

Week 39

17th July 2017

Monday 17 th July	After School Activities: No Choir , Football for years 3,4,5 and 6 Class 4 visit to Munster Castle, Music Extravaganza 6.00 pm in school.
Tuesday 18 th July	Yoga and relaxation for adults and children from 8.15am Reward day – non uniform for all children
Wednesday 19 th July	Class 3 visit to Eureka After School Activities: Orchestra
Thursday 20 th July	Music lessons: guitar Class 4 assembly at 9.25am Class 2 Teddy Bear's Picnic pm After School Activities: No Football for years 1, 2 and 3 (Mr Stuttard is not in)
Friday 21 st July	Leaver's Service in Church at 10.00am



Stars of the Week

Rebekah Schofield, Kacey Wynn,
Megan Williams, Keiran Rankin, All of
class 3, Isobel Williams and Albie
Richards



Class Attendance Award

This week's winner is Class 5 with 98.5 %. Well done.



This Week's Worship Focus

This half term's focus is Fruits of the Spirit. Our focus this week is faithfulness.

Out of School Achievements

Sophia Petrillo for cheerleading and Freya Crowther for dancing. Well done, girls.



Sporting Achievements

On Wednesday 12th July we took part in the annual Roch Valley Athletics Championship at Kingsway Park High School. This is an event for year 5 and 6 children, however we took year 4 children too as we didn't have enough children from year 5 and 6 willing to take part.

All of our children behaved impeccably and strived to do their best. A special mention needs to go to Kai Whiteside (year 4) who competed against year six children and Grace Johnson – who on her relay leg began running just as the rest of the field crossed the finish line and to Riley Wilson who ran back-to-back relays.

Lauren Sanderson came away with our only medal – 3rd place for year 6 long jump. Overall, once the points were totalled up – we came 6th out of 6 teams. However, the children were never downhearted, smiled their way through the event, and just enjoyed taking part. They supported each other throughout. This did not go unnoticed and it was unanimously decided that ST. Thomas' school should win the very first 'School Sportsmanship Award' in memory of Sue Smith.

Our younger children also made us very proud. Some members of year 1 and 2 took part in a mini Olympics event at Wardle Academy on Thursday afternoon. Again, they tried their hardest and came 5th (out of 6) and returned to school with a little trophy. The children took part in many different events and gave each other their full support.

In addition to these awards, we have also been awarded 'Gold' in the school games partnership awards. This is for the schools commitment to giving children sporting opportunities and for increasing participation in sporting events, including our weekly yoga sessions.

So, although we very rarely win an event, which is often due to the fact that we don't have many children to choose from (some

schools have 60 children in a year group) – we are committed to taking part at every opportunity and teach the children the values that go along with competitive sports.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Lockley and Mr Stuttard for all the additional work they do to ensure that the children of St. Thomas' can continue to compete in sporting events and to the volunteers who go out of their way to help transport the children to the various events across the Rochdale borough. Thank you.

Outstanding Money

Any money that is still outstanding must be paid into school by **Wednesday 19th July**, in order for Mrs Milne to be able to complete all bank transactions before the end of the school term.

We are in the process of working with 'Wise Pay' to establish a cashless school. All money transactions will then be done online. We were hoping to have this up and running for September – but it will be slightly delayed.

Outstanding Forms

The office are yet to receive all the completed infant milk and school meal forms. It is important that we have these back in school this week – so that milk and meal orders run smoothly from the first day back in September.

Summer Fair

The summer fair raised approximately £1300 – a fantastic amount, considering the rain.

A special thank you needs to go to Andy and Hayley Reynolds who, yet again, managed to fit organising the whole thing. I would also like to thank the team of parent and staff volunteers who worked tirelessly to ensure the day was the best it could be. In addition to those who helped on the day – many local businesses donated prizes and Graham the butcher who supplied the burgers.

The money raised is going towards refurbishing the playground and to pay for the coaches to the pantomime, which has already been booked.

Summer Holidays

School closes on Friday 21st July at 3.10pm for the summer break. Children return to school on Wednesday 6th September for the new school year.

I would like to wish you all a very happy summer break.

