for Ascension Thursday

Friday, 10th May - Quiz night (PTFA)

Monday, 13th May - Friday, 17th May -

Year 6 End of Key Stage 2 assessment week (SATs week)

Friday, 24th May - May Procession and end of half term.

Monday, 10th June - school reopens

Saturday, 22nd June - Year 4 First Holy Communion

Friday, 28th June - Mass for Feast of St Peter and St Paul

Friday, 28th June - Summer fair (PTFA)

Monday, 1st July - Parents forum (**note the later time of 6pm**)

Thursday, 18th July - Leavers Mass (6pm)

Tuesday, 23rd July - End of summer term.

On-line Safety Tip

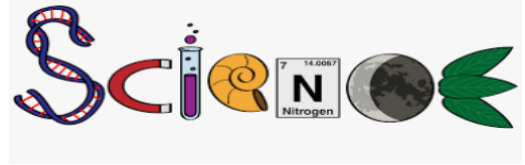
This week's tip is:

Child tip: " Pause before you click - Before clicking on links or downloading things, stop and think! Just like crossing the street, look both ways to make sure it's safe.

-Esther W

Parent tip: Do you use Two-Factor Authentication (2FA) to further protect access to your accounts?

This week and next week our foundation focus is:

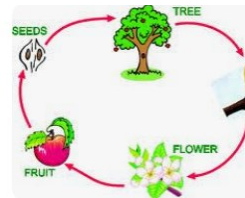


The children will be learning about:

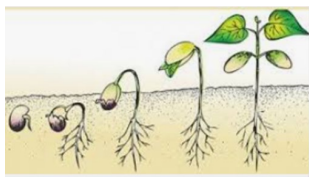
Reception: life cycles:
observing eggs
hatch into chicks



Year 1: Plants: life cycle of a tree
and investigative questioning



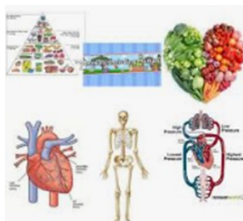
Year 2: Plants:
planting seeds and germination



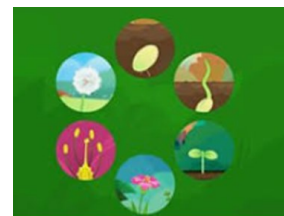
Year 3: Plants:
parts of a plant, pollination and fertilisation



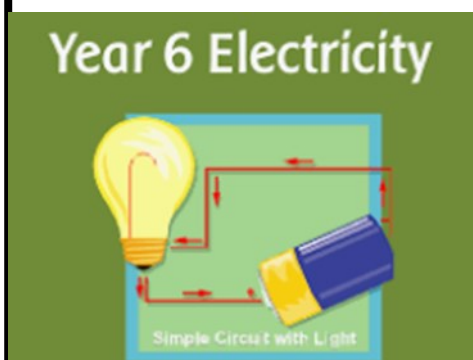
Year 4:
Animals including humans:
The digestive system



Year 5: Life cycles of a plants and animals



Year 6:
Circuits and electricity



A great way to help your child know more and understand more about their new topics is to encourage the children to talk about them at home. When children can articulate what they have learnt at school it helps embed new learning into long term memory.

Also, you might learn a thing or two too!