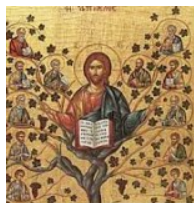




# St. Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School



Friday, 26th April 2024



This week's Gospel

"I am the vine, you are the branches."

John 15:1-8

## Mrs. Rawlinson's message

Nous avons eu une semaine charge a l'ecole pour concevoir, fabriquer et apprendre le francais!

In English, we have had a busy week in school designing and making and learning French. What a fantastic week it has been. In today's assembly we were impressed with all the designs and creations made from each year group; staff were particularly impressed with the language and vocabulary the children used to tell others about what they have learnt.

Please do keep talking to your children about their learning at school as this really does help the children to know more, remember more and be more articulate and confident when speaking out loud. We are giving the children many opportunities in school to develop their oracy skills (speaking aloud) and skills in holding a meaningful conversation. This is part of our school improvement plan for this year. Incorporating subject specific vocabulary is an important aspect of oracy skills as it helps to embed their new learning from short term to long term memory. Any help at home (consider this to be extra homework!) is much appreciated and definitely benefits the children in many ways. Thank you for your continued support.

Another important area on our school improvement plan is reading. As you know, reading is vital in increasing vocabulary, imagination, knowledge and understanding of grammar, spelling and, importantly, is fun! We have come a long way with reading in school (phonics, library, reading diaries, visits to library to name a few actions) and children understand how important reading is. I am now giving adults a chance to lead by example. Some of you may have noticed we have a new bookshelf in the entrance area. This is for you to use and a 'bring and borrow' library service for our parents and grandparents. It is a little bare at the moment so if you have any books you no longer need/want you can donate them to our bookcase and borrow the books that take your fancy...all for free (you can just borrow without donating first!)

I know many of you will be avid readers already, but here is your chance to really engage with reading and showing the children that reading for pleasure is a great way to spend your time (instead of a screen!)

Looking forward to sharing books and reading with you all.

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).**

## Computing week



### Information Technology Focus

Next week, we will continue our learning in computing in another information technology focus! Information Technology is the ability to use computer programs and combine outcomes from different applications to create specific content that is appropriate to purpose and audience.

In our last focus on information technology, each year group used spreadsheets to present information in a variety of different ways and inputted formulae for the spreadsheets to automatically calculate based on the data given in specific cells. We thought about how these can help us with information we already have at hand.

Next week, we will think about other ways that such information can be presented using technology and how we can understand these, as well as how we can use the internet to effectively search for the information. Here's what each class will be learning about:

#### **Year 1 - Animated story books using 2Create a Story.**

Difference between traditional books and e-books, to add animation and save changes, to add sound effects and voice recordings, adding backgrounds, copying and pasting.

#### **Year 2 - Questioning using 2Question and 2Investigate**

Understanding information on pictograms, Yes/No questions, Using binary trees and search tools.

#### **Year 3 - Presenting using Microsoft Powerpoint**

Creating pages, adding media, adding shapes and lines, adding animations, design and present effective presentations.

#### **Year 4 - Animation and Effective Searching using 2Animate and Search Engines**

How animations are created, add backgrounds and sounds, stop motion animation.

Locate information on search results, use search effectively to find information, assess whether information source is reliable.

#### **Year 5 - Word Processing using Microsoft Word**

Making a document from a blank page, inserting and editing images, using word wrap, adding and changing text, enhancing usability, using letter templates, consider page layout including headings and columns.

#### **Year 6 - Quizzing using 2Quiz**

Create a picture based quiz, question types, grammar quizzes, searching databases.

## Growing Together in God's Love

This week's tip is:

**Child tip:** " Think about where you see a QR code before you scan it. Do you think it would send you to somewhere appropriate?"

**Evelyn S**

**Parent tip:** Make sure to keep your devices updated with the latest software as these can help to further

### **PTFA**

If you would like to join us for the PTFA Family Quiz Night being held at Ruskin on 10th May.

Please ensure that ticket orders are returned to school with the money by Friday, 3rd May.

**If any parents are able to help us out with raffle prizes for the quiz or summer fayre, either through your own business or through any contacts you may have, we would be very grateful. If you are able to, please could you let the school office know.**

**Thank you.**

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

#### **March winners**

1st prize £40: No 40. Claire Millen

2nd prize £20: No 20. Kathleen Mason

#### **April winners**

1st prize £40: No 41. Francis Simms

2nd prize £20: No 26. Lucy Gibson

### **Attendance**

For week ending Friday 26th April 2024 the whole school attendance is 97.02%

Reception = 98.15%

Year 1 = 98.89%

Year 2 = 96.93%

Year 3 = 95.56%

Year 4 = 98.15%

Year 5 = 95.56%

Year 6 = 95.93%

## **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

01744 621380

# Growing Together in God's Love

## **Important dates for this term**

### **May**

- 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)
- 6th - May Day Bank Holiday (school closed)
- 9th - Service of the Word (not Mass) for Assension Thursday ( 11am)
- 10th - PTFA Family Quiz Night at Ruskin
- 13th - **Year 6 End of Key Stage 2 assessment week (SATs week)**
- 20th - New intake Reception September 2024 parents meeting (1.30pm)
- 20th - New intake Reception September 2024 parents meeting (4.00pm)
- 21st - New intake Nursery September 2024 parents meeting (3.30pm)
- 22nd - Y5 Trip to Tatton Park
- 23rd - Road Safety Education Sessions workshops for all classes
- 24th - May Procession (11am)
- 24th - End of Summer term

### **June**

- 10th - school reopens
- 12th - Reading Workshop for parents ( 3.30pm)
- 14th - Own clothes day for PTFA Summer Fayre (donations requested tbc)
- 14th - EYFS Father's Day Assembly (2.30pm)
- 14th - Y4 swimming lessons commence each Friday until 19th July
- 18th - Academy photography for Y6 leavers photographs (groups & individuals)
- 21st - Own clothes day for PTFA Summer Fayre (donations requested tbc)
- 22nd - Year 4 First Holy Communion
- 28th - Mass for Feast of St Peter and St Paul (11am)
- 28th - Summer Fayre (PTFA) starts at 3.30pm

### **July**

- 1st - Parents forum (**note the later time of 6pm**)
- 1st - De La Salle transition week for Y6 children
- 18th - Leavers Mass (6pm)

**23rd - End of summer term.**