

St. Thomas' C.E. Primary School

Newsletter

22.09.2023

A note on worship...

Generosity



The Parable of the Generous Widow

Jesus used the story of the generous widow to help his disciples understand what generosity is. In the story, three wealthy men give lots of money to the Temple as offerings. A poor widow gave two coins, yet Jesus said she was more generous. The disciples did not understand at first. Jesus explained that the widow gave all she had as an offering, therefore being more generous than the wealthy men. After listening to the story, the children thought about how they could be generous. Children suggested giving unwanted clothes to those in need, blankets to the homeless and giving food and drink to those without.



Stars of the Week



**Hector, Eden, Matilda, Evie, Hugo H., Effie, Jack, Emily S.,
Annastasia and Joseph**

Events for the Week

Beginning

25.09.23

Monday

Ukulele lessons

Brass Lessons

Whole class Ukulele lessons for Emerald class

After school Rugby for years 3, 4, 5 and 6

Tuesday

Keyboard, strings and woodwind lessons

After school football for years 4, 5 and 6

Wednesday

Guitar lessons

After school multi-skills for years 1 and 2

Thursday

10.15am – 11.30am Macmillan Coffee Morning fundraiser

After school netball/basketball for years 3, 4, 5 and 6

Friday

From the office...

- Please ensure that **school dinners** are ordered by midnight on **Sunday** for the following week. If you are asked for an organisation code, please use **78487851**
- **Wisepay** details have been sent out to all parents. If Wisepay doesn't work for you, please contact the school office.
- **Letters for after school clubs** will be in your child's book bag.
- Please remember to **write names in uniform**. We already have some lost property!
- Children taking part in **after school sports** need to bring a **PE kit to school** to change into if it is not their usual PE day.

Up coming events

Thursday 28th September is our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning fundraiser in aid of Macmillan. This is a charity very close to many people's hearts due to the fantastic work they do to support cancer patients and their families. If you are able to **donate cakes** for this event, please bring them to school on Thursday morning. All are **welcome to attend**.

Monday 2nd October – football tournament at Heywood (1.15pm-4.15pm)

Wednesday 11th October – indoor athletics event for year 3 and 4 children

Monday 16th October – Harvest Festival

Tuesday 17th October – open day for reception 2024 intake (2.00pm and 5.00pm)

Friday 20th October – School photographer is in school, 'Share our Work' afternoon. School closes for the October half term holiday and reopens on Monday 30th October

Weekly Round up

All of our curriculum plans can be found on our school website.

Help with phonics and more information can be found at

<https://www.songofsounds.co.uk/page/?title=Learning+at+Home&pid=8>

Amethyst Class

Our school was selected to take part in a baseline research project by the Testing and Standards Agency. This week the reception children have been completing this element of their baseline assessments. This hasn't taken up too much time and the class have been busy learning all week. The reception children particularly enjoyed their outdoor play in the rain this week with their umbrellas and welly boots! The year one children have recapped their tricky words from reception class and the reception children have been introduced to sound talk. In maths the year 1 children have been busy comparing numbers. To help them with this, they used 10s frames. As part of PE lessons they have been learning about body shape and in art they have drawn self-portraits. The portraits will be on display in the KS1 corridor.

Ruby Class

All of our year 2 children have been counting in 10s and 1s, whilst all of the year one children have worked within 10 with Miss Wardle. As part of their English work, the children have been busy writing sentences with adjectives. The children have been introduced to the UK in geography and in science they have continued their work on habitats. Accurate footwork is the focus in PE and in RE they have been sharing books which are special to them.

Opal Class

The book that the children are using for English is 'Traction Man'. This is a firm favourite amongst the children. They have been using the book to write labels for characters and writing captions. The year three children have also been working on place value including placing numbers on a number line and adding 1, 10 and 100 to numbers. In history, the class are studying the stone age – looking at timelines and exploring the concepts of BC(E) and AD. The children are learning about properties of materials in science, this week they were sorting materials. In French the children were busy learning greetings.

Emerald Class

English for Emerald class children has focused on writing using conjunctions, inferring character emotions and writing in role. The year 4 children have been focusing on place value with Mr Northcott in maths, whilst the year 5 children have been taught by Mrs Williams and Mrs Robinson also focusing on place value. They children have particularly enjoyed their science work this week,

building circuits. In French they have learned the names of basic shapes. Computing was all about cyber bullying and in dance the children worked on incorporating circles into movements.

Sapphire Class

Year 6 children have followed the trend and have focused on place value this week in maths, but also added some work on rounding and negative numbers as well as written addition and subtraction methods! Sapphire children, like those in Emerald class have worked on incorporating circles into dance movements. In music they have learned about pulse, completed a pre-knowledge quiz and are developing their singing skills. Grammar lessons have focused on fronted adverbials, grammar articles and conjunctions. They have been busy editing their writing in English. In geography the children are leaning about 4 figure grid references before moving onto 6 figure references. They also found time for RE work on harvest.

Mrs Robinson (art and DT)

Ruby class have started to study and make animal masks, Amethyst class have painted self portraits. Opal and Emerald class are both making vegetable soup in design technology, Sapphire class children have been studying anatomy in art.

Share My Work Afternoons

Our first Share my Work afternoon is **Friday 20th October**.

On the last afternoon of each half term (or the previous day, if we are in church), we will be hosting a 'share my work' afternoon. Parents will be invited to come into school from 2.00pm to sit with their child and share with their child the work that has been completed that half term.

The plan is to make this a 'drop-in' style event and parents can come in at any time between 2.00pm and 2.45pm and then join us for our final assembly of the term at 2.50pm if they wish to. This will give those who have children in different classes the opportunity to visit them all.

High School and Primary School Applications

The window is now open to **apply for high school places**. This link

<https://www.rochdale.gov.uk/school-admissions-appeals/apply-secondary-school-place> will take you Rochdale Council's application page with all of the information you need.

Please look at **the websites of the schools you are interested in** to find out about admissions criteria and open days. It is important that you visit as many open days as you can to find the right school for your child. The closing date for applications is **Tuesday 31st October**.

We are holding **two open days** this year. The first is Tuesday 17th October. There are two options to visit 2.00pm and 5.00pm. We are also hosting an open day on Wednesday 1st November at 2.00pm.

P.E. Days

Amethyst – Tuesday and Thursday

Ruby – Tuesday and Wednesday

Opal - Tuesday and Thursday

Emerald – Monday and Wednesday

Sapphire – Monday and Friday

All children wear their PE kit for school on PE days.

Rochdale Football club tickets



We have been allocated four tickets for each Rochdale Football Club home game. It is not too late to take part in the draw for tickets. Each participating family will be given a number which will be drawn weekly. These numbers will go back into the draw for the following week.

We ask that if you cannot attend the match, please let the office know as soon as possible so that we can redraw.

Alfos has won the tickets for Saturday 16th September, Reggie has won the tickets for the match on Tuesday 26th September and John and Keegan have won the tickets for the game on 30th September.