

Week 1

9th September 2016

Monday 12 th September	Music lessons: keyboard, guitar After School Activities: Year 4, 5 and 6 football, choir
Tuesday 13 th September	
Wednesday 14 th September	After School Activities: Orchestra
Thursday 15 th September	Music lessons: guitar After School Activities: Year 1,2 and 3 football
Friday 16 th September	Music lessons: brass, woodwind



Stars of the Week



All of the year one children in class one, Jasper Taylor, Adam Sanderson, Evie Whitehead, Toby Scholes, Joe Harrage, Olivia Anton-Izvoranu, Alex Lincoln, Faith Ali, Fallon Walker, Tommy Reynolds, Macey Dando, Millie Hawley and Ewan Beswick.



Welcome Back

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back to St. Thomas' for another school year. I would also like to welcome the new children and their families to our school. I am sure that we will have a year full of fun, laughter and learning.

Class One

Class one children need to have welly boots in school so that the children can take part in 'Welly Walk Wednesdays'.

PE Kits and Uniform

The children have all looked very smart this week in their school uniforms. Please ensure that names are written clearly on each item of clothing used for school including on P.E. Kits. All children need to have a P.E. kit for school that includes a plain white t-shirt, plain navy, grey or black shorts in addition to plain, navy, black or grey jogging bottoms and sweatshirt for outdoor use. A pair of trainers and pumps is also needed by all children.

Homework

We have adopted a new school homework policy – which is printed in the back of the homework/reading diary that was given to all children this week. There is also a weekly homework plan which is year group based in the back of the diary. All children from years 1 -6 will start 'Spellzoo' this week. Golden Time for homework begins next week. From Tuesday 20th September there will be a homework club open to all children that will run until 3.45pm. A letter will go out shortly.

Dogs

Please be aware that dogs are not allowed on the playground. As much as I personally and most of the staff love dogs – the playground is not the right place for them. This is for health and safety reasons.

Snacks at Break time

We have a healthy eating policy at school and we encourage our children to have healthy snacks at break times. We support the Government initiatives and follow Rochdale Policy on what is allowed at break times. A list can be found on the website and there are notices around school as to what is considered to be an appropriate snack for school. All reception, year 1 and year 2 children are entitled to fruit at break time which we provide.

Parking

Mrs Lumb would like to say thank you to those parents who have been parking their cars away from the school building. This allows her to see the oncoming traffic clearly and ensure that the children get across the round safely. Please do not park near the school building on Huddersfield Road as it makes Mrs. Lumb's job very difficult to do. In addition, Church Lane needs to be kept clear of cars as this is our entrance into school. Cars and children do not mix well!

Dinner Money

Dinner money is now £2.05 per day. The total cost for this term is: £71.75. Dinner money must be paid on Mondays. We will not allow areas of more than two weeks – this is in line with the Charging and Remittance policy. Failure to pay for school dinners will result in children not receiving a school dinner. Debts will be passed onto the local authority. The policy can be found on the website under the information tab.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

We are holding a coffee morning on 30th September from 10.00am -11.30am to raise funds for Macmillan. Last year's coffee morning was a huge success. Everyone is welcome.

New Policies

We have updated the attendance policy and rewritten the homework policy. These can be found on the school's website under the

information tab alongside many other school policies.

School Games Award

I am pleased to announce that we have been awarded a silver school games award for 2015-2016. This is in recognition of our commitment to sports in school. It also recognises the work we put into taking part in competitive sports alongside other schools. We are about encouraging our children to participate in different sports and we do enter as many competitions as we can. This award is a huge achievement for us and I would like to thank everyone involved in school sports – from Mr Studdard and Miss Lockley to the children and the parents who commit to competitions outside of the school day. Thank you.

Boogie Beats

Sure Start hold a Boogie Beats session in school every Friday from 10.00am-11.00am. This is for babies and preschool children and their families. There is no need to book – just turn up!

High school Applications

All year 6 children need to apply for a High school place for September 2017. This needs to be done via the appropriate local authority website. The application process is now open. It is important that you view the schools in advance and attend the open evenings for the schools so that you are able to make an informed decision. The open evening for Hollingworth Academy is Wednesday 5th October from 6.15pm. Crompton House has an open evening on Thursday 22nd September. The Blue Coat School has open days on Friday 30th September and Saturday 1st October.

Diary Dates

Monday 19th September – Class one welcome meeting at 3.15pm
Tuesday 20th September – Class 2 welcome meeting at 3.15pm
Wednesday 28th September – Class 2 trip to Liverpool
Friday 30th September – coffee morning and class 4 trip to Blackpool
Saturday 1st October – Church Barn Dance
Tuesday 4th October – Early Literacy support for parents. (Further information to follow)
Friday 7th October – Harvest service in Church from 9.15am
Monday 10th October – Kinetic Science Theatre
Monday 17th October – Health themed week
Friday 21st October – school closes at 3.10pm for one week (half term holiday)
Tuesday 1st November – school reopens
Thursday 3rd November – cross-country at Beach House (years 5/6)
Monday 7th November – Parents Evening 3.30-6.00pm
Wednesday 9th November – Parents Evening 6.00-8.30pm
Thursday 10th November – School Photographs
Friday 11th November – Remembrance Service in Church at 10.30am
Saturday 26th November – Village Fair
Friday 2nd December – Dress Rehearsal Day
Monday 5th December – Whole school Pantomime Trip
Wednesday 7th December – KS2 play at 2.00pm, KS1 play at 6.30pm
Thursday 8th December – KS1 play at 2.00pm, KS2 play at 6.30pm
Monday 12th December – Christmas Jumper Day (incl. Christmas Dinner)
Tuesday 13th December – classes 2 and 3 Christmas Party
Wednesday 14th December – class 1 Christmas Party
Thursday 15th December – classes 4 and 5 Christmas Party
Friday 6th December – Church Service at 2.00pm. School closes at 3.10pm for the Christmas holidays.