

St. Thomas' School News

26.03.21

Events of the Week

Week beginning

29.03.21

Monday 29th March

Class 1's Colour Run

Easter Bake-Off Competition.

Thursday 1st April

Easter Bonnets and Egg competition

School closes for the Easter holidays
at 3.30pm and reopens on Monday
19th April

Message from the Headteacher

Peter 1:3: "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus **Christ!** In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living **hope** through the **resurrection** of Jesus **Christ** from the dead."

It's been a year since this pandemic began to affect our lives in a big way. However, despite all the negatives around the pandemic, our children are proving to be very resilient little beings who are 'just getting on with it all'. Some have struggled with the return back to school and would rather be home learning, but we are seeing these children slowly

adapt to being at school again with their friends. The playground is always full of laughter and the noise of children playing. As we look forward to Easter and the ability to meet up with friends and family again (outside), the days getting longer (the clocks go forwards tomorrow) and the new life of spring, there is hope for a more settled future and a return to some normality.

From the Office....

- The school meal menu has been changed on Thursday 1st April and will now be roast turkey. Please contact the school office if you previously placed an order for the previous hot option and your child will not eat the roast turkey.
- Class 4 children will be going swimming on a Friday morning after the Easter holidays, consent and medical forms will be going out next week.
- All parents have been emailed a letter from Gail Hopper, the Director of Children's Services. This is in relation to Covid-19 testing. Please read this carefully.



We finish for Easter on Thursday 1st April and return on Monday 19th 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 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.



Easter Bake-Off

This will take place on **Monday 29th 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 parent's association members have made some Easter treat cones which can be purchased from the school office for £2.00.



Covid Testing for children and their households

The adults living in a household with Primary aged children are encouraged to take part in twice weekly lateral flow testing. This is for adults only and not for the children.

The DFE have reissued advice around testing for children. Primary aged children should go for a PCR test if they are displaying symptoms of Covid-19.

The public health department have taken this a step further and would like parents to rule out Covid-19 if their child displays a variety of symptoms (not just the three main Covid symptoms), which has caused a handful of problems in school this week. This is from the local team and is not part of national guidance. We would appreciate support in this effort by the public health team to rule out Covid-19. These tests must be PCR tests too.

Children are required to take a PCR test if they have any of the main three symptoms. This has not changed. The household need to self isolate until the results come back. School then needs to be informed of the result.

During the weekends and school holidays, if you receive a positive test result, please send an email to rwilliams@stthomasnewhey.co.uk so that I can contact those that need to self isolate.

Parking near School

Please be considerate of pedestrians and other road users when parking your car near school. Now that the weather should be getting better, it is the perfect opportunity to start to park a little further away and walk. As well as easing congestion, this has health benefits too. The walk from the park is lovely in dry weather and available parking on Hough Lane is not too far away either.

If you need to park near school because of mobility issues, please contact the school office and arrange to use the school car park.