

St. Thomas' School News

12.03.21

Events of the Week

Week beginning

15.03.21

Friday 19th March

Red Nose Day

Children can come to school in their pyjamas and with 'silly hair'. All donations in aid of Comic Relief gratefully received.

Message from the Headteacher

It has been an absolute pleasure to welcome everyone back to school this week. The school has certainly been full of life! We have had lots of fun including: cycling, pirates, music alongside other areas of the curriculum. Our focus for the rest of the term is on settling children back into whole class teaching and finishing out where all the children are up to with their learning.



It won't be long before we reach the Easter holidays. Last year we missed out on our Easter activities because of the first lockdown. This year, we intend to reinstate our Easter traditions. Children in reception, year 1 and year 2 are invited to make an Easter Bonnet and bring it into school on Thursday 1st April. Children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 can design a scene around a boiled egg. In the past, we have had lots of imaginative entries to these competitions.

The school council have also organised an Easter raffle. Raffle tickets can be bought from school. The tickets cost £1.00 and the prize is a chocolate bouquet. This will be drawn on Thursday 1st April.

We are also planning on an Easter Bake off – but the details of this are yet to be finalised.



Good luck everybody!

Lateral Flow Tests

For those that are collecting lateral flow tests for the adults to do at home, we have been advised that they can no longer be collected from Rochdale Leisure Centre. This has resorted back to a PCT test Centre.

Where are the local PCR test centres and when are they open?

Our main local test centres are located at:

- **Rochdale** - In the car park at Rochdale Leisure Centre, Entwisle Road, Rochdale OL16 2HZ. [Find Rochdale Leisure Centre on Google maps](#). Open 8am-8pm every day.
- **Middleton** - In the marquee on the Market Place Car Park next to Middleton Arena, Old Hall Street, Middleton M24 1AG. [Find the Middleton test centre on Google maps](#) . Open 8am-12noon every day.
- **Heywood** - Heywood Civic Centre, LCpl Stephen Shaw MC Way, Heywood OL10 1LW. [Find Heywood test centre on Google maps](#) . Open 8am-12noon every day.

You must drive, walk or cycle to the site - do not use a taxi or public transport. If this is not possible, you'll need to order yourself a home test.

From the Office...

- Music lessons have now resumed and fees are now on Wisepay for the rest of this term.
- Don't forget to order school dinners by midnight on Sunday for the following week.
- From Thursday 1st April, our school meals will no longer be provided by Moorhouse School, they will instead be provided by Newhey Community School. There should be no noticeable difference. Menus remain the same.
- Please check your child's head for head lice, unfortunately, we have noticed a couple of cases in school.

Home Learning

Thank you to all of you who have worked hard to try and keep up with all of the home learning this year. I do know is not easy. Thank you for returning Power Maths books, reading books and laptops to school. If you do have any outstanding books, please return them as soon as possible.

