



St. Thomas' C.E. Primary School

Week 6

Monday 16th October 2017

Monday 16 th October	European start-a-heart day After school activities: choir
Tuesday 17 th October	Music lessons: ukulele and clarinet Yoga for parents and children 8.30am After school activities: football (years 4, 5 and 6)
Wednesday 18 th October	Music lessons: violin Class 3 family day After school activities: orchestra
Thursday 19 th October	Music lessons: guitar After school activities: football (years 1, 2 and 3) and netball at Newhey
Friday 20 th October	Music lessons: keyboards, brass School closes at 3.10pm for one week

Stars of the Week

Phoebe Finch, George Birmingham, Ava Baxter, Megan Williams, Isaac Morgan, Arron Clarke, Sophia Petrillo, Olivia Anton, Miller McKeown

NETBALL

The girls really enjoyed netball practice at Newhey County Primary on Thursday 12th October. They are developing some good skills and building friendships with the other girls at Newhey County Primary. Fallon Walker said 'I am really enjoying it and getting to know others.'

Attendance Trophy

Class 4 are this week's winners with 98.39% attendance.
Well Done.



Class 1 – 93.57%
Class 2 – 97.33%
Class 3 – 95.36%
Class 5 – 94.37%

The average attendance for school this week is 95.8%.

Attendance has fallen across the whole school over the half term. Regular attendance in school is important. Having analysed the data, it appears that more parents are choosing to take holidays during term-time, if attendance rates continue to fall as they are, I will be left with no choice, but to issue penalty notices for children taking holidays during term time and work with the Education Welfare Officers to support the families of the children who have attendance well short of expectation.

European start-a-heart day

Dr. Flinders and a team of junior doctors from Oldham hospital will be in school on Monday 16th October to deliver first aid workshops to all children.

Daily Mile Initiative

From Monday, we will be introducing our version of the 'daily mile' initiative. The whole school will be walking together on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. The route will be weather dependent. Children will need to come to school with appropriate coats and shoes for the weather. We are introducing this initially on two days per week. Further information can be found at <https://thedailymile.co.uk/>

Help Wanted

Fewer children are reading at home than ever before, particularly in key stage one. In order to give these children the opportunities they need to read regularly, I am looking for a team of volunteers who can come in for a couple of hours a week to listen to children read. If you have the time to spare, please contact the school office. Thank you.

Reading

Reading is the cornerstone to learning, therefore it is important that children have the opportunity to read daily at home for at least 10 minutes. Reading books should be brought into school every day so that teachers can listen to children read and change their books if necessary.

Open Afternoon and school applications

We will be holding an open afternoon from 2.00pm on Tuesday 7th November, 2017 for the parents of children who will be starting school in September 2018.

Applications forms for both primary and secondary places can be found on the Rochdale.gov website.