

St. Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School

Friday, 14th October 2022



Thought for the Week

“Prayer brings us not only nearer to God but also nearer to one another.”

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

A message from Mrs. Rawlinson

Our School Improvement Plan for this year is focused on the following areas:

- ⇒ raising attainment in maths and spelling
- ⇒ Firmly embedding the recent phonics training
- ⇒ Developing pupil voice in all aspects of school and school life
- ⇒ Equality and diversity
- ⇒ Improving provision in foundation subjects

Children and parents have already been immersed in actions to achieve our targets. Children have led a mental health assembly for the whole school; have met with prospective parents and helped to give an insight into school life; worked as subject ambassadors; welcomed the Tongan Rugby players to school; attended their first Sacramental Workshop; attended a parents forum meeting - and that is just this week!

Well done to the children who have been involved in these activities, I am so proud of you all.

Thank you to the parents who attended the first parents forum meeting of the year. These are held once a term and focus on School Improvement whilst at the same time gathering the viewpoints of parents and strengthening links between home and school.

I am still working on the actions from the meeting and I will report back to all parents via a 'you said & we did' approach in a forthcoming newsletter. Your input was very much welcomed and your time very much appreciated. Thank you.

Mental Health Awareness day



During our Mental Health assembly, the children were introduced to the 5 Ways to Well-being to help promote positive mental health. These 5 areas will be revisited constantly via our assemblies and within the curriculum.

The power of prayer

An email was sent home yesterday to explain how Mrs. Shields is doing.

Please make sure to read this and keep the Shields family in your prayers.

Helen's faith is important to her and she would love to know that we are all praying for her, both individually and as a school community.



Parents evening

Wednesday, 19th October.

Please make sure you have booked your appointment.

These will be face to face and we look forward to welcoming you to our first face to face parents evening since 2019!

Harvest Donations

Once again we will be celebrating our Harvest Festival at the end of this half term on Thursday, 20th October.

We will be accepting donations of food, toiletries, baby products and non-perishable goods for our Harvest celebration during the week

Monday, 17th — Thursday, 20th October

All our donations will be sent to St. Helens Foodbank, helping provide basic needs to local families. Our Mini-Vinnies will be leading the assembly and be in charge of donation collection, display and delivery to the foodbank as part of their mission in helping others. The families of the Mini Vinnies are invited to join our Harvest celebration (space in the hall is limited but all parents will be invited to events throughout the year).

Items needed at the food bank include:

Coffee/sugar/pasta sauces/noodles/tinned fruit/custard/toiletries/long life milk/juice/instant mash/pasta in sauce/long grain rice/tinned tomatoes/jam/chocolate/crisps (and spare carrier bags!)

BRIGHTEN UP THE WORLD THIS HARVEST

As well as our Harvest celebration on Thursday 20th October, we are welcoming visitors from CAFOD who will be talking to the children about the global food crisis and how we can help to fundraise for our global family. We are, as you know, a LIVE SIMPLY school and try to do all we can to live in solidarity with others locally and globally.

Therefore, in addition to food donations for our local foodbank, we are asking the children to dress up in bright colours on Thursday 20th October and to bring in £1.00 which will go towards supporting our global neighbours during the current food crisis.

Thanks you so much for your support and generosity.



Important Dates for your Diary

(more dates will be included as the term progresses)

October

- 18th - New intake meeting for prospective parents 3.30pm
- 19th - Parents' evening (face to face)
- 20th - Harvest celebration (parents/families of Mini Vinnies invited)
- 21st - School closed for children (staff INSET)
- 31st - School closed for children (staff INSET)

November

- 1st - Flu vaccines
- 4th - PTFA Halloween Disco
- 7th - Start of Judaism week
- 10th - whole school cinema trip (free for all children, paid for by PTFA)
- 14th - Sacramental workshop 5-6pm
- 30th - last date to book Christmas dinner

December

- 2nd - PTFA Christmas Fayre
- 7th - EYFS Nativity
- 8th - Christmas dinner day
- 9th - Christmas jumper day
- 14th - KS1 Nativity
- 15th - KS2 Nativity
- 20th - Breakfast with Santa
- 21st - End of Autumn term

Class Collective Worships

Each class will be leading two Collective Worships for the whole school and their families.

As space in the hall is limited, this is the fairest way of inviting parents and families to school to celebrate with us, so we ask that only the parents/families of the presenting class attends.

The proposed dates for the Collective Worship are as follows:

- Y1 (Rec and Nursery) - 11th Nov 2022 & 23rd Jun 2023
- Year 1 - 18th November 2022 and 10th February 2023
- Year 2 - 16th December 2022 and 17th March 2023
- Year 3 - 25th November 2022 and 10th March 2023
- Year 4 - 27th March 2023 and 12th May 2023
- Year 5 - 2nd December 2022 and 3rd February 2023
- Year 6 - 9th December 2022 and 20th January 2023

Each Worship will have a different theme and will last no longer than 20-30 minutes.

Celebration page



Well done to our stars of the week.

The award this week is for showing effort, enthusiasm and enjoyment in P.E.

Reception: Jaxon Marsh

Year 1: Orlaith Kays

Year 2: Eddie Curties

Year3: Matilda Curties

Year 4: Rosie Graley

Year 5: Max McLearn

Year 6: Annie Barter

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Children will be bringing home their Christmas card artwork either today or Monday.

Please complete the information required on the reverse and return to school by Thursday, 20th October.

An accompanying letter explains a link will be sent by email and text message from Xmas4schools to enable parents to order on-line.

Sports news

Well done to the children who have represented St Thomas of Canterbury so well this week.

Our Y4 football team took part in a competition on Monday and Y3/Y4 have participated in a girls football competition today. Both events were held at Sutton Academy.

We are very proud of all of you.
Photographs on Twitter.