**St. Thomas’ C.E. Primary School**

**Newsletter**

**13.01.23**

**A note on worship…**



‘Let us run with the race that lies before us. Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, on who our faith depends from beginning to end’

Hebrews 12: 1-2

This half term is all about perseverance. We found out what perseverance means and shared examples of real life people who persevered. Christians believe that Jesus is with them at every challenge they face in their life, just as a good coach is standing at the finish line of a race encouraging their athlete to keep going.

When we persevere with something there is always a reward at the end, it could be a medal or a certificate, or it could be the sense of achievement we feel deep inside.

Stars of the Week

**Theo, Hector, Natalie, Tommy, Lola-Rose, Phoebe, Branden F., Oliver H., Keegan, Codie and Freddie B.**

Well done to you all!

**Events for the Week**

**Beginning 16.01.23**

**Monday**

Ukulele lessons and Choir after school

2.00pm Coffee afternoon

**Tuesday**

Keyboard, strings and woodwind lessons

After school multi skills for Y1, 2 and 3 (4.00pm finish)

**Wednesday**

Guitar lessons

After school multi skills for Y4, 5 and 6 (4.15pm finish)

**Thursday**

Year 2 Gifted and Talented Writers

**Friday**

Brass lessons

Parent’s Association meeting at school 3.20pm

**From the office…**

* Please ensure that school dinners are ordered by midnight on Sunday for the following week

**Attendance Trophy**



Amethyst Class – 98.4%

Ruby Class – 95%

Opal Class – 99.28%

Emerald Class – 95.93%

Sapphire Class – 98.75%

This week’s winners are **Opal Class**– well done

**Upcoming Events**

16.1.23 – Informal coffee afternoon for parents (2.00pm)

30.1.23 – Reading and phonics workshop for parents (6.30pm)

20.02.23 – Reception and Year 6 Heights and weights

17.2.23– INSET day – school closed

**Tommy’s Breakfast and after school**

We have spaces available in both breakfast and after school clubs. The club can be accessed on a regular basis or a more ad-hoc arrangement. At the club, the children are encouraged to take part in many different activates, including arts and crafts, sports and baking etc. They have a great time playing with their friends. If you want to make use of this childcare service, please contact the school office and you will be put in touch with Val Turner, the manager of Tommy’s childcare.

**Coffee Afternoons and Workshops**



We are planning to host half termly coffee afternoons for parents, starting this half term on Monday 16th January. This is an opportunity for parents to have a chat with senior members of staff and each other about school related topics. For the first session, I would like to gauge opinion about workshops that school could run for parents. The first one has already been scheduled for Monday 30th January and will be about reading and phonics.

We hope that both the coffee afternoons and workshops will be a way of developing the relationship between home and school and will become a way for parents to have more of a voice regarding school.