

St. Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School

Friday, 19th May 2023



Thought for the week

"There is nothing on this earth to be prized than true friendship."

St. Thomas Aquinas

Mrs. Rawlinson's messages

Thank you to everyone for making this week run so smoothly at pick up and drop off times. The builders have made a great start and you can already see the difference having this canopy will have on the education and learning of our youngest children. The same arrangements will continue into next week.

Thank you for your donations today in preparation for our schools' Summer Fayre on Friday, 23rd June; your generosity is amazing. Thank you to the PTFA for organising and preparations. (remember, the PTFA is open to everyone so if you have any time to spare and can help in any way, let us know!)

There is always so much going on at school, particularly so at this time of year so please make sure to keep up to date with dates and forthcoming events via this newsletter.

Ascension Day Mass

On Thursday, our children in Key Stage 2 attended Mass to celebrate the Ascension of Our Lord. The readers were confident and clear and the singing was beautiful. Thank you to adults who helped with the walking to and from church, your time and help is much appreciated.

Assessments still to come:

Year 2: will be finishing their End of Key Stage assessments next week.

Year 1: The phonics screening check will take place week beginning 12th June.

Year 4: Multiplication tables check will take place week beginning 12th June.

May Procession

The whole school will be at church for our May Procession on Friday, 26th May at 11 am. Fr. Michael and I have planned this together and kindly ask that the children in Year 4 (our Holy Communion children) and Year 6 (our leavers) bring in flowers to lay at the statue of Our Lady. Families are warmly welcome to join us with this very special celebration.

(Any helpers available to walk the children to church would be greatly appreciated).

Would you like to join a Ukulele Band?

We are considering starting a Ukulele Band from next September.

It will be open to children from key stage 2 (year 3) upwards plus Staff and Parents/carers.

You do not need to have any musical knowledge, nor any previous experience in playing a stringed instrument. There are many popular songs which can be played by learning a few easy chords so we hope to provide lots of fun for children and adults alike whilst learning a little about making music with others.

Band practice would run as an after-school activity i.e. 3:15 until 4:00 one afternoon a week.

Ukuleles are not expensive but if there is enough interest we will look into sourcing them as a group.

In the first instance please contact Mrs Rawlinson to express your interest and we will be in touch during the second half of this term.

Thanks,

Mr Kevin Brown (governor)

PTFA summer fayre

In preparation for the Summer Fayre, we will be having another non-uniform day on **Friday, 16th June** in return for donations of luxury items.

Thank you.

Performing Arts Dates for performances

The Performing Arts group have been working hard on their production of:

And would like to perform for their families and friends on the following dates:

- ◆ **Tuesday, 18th July**
- ◆ **Wednesday, 19th July, and**
- ◆ **Thursday, 20th July**

Each performance will start at 5.00pm.

Tickets will be made available closer to the date.

Year 6 Awards night and Collective Worship

Year 6 children will be having their awards evening on Monday, 17th July in the school hall.

We look forward to celebrating the children's time at St. Thomas of Canterbury with the children and their families and friends.

Sports day

The date set for sports day this year is

Tuesday, 27th June.

More information to follow but we hope for good weather!

PTFA

Congratulations to our May Lottery winners

1st No. 55 Sarah Kilgannon - £40

2nd No. 48 Frankie Barkley - £20

3rd No. 49 Barbara Bain - £10

On-line Safety Tip

This week's tip is:

"It's fine to play games online. Just make sure that you don't give away any information about yourself"

- Caitlin B

Nursery

We are now taking nursery applications 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 your Diary

May

25th - Reception Class Vision Checks (0-19 team)

25th - Y6 trip to Lancashire Mining Museum

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)

16th - Own clothes day for PTFA Summer fayre

16th - Nursery & Reception Fathers Day Assembly (2.30pm)

19th - Nursery September 2023 intake meeting (3.30pm)

20th - Y6 Leavers Photographs

20th - Times tables workshop for parents (4-5pm)

22nd - Reception September 2023 intake meeting (1.30pm & 4pm)

23rd - EYFS Collective Worship (9am)

23rd - PTFA Summer fayre from 3.30pm

27th - Sports Day (times TBC)

28th - Sports Day Reserve (in the event of bad weather on 27th)

29th - St Peter & St Paul Holy Day of Obligation Church 11am

30th - Y6 Crocky Trail Trip

July

1st - Y4 First Holy Communion - Church 12noon

3rd - Nursery & Reception trip to Windmill Farm

3rd - Y6 De La Salle transition week

4th - Times tables workshop for parents (4-5pm)

7th - Y6 Leavers Party (4.30pm)

11th - Rock Steady Concert (2.15pm)

14th - Y6 Leavers Mass Church (11am)

18th - Performing Arts End of Year Production (5pm)

19th - Performing Arts End of Year Production (5pm)

20th - Performing Arts End of Year Production (5pm)

21st - End of Summer term (finish at 1.30pm)

Well done to our stars of the week.



This week's award is for:
Being a good friend to others

Nursery: Samuel Higgins

Reception: Violet Scott

Year 1: Robin Benecke

Year 2: Bridget Leighton

Year 3: Lily Dobek

Year 4: Priya Stott

Year 5: Samuel Critchley

Year 6: Molly Houltram