

St. Thomas' School News

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Events of the Week

Week beginning

19.4.21

Friday 23rd April

Swimming starts for class 4 children.
The coach will leave at 9.00pm.
Please arrive early as the coach wont wait.

Message from the Headteacher

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."



It is the end of another busy term at St. Thomas'. This week we have been blessed with some glorious weather that we have and enjoyed and we haven't let the wind and the chill ruin our Easter celebrations at the end of the week. The highlight of this week has to be the assembly we held today on the school field. This is the first time since March 2020 we have all been together as a whole school. There was a tinge of sadness though when I realised that the oldest children in school don't know the names of the youngest children and we do like to consider ourselves one big St. Thomas' family. This is something I will try hard to rectify next term. Our youngest children proudly showed off their Easter bonnets, despite struggling to keep them on in the wind and the eldest children applauded them for their efforts. We ended our little assembly by saying The Grace together and for the first time in over a year I felt that the school was truly unified again.

I would like to wish you all a very Happy Easter. Enjoy the holiday and I will see you all on Monday 19th April.



A huge thank you to all of you who worked with your children to make bonnets and egg scenes. Yet again, we are astounded at the quality of the work, the effort and the imagination that goes into these creations.

Please look out on Facebook for the announcements of the winners. They will appear shortly with photographs of the entries and winners.

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 needs 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

The parking has been slightly better this week (maybe due to the nice weather). We are really appreciative of the efforts that most parents go to in order to ensure that the area around school stays safe.

However, there are still some vehicles parked too close to the corners.

From the Office

- Please ensure that all dinners are ordered by midnight on Sunday 18th April. The new menu is on the Wisepay site.
- You can book a parent's evening appointment through the parent portal on the school website. This must be done by 12.00pm on Monday 19th April.
- Class 4 children must return their swimming consent form by Wednesday 21st April