



St. Thomas' C.E. Primary School

Week 7

Friday 20th October 2017

Monday 30 th October	After school activities: choir Running club 12.30pm Daily mile at 1.15pm
Tuesday 31 st October	Music lessons: ukulele and clarinet After school activities: football (years 4, 5 and 6)
Wednesday 1 st November	Music lessons: violin Daily mile at 1.15pm After school activities: orchestra
Thursday 2 nd November	Music lessons: guitar 1.15pm cross country competition at Beech House school After school activities: football (years 1, 2 and 3) and netball at Newhey
Friday 3 rd November	Music lessons: keyboards, brass 8.30am School nurse drop-in After school activities: film club

Stars of the Week

Riley Farrington, Emelia Roberts, Samuel Flinders, Jacob Cooper, James Duffy, Sebastien Fraine, Jasper Taylor, Megan Williams, Kacey Turner, Adam Sanderson, Fallon Walker, Evie Whitehead, Joe Bamford and Finn Whatmough

Out of School Achievements

Hugo Carey – swimming award

George Thewlis – Jujitsu – 2nd Gold Tab (this is after the black belt)

Attendance Trophy

Class 3 are this week's winners with 98.21% attendance.
Well Done.



Class 1 – 95.71%
Class 2 – 93.33%
Class 4 – 92.58%
Class 5 – 93.70%

The average attendance for school this week is 94.7% - a further drop from last week!

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

All of the children took part in first aid workshops on Monday, which were led by Dr. Flinders (Samuel's dad) and supported by a team of junior doctors and Mrs Fraine (Sebastien and Branden's Mum), a midwife. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the medical professionals for giving up their free time to teach the children valuable first aid skills. The older children learnt how to do CPR.

Healthy Tuckshop

The sports and wellbeing committee have set up a healthy tuck shop at playtimes on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday for Key Stage 2 children. All items are priced at 50p and include: popcorn, apple crisps, jelly juice and fruit yo-yos. This is initially a trial. If it is successful – we will extend the tuckshop provision.

School Nurse Drop-in session

The drop in centre is for any parent who wishes to discuss health and medical needs of their child with a member of the school nursing team. This could be anything from eczema control to bed wetting. There is no appointment necessary – just turn up between 8.30am and 9.30am and Jenna will be happy to see you.

We have just been informed that Naomi is no longer assigned to Milnrow and Newhey. Jenna Harrison will be taking over the role of school nurse.

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.

Help Wanted

Thank you to Mrs Fraine for volunteering to hear children read in school.

If you would like to offer your support and time, please contact the school office.

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.

Parent Questionnaires

Thank you to everyone who returned completed questionnaires. I will be collating the results over the half term holiday and responding to the suggestion that have been made.

So far, the biggest issues seem to be around communication and parking near school. I will be informing you all of the plans on how we are going to tackle these issues after the half term holiday.

Film Club

All children should have received letters regarding film club. Those children who have returned their slips to the school office have a guaranteed place for the films they have selected. A note will go home with the children to confirm that their slip has been returned and that they have been offered a place for the films they have selected.

There will be a new letter each month outlining the films that are to be shown and on which dates.