

# St. Thomas' School News

19.03.21

## Events of the Week

Week beginning

22.03.21

### Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March

#### Class Photographs

The school photographer will be here in the morning taking class photographs

## Message from the Headteacher

The children all looked fabulous with their silly hair and pyjamas on today. There were some very creative hair styles – particularly amongst the boys. We all had lots of fun looking at them – the array of colours certainly brightened up the school. We collected £159.20 for comic Relief – so thank you all for taking part.

## Reading

We have been very pleasantly surprised at the progress many children have made with their reading during lockdown. It is obvious that many of you read regularly with your children during this time and it has paid off, so thank you for making our job of closing the 'lockdown gaps' easier. Many children have come back with a new love of reading, please help us to continue this by sharing books with your children on a regular basis.





### **We finish for Easter on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April and return on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April**

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> April.



### **Easter Bake-Off**

This will take place on **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March**. Entries can be brought to school on this day in the morning. Staff will place them in the hall ready for judging and they will be sent home at the end of the day. This is an opportunity to show off your amazing creative baking talents.

### **Parent's Association**

This year, due to Covid, we haven't been able to do our usual fund raisers for school. However, the parents association members have made some Easter treat cones which can be purchased from the school office for £2.00.





## 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....

- Year 6 Parents – please check Wisepay for details on the adventure weekend at school that is replacing Winmarleigh Hall this year. We need the consent forms signed and the deposit paid. Thank you.
- Please order dinners before midnight on Sunday for next week. Thank you.

### **Symptoms that need to be tested.**

Public Health Rochdale have asked head teachers to inform parents of additional symptoms were Covid-19 needs to be ruled out. This new list for children's symptoms that will need a PCR test are: fatigue, headache, sore throat, muscle aches, runny nose, congestions, vomiting, nausea and diarrhoea. This is as well as the three main symptoms of continuous cough, fever and loss of taste and smell. I know this is frustrating and includes most childhood ailments, however, the local public health team are concerned about outbreaks in schools and want to keep the situation under control.