

St. Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School

Friday, 2nd December 2022



Thought for the week

2nd Sunday of Advent: Peace

"Peace begins with a smile."

St. Mother Teresa

A message from Fr. Michael:

A massive thank you to everyone who attended the first Mass at St. Thomas of Canterbury on Saturday evening. It was lovely to see so many families, especially those with younger children, at our reopening Mass.

Mass will continue to be at 6.00pm Saturday evenings.

Thursday, 8th December is the feast of the Immaculate Conception. There will be Mass at St. Julie's at 9.30am and Mass at St. Thomas of Canterbury at 6.30pm. Mass at St. Thomas of Canterbury will follow the Year 4 Service of Reconciliation. Everyone is invited to attend (not just Year 4!)

If you wish to volunteer at church (stewards, collectors, cleaners and Sacristans) please email: stmaryandstthomas@rcaol.org.uk

Thank you.

A message from Mrs. Rawlinson

Christmas is well and truly underway here at school with so much going on!

I have to say a massive thanks for your generosity in giving and donating to our PTFA Christmas Fayre. Your kindness really is appreciated, even more so considering the difficult times we are living in right now. Thank you all so much. You are all amazing.

Please keep up to date with Christmas events at school through this newsletter and feel free to share with your extended family and friends.

Year 5 Class Collective Worship

Year 5 led a beautiful Collective Worship for the whole school, families and friends this morning as we lit the second candle on our Advent wreath.

The children explained the importance of the second candle and how it represents peace.

The children gave symbols of peace at the end of their worship to remind us all to be peacemakers during this time of preparation.

Year 6 Class Collective Worship

Our Year 6 children will be holding their Class Collective Worship on Friday, 9th December at 2.30pm (please note the change in time) in the school hall and parents/grandparents of our Year 6 children are warmly invited to celebrate with us.

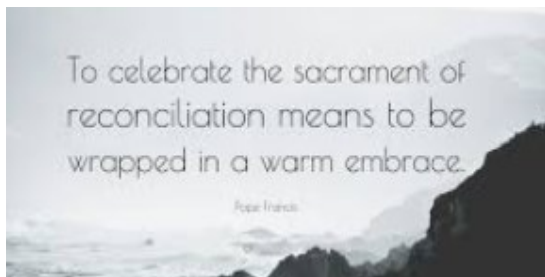
Adults are to come in through the main office area.

We look forward to seeing you there.

First Reconciliation (First Confessions)

The service for the Sacrament of Reconciliation for our Y4 children will be held on Thursday, 8th December starting at 5.00pm in St. Thomas of Canterbury Church.

We look forward to celebrating the Sacrament of Forgiveness with our Year 4 children and their families.



As it is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, there will be Mass with Fr. Michael at 6.30pm, following this Sacramental service and everyone is warmly invited.

Christmas coffee afternoon

Our Performing Arts group would like to invite parents and families to a very special coffee afternoon on Friday, 16th December at 2.15pm.

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served whilst the children sing Christmas songs and Carols for you.

It promises to be a very special afternoon and put you in the Christmas spirit.

Come along and enjoy a chat, a brew and the children's performance.

Christmas dinner day

Thursday, 8th December is our Christmas dinner day and children can wear their Christmas jumpers on this day.

On Friday, 9th December the children are asked to wear something red (or a Santa suit) to join in with the sponsored Santa Dash.

Thank you for your support in making these activities so much fun for our children.

Breakfast With Santa

The children are invited to join Breakfast with Santa in school on Tuesday, 20th December.

Letters will be sent home early next week with information on how to book your child's place.

Please note the cut off date for booking will be 14th December 2022.

Nativity Performances

EYFS Nativity

Tickets for the EYFS Nativity were sent home with the children earlier this week.

KS1 Nativity

A letter with information about the KS1 Nativity arrangements will be sent home early next week with tickets.

Important Dates for your Diary

December

- 7th - EYFS Nativity (9.30am repeated at 2.30pm)
- 8th - Christmas dinner day & Christmas jumper day
- 9th - Sponsored Santa Dash (children to wear red or a Santa Suit)
- 9th - year 6 class Collective Worship (2.30pm)
- 13th - Rock Steady concert (2.15pm)
- 13th - Year 5 & 6 at De La Salle's production of Days Like These
- 14th - KS1 Nativity (9.30am repeated at 3.45pm)
- 15th - KS2 Nativity (9.30am repeated at 4.00pm)
- 16th - year 2 class Collective Worship (9.00am)
- 16th - Performing Arts coffee afternoon (from 2.15pm)
- 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)

Attendance at school

Good attendance at school is not just valuable — it is essential.

Attendance at school is not just for the academic progress your child will make, but is also important for developing personal qualities too, such as:

- ♦ Friendships
- ♦ Social skills
- ♦ Team and school values
- ♦ Cultural awareness
- ♦ Life skills etc



Our attendance figures are slowly recovering from the pandemic but are still not where they should be. Please help us to make every day count and aim for excellent attendance all year. Thanks.

Celebration page

Well done to our stars of the week.

This week's award is for
Amazing writing.

Reception: Millie Ashall

Year 1: Seth Reilly

Year 2: Kaiden Pennington

Year3: Rohan Dickinson

Year 4: Kinley Pennington

Year 5: Evelyn Dennett

Year 6: Alexie-Mae Crook

FESTIVE FUN AT VICTORIA PARK



SATURDAY 3 DECEMBER, 11AM - 4PM
VICTORIA PARK, ST HELENS, WA10 2UE

- ▶ **SANTA DASH - 11AM**
ADULTS £5, CHILDREN AGED 5-18 YEARS OLD
£2 AND UNDER 5S ARE FREE SIGN UP AT
WWW.STHELENS.GOV.UK/SANTADASH
- ▶ **REAL REINDEER**
- ▶ **SANTA'S GROTTO**
- ▶ **CHRISTMAS CRAFT AND GIFT FAYRE**
- ▶ **CHILDREN'S FUNFAIR**
- ▶ **FOOD AND DRINK STALLS**
- ▶ **CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHT SWITCH ON - 4PM**

For more information, please visit www.sthelens.gov.uk/christmas



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