

St. Thomas' School News

02.07.2021

Message from the Headteacher

Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.

1 Peter 5:7

This week has all been about well-being. The children have not been following their usual timetable, but instead have been exploring feelings and emotions, in particular fear and anxiety.

A lot of the work was based upon the book 'After the Fall', which is about overcoming fears and trying again when things go wrong. The book follows Humpty Dumpty as he tried to conquer his anxieties, following his accident.

The children have also spent time thinking about their own thoughts and learning strategies to deal with them when they become overwhelming. Most classes also investigated mindfulness and other relaxation techniques.

We will be continuing this theme throughout the rest of the summer term as we move towards the new academic year.

Events of the Week

Week beginning

05.07.21

5.7.21

Yo-yo orders to be handed in to school.
School Uniform exchange (see below)

6.7.21

NED's Mind-set Mission Day
Cricket for class 4

7.7.21

Year One Community Eye Screening
Sports day for reception, years 3, 4, 5 and 6 (see below)
Cricket for class 5

8.7.21

Class 2 trip to Chester Zoo
Class 4 Green Screen computing afternoon

9.7.21

Class 4 swimming – the last session

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.
- Class 2's trip consent form is now on Wisepay.
- Please check the amended holiday dates (on the website) due to the extra bank holiday

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.

Uniform Exchange

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

On Monday, the uniform will be put on tables, according to size. We will invite parents from 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.

Road Safety

Some of you may know that one of our year 3 children was hit by a car whilst playing outside his house on Tuesday evening. The child in question is recovering from his injuries and will be ok.

There have also been reports of older children running across Huddersfield Road when out and about in the local area with their friends, with drivers having to break suddenly to avoid a collision.

It is vital that children are taught road sense and reminded of the rules of crossing the road frequently, particularly as during the summer months, children spend a lot of time outside. Please remind your children of the dangers of the road as we don't want another child to be injured in this way.

Sports Days



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

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>.

Save the Date....

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

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.

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.

