

St. Thomas' School News

28.6.21

Events of the Week

Week beginning

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Well Being Week

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M6 Theatre Company in school for classes 1 and 2

Bike ability starts for year 5 children for 4 days

29.6.21

Sports day for reception, year 1 and Year 2 (see below)

Cricket for class 4

30.6.21

Cricket for class 5

2.7.21

Class 4 swimming

Balance Bikes with Bike ability for reception children

Class 5 Bake Sale

Message from the Headteacher

Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him.

Psalm 127:3

This last weekend, myself, and other staff had the privilege of spending the weekend at school with a fantastic group of year 6 children. There was an element of nervousness as it was the first time we have had a 'camp' at school. But I needed not to have worried. The children and staff had an absolute ball and it went without a hitch. The children had so much fun, they wanted to stay another night!

It is these events that really send it home about how children truly are a gift and how honoured we are to work with children on a daily basis.

It is also a pleasure to have a full school again after welcoming back classes 2 and 4. The school seemed quiet without them!

From the Office...

- Please book **dinners** for your child by midnight on Sunday
- Please pay any outstanding debts as soon as you can as we are approaching the end of the school year.
- Music fees will be on Wisepay by the end of the week.
- Class 2's trip consent form is now on Wisepay.

Coronavirus Reminders and Changes to Procedures

Children need to have **PCR** tests if they are displaying any symptoms. This includes the **extended list of symptoms for children** (headache, sore throat, runny nose, sneezing, nausea, vomiting, and diarrhoea) from Public Health. Children and their families need to self-isolate until their test results come back.

Please report any **test results** to the school as soon as possible, including over the **weekends** and school holidays, so that I can complete the track and trace expectations. Results should be emailed to rwilliams@stthomasnewhey.co.uk **outside of school hours**, including weekends and school holidays.

In the event of a **bubble closure**, parents will be notified at the earliest opportunity and children will then need to **self-isolate for 10 days**. All **members of the school bubble** will also need to go for a **PCR test** to aid the infection control process. A negative result of this type of testing, does not mean that isolation is over, members of the **school bubble would still need to continue to isolate**.

If anyone is asked to self-isolate through the track and trace process, including by school, they must self-isolate. It is against the law to break isolation in the event of being a close contact of a positive person and fines could be issued.

Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Parent's Association News

Frozen Fridays Are Back!



Members of the Parent Team will be in the playground after school every Friday selling ice lollies for 50p each.

Year 6 Hoodies

The Year 6 children are now wearing their hoodies with pride. The children hardly took them off over their activity weekend. Thank you for supplying these for the children.

Sports Days



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The dates for sports days are – Tuesday 29th June for reception, year 1 and year 2 at 9.15am on the school field and Wednesday 7th July from 9.15 am for years 3, 4 and 5. Year 6 will hold theirs at 2.15pm on Wednesday 7th July.

In order for us to meet Government Guidelines, spectators must remain in groups of no more than 30, with an appropriate distance between the groups. For this reason, there will be sectioned off areas on the field for spectators to sit/stand. Spectators need to remain in their areas at all times. We are also requesting that the number of spectators per child is kept to a minimum in order for us to keep to the guidelines that we have been given. In the true spirit of events, the sports day tomorrow will be considered a 'test event' to see if we can stick to the guidelines. Amendments may need to be made for the arrangements for next week, depending on how it goes on Tuesday.

Ned's Mind-set Mission

On Tuesday 6th July, the whole school will be treated to an assembly beamed live into their classrooms.

This event focuses on three areas – Never Give Up, Encourage Others and Do Your Best.

This is funded through a 'Pay-it-Forward' scheme. We have been asked to sell yo-yo's to raise the funds to pay for another school to get the benefit from the mission. Our assembly and resources have already been funded by another school, so it is our turn to 'pay-it-forward'.

All children will take home an order form for the yo-yos, the orders and money need to be returned to school by Monday 5th July.

Further information and resources can be found at <http://www.mindsetmission.com/index.html>.

Uniform Exchange

There will be a school uniform exchange event on **Monday 5th July**.

If you have any school uniform that is in good condition that we can pass onto others please send it freshly washed into school on Friday 2nd July, so we can quarantine it before the exchange on Monday 5th July.

On Monday, the uniform will be put on tables, according to size. We will invite parent's form classes one and two to browse the uniform and take what they want from 2.45pm until 3.10pm.

Parents of children in classes 3, 4 and 5 will be able to browse and take what they want from 3.15pm until 3.45 pm.

Parents will be expected to wear facemasks, use hand gel before and after they browse and keep their distance from other parents.

Save the Date....

(Some of these dates are subject to Covid restrictions lifting)

Friday 2nd July – Balance Bike training for reception children and year 1 children that missed it in March

Friday 2nd July – Class 5 Cake Bake

Monday 5th July – School Uniform Exchange

Tuesday 6th July – Neds' Mind-set Mission

Thursday 8th July – Class 4, film making afternoon

All transition visits have been cancelled by Public Health and the Local Authorities.

Monday 12th July – End of Year reports

Wednesday 14th July – Class 5 production of 'Ali Baba'

Friday 16th July – Class 5 trip to Blackpool

Wednesday 21st July – Leaver's Service in St. Thomas' Church.

