

St. Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School

Friday, 18th November 2022



Thought for the Week

*"God is so merciful towards us.
We too should learn to be merciful."*

Pope Francis

Feast of Christ the King

A message from Mrs. Rawlinson

What does it mean to be merciful?

Tough question, but we have the capacity to be merciful towards others. Being compassionate, being patient, being kind, showing forgiveness, having a listening ear, being a friend to those most in need, sharing our time and our things, talking to God often.....the list can go on. These are the personal qualities we have highlighted and celebrated this week during our special 'School Values' week and it is also the message in this week's Gospel as we celebrate the end of the Church's year with the Feast of Christ the King.

The week has been filled with many different activities to celebrate our school values and making sure they are understood by all our children. We have had special Collective Worship focusing on what it means to be kind; interschool activities (writing prayers, singing, arts and crafts, celebrating the lives of significant people who stood up for what they believed in, sharing books) and our Mini Vinnies have been to the Dementia Café to make arts and crafts with the people in our local area who live with and are affected by dementia.

Our children always show how kind, caring and merciful they are. I am so proud of them all.

Well done children. You are all amazing.

Year 1 Class Collective Worship

Our children in Year 1 delivered their first Collective Worship this morning in front of their parents and grandparents in the school hall. Their theme was about 'Kindness' and they shared what they had learnt about being kind and how we can all be 'bucket fillers!'

Well done children—you are amazing.

Year 3 Class Collective Worship

Our Year 3 children will be holding their first Class Collective Worship of the school year on Friday, 25th November at 9.00am in the school hall and parents/grandparents of our Year 3 children are warmly invited to celebrate with us.

Adults are to come in through the main office area.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Extra New Intake Meeting

On Tuesday, 22nd November, there will be an extra new intake meeting for prospective parents wanting a place in Reception for next September.

If you know of anyone who is in this position, please pass this information to them.

Tuesday, 22nd November at 2pm.

Parents Evening

Thank you to the parents for attending our Parents Evening this week.
It was very well attended and so good to be back 'face to face' again.

If you still need a meeting with your child's class teacher, please contact school to
arrange this.

Thank you.

Sacramental workshop and First Reconciliation

Fr. Michael is in the process of organising the service for our children in Year 4 to
receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Once a date has been set, parents will be notified.
The service will take place in St. Thomas of Canterbury church.

**Break for Christmas
Holiday**

We would like to inform parents
in advance that the school will be
closing for the Christmas break
at 1.15pm on, Wednesday 21st
December.

Thank you

After-School Club

Please note that there will be no after-
school club on Friday, 2nd December as
it's the Christmas Fayre.

Thank you

Holiday Dates

The holiday pattern for academic year 2023/2024 is now available to view on the school
website.

Please also take note that the current academic year has also been updated: due to
school being closed on 9th November there is no longer a staff inset day on 20th February
2023, therefore the children will now return to school after the half-term on Monday, 20th
February. The extra Bank Holiday for the King's

Coronation has also been added.

A copy of both academic years holidays have also been attached to this email.

PTFA Christmas Bake Off

Calling all future Bake Off stars!

If you would like to be the star of the cake stall and be crowned our winner, it's time to get imaginative! Please bring your cake to school, labelled with your name and class (plus ingredients, remember we are a nut free school) on the morning of Friday, 2nd December.

There will be a winner from the Nursery & Infants and a winner from the Juniors. If you would like tins/containers to be returned please ensure they have your name on.

We look forward to
creations!



seeing your marvellous

PTFA Christmas Fayre

This year's Christmas Fayre will be held after school on Friday, 2nd December.

Letters have been sent out today to book your Santa's Christmas Grotto visit:

If your child would like to visit Santa at the Christmas Fayre, then please return the reply slip to school together with the correct money in a clearly labelled envelope. Slots will be allocated and parents will be notified of your time before the day. Slots will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Thank you for all your donations of bottles, luxury items and new toys today. Our next own clothes day is **Friday, 25th November** when donations of new toys and chocolates (no nuts) will be greatly appreciated.

Important Dates for your Diary

November

- 25th - year 3 class Collective Worship (9.00am)
- 25th - own clothes day (in return for Christmas fayre donations)
- 30th - last date to book Christmas dinner

December

- 2nd - year 5 class Collective Worship (9.00am)
- 7th - EYFS Nativity (9.30am repeated at 2.30pm)
- 8th - Christmas dinner day
- 9th - Christmas jumper day
- 9th - year 6 class Collective Worship (9.00am)
- 13th - Rock Steady concert (2.15pm)
- 14th - KS1 Nativity (9.30am repeated at 4.00pm)
- 15th - KS2 Nativity (9.30am repeated at 4.00pm)
- 16th - year 2 class Collective Worship (9.00am)
- 20th - Breakfast with Santa
- 21st - Production of Charlotte's Web for whole school
- 21st - End of Autumn term (1.15pm finish)

January

- 30th - Crucial crew (year 6)

February

- 1st - Young Voices (Performing Arts group)
- 6th - Mental health week
- 6th - Sacramental workshop 3
- 10th - End of Half term
- 20th - children return to school (this was originally an INSET day)

Celebration page

Well done to our stars of the week.

The award this week is for excellent participation during School Values Week

Reception: Laila Reilly

Year 1: Freddie Cunningham

Year 2: Oakley Dickinson

Year 3: Molly Middleton

Year 4: Bella Snee

Year 5: Barney Graney

Year 6: Alex Norton