

St. Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School

Friday, 3rd March 2023

Thought for the week

Second Sunday of Lent:

Lent is about becoming, doing and changing.

This will allow us to see the fullness of life and love.



A message from Mrs. Rawlinson

As you will be aware, last week we had our Religious Education inspection which was conducted by two Catholic Schools Inspectors. They were with us for 2 days and throughout the inspection they focused on three main areas:

- ◆ Catholic Life and Mission
- ◆ Religious Education
- ◆ Collective Worship

We are now awaiting the report to be published and then we can share with parents and families. I would like to say a massive 'thank you' to our children who were amazing throughout the inspection. Many children had the opportunity to speak with inspectors about the roles they have in school and how they enjoy their learning in RE. They conducted themselves with confidence and were very articulate and honest in their discussions; true ambassadors for our school. Well done to you all, once again I am incredibly proud of you all.

Today we celebrated World Book Day with a difference. Instead of dressing up (which, in my opinion, really doesn't encourage children to read any more than they would do already) we decided to really focus on reading for pleasure. Children were asked to wrap a book up in wrapping paper and write a very short blurb on the front which would encourage others to read that particular book. This fun activity was a big success and children enjoyed sharing books and stories in this unique approach.

Thank you for your support in making this day such a success. The children were also treated to a visit once again from Altru Drama group (who performed Charlotte's Web for us at Christmas time). This was a big hit and the children really enjoyed working alongside the theatre group.

We have a lot more whole school activities and events in the coming weeks of the spring term as we continue our journey though Lent.

Please keep up to date with forthcoming events via this newsletter and our school website. We will be sharing our celebrations and activities on Facebook and Twitter too.

Finally, good luck to all our runners out there who are taking part in the St. Helens 10km on Sunday!

Hopefully see you there!

A message from St. Andrew's Church

Sticky Fingers

Calling all mums and toddlers.

*Come and join us at St. Andrew's Church Hall on Thursdays 9:15am—10:45am
(term time only).*

*Enjoy both indoor and outdoor activities, story time, snacks and song time.
We'd love to meet you.*

Reminder

*Year 3 would like to invite their families to
their Collective Worship on*

Friday, 10th March at 9.00am.

*Adults are asked to come in through the main
office.*

Reminder

*Nursery and Reception children
would like to invite their families to
a very special Collective Worship to
celebrate Mothers' Day.*

*This will take place on Friday, 17th
March at 2.30pm.*

School Photographs - Monday, 6th March 2023

The school photographer will be in school on Monday, 6th March. As well as the individual photographs, they will be taking

brother/sister group photographs for children who have a sibling in school time.

However, if you would like a photograph with a sibling who does not attend our school or nursery then please come to the school hall at the earlier time of 8.30 a.m.

NB: all children should come to school in their school uniform. If your child has PE on Monday they will be required to change into their PE kit/tracksuit, so should bring this with them to school.

Thank you.

Reminder

Strike days

Teachers will continue to strike on Wednesday, 15th and Thursday, 16th March, unless an agreement has been reached by then.

I will keep parents informed of the situation at school but Years 2, 4 and 6 will definitely be closed for these 2 days.

Message from Mrs. Connolly (Science subject leader)

Dear St Thomas of Canterbury families,

In previous years, we have run British science week events supported by family members who visited school to talk about their work using science. The children loved the opportunity to hear about how people in their community use science in real life in their careers and were very inspired by our visitors. We are very thankful to the families, friends and wider community who volunteered to be involved.

This year, we are holding a "British Science Week" from the 13th-17th March and we would like to ask if you or if someone you know would be happy to come in and talk to the children about how they use science in their job, we would love to hear from you. Please email Mrs Rawlinson at lyn.rawlinson@sthelens.org.uk.

From chemists to dentists, nurses to airline staff, hairdressers to opticians, geologists to chefs, the list is endless. We would love your support in inspiring the children to think about how they could have a future in science.

Many Thanks

☆☆

KS2 Easter Service ☆☆☆☆☆

On Thursday, 23rd March our KS2 children (Year 3 to Year 6) will perform their Easter Service at St Thomas of Canterbury Church at 1.45p.m. ☆☆☆☆☆

Parents and grandparents are invited to come along and join us. ☆☆☆☆☆

Easter Blessings!

☆☆

Growing Together in God's Love

Important Dates for your Diary

March

- 6th - Whole School Photographs
- 8th - Y3 trip to Liverpool World Museum
- 10th - Y3 Collective Worship
- 17th - Y2 Collective Worship
- 17th - Mobile Zoo in school (all classes will visit throughout the day)
- 17th - Mothers' day Collective Worship for Nursery and Reception classes (2.30pm school hall)
- 21st - Rock Steady concert
- 22nd - Parents afternoon/evening (1.30pm to 6pm)
- 23rd - KS2 Easter Celebration in Church 1.45pm (parents are welcome to attend)
- 24th - Non-uniform day for PTFA Easter Bingo
- 27th - Y4 Collective Worship
- 27th - Y6 residential to Conway Centre (return 29th March)
- 30th - PTFA Easter Bingo in school hall (doors open at 5.30pm for a 6pm start)
- 31st - Y4 attending 11am Mass in Church
- 31st - End of Spring term (finish at 1.30pm)

April

- 12th - children return to school
- 17th - Y5 start Swimming (each Monday for 4 weeks)
- 17th - Sacramental workshop 5

May

- 1st - Bank Holiday
- 8th - Bank Holiday
- 9th - Start of Year 6 End of Key Stage tests (SATs)
- 12th - Y4 Collective Worship
- 18th - Ascension Day Mass in Church 11am
- 25th - Reception Class Vision Checks (0-19 team)
- 26th - May procession Church 11am
- 26th - Close for Whit Half-term (2 weeks)

June

- 12th - children return to school
- 12th - Year 4 Multiplication tables check
- 12th - Y4 start swimming (each Monday for 5 weeks)
- 20th - Y6 Leavers Photographs
- 23rd - EYFS Collective Worship
- 29th - St Peter & St Paul Holy Day of Obligation Church 11am

July

- 1st - Y4 First Holy Communion - Church 12noon
- 11th - Y6 Leavers Mass Church 11am
- 21st - End of Summer term (finish at 1.30pm)

Well done to our stars of the week.



This week's award is for:
Good focus and a positive attitude to
their learning

Nursery: Darcie Bellard

Reception: Millie Taylor & Theo Tarpey

Year 1: Jake Whalley

Year 2: Mollie Bailey

Year 3: Siena Pilling

Year 4: Bella Snee

Year 5: Jacob Curzon

Year 6: Caitlin Barker

Church volunteers



A massive thank you to these two children who have very kindly been helping to tidy and clean St. Thomas of Canterbury church recently. All of your hard work has been greatly appreciated by the other volunteers at church.

Thank you!