



St. Thomas' C.E. Primary School

Week 9

Monday 13th November:

Monday 13 th November	After school activities: choir Running club 12.30pm Daily mile at 1.15pm
Tuesday 14 th November	Music lessons: ukulele and clarinet Christmas Box Collection Parent's Evening 3.30-6.00pm After school activities: football (years 4, 5 and 6)
Wednesday 15 th November	Music lessons: violin Daily mile at 1.15pm Nasal Flu Vaccinations Parent's Evening 6.00pm-8.30pm After school activities: orchestra
Thursday 16 th November	Music lessons: guitar After school activities: football (years 1, 2 and 3) and netball at Newhey
Friday 17 th November	Music lessons: keyboards, brass Children in Need Day After school activities: film club

Stars of the Week

Ava Pollitt, Albie Richards, Millie Pollitt, Violet Crossley, Brooke Pickford, Helena Boardman, Faith Ali, Millie Halliday. Class 1's certificate winners will be announced on Friday

Attendance Trophy

Class 5 are this week's winners with 100% attendance.
Well Done.



Class 1 – 92.86%
Class 2 – 95.67%
Class 4 – 95.48%
Class 4 – 98.75%

The average attendance for school this week is 96.6% - Another increase and back on track to where it needs to be.

Class One Junk Modelling

Class one need cardboard boxes, tubes and any other unwanted item they could use for their junk modelling. Please hand any items to class 1 staff. Thank you.



Parking

Phase 2 of our parking campaign begins this week. A selected group of children will be working with Dan from Living Streets over the next couple of weeks on a project that will have its launch on November 30th. This will include direct action from the children and working with local businesses and the media to alleviate the parking problem around school – particularly around the junction of Huddersfield Road and Church Street.

Our banners have now arrived in school – one is up, the other one will be sited soon. In addition there are now pavement signs that will be going out of a morning and afternoon as a stark reminder of how poor parking decisions can put a child's life at risk - although the banner that is up is being very much ignored by a small group of parents who are more concerned about how close they can get to the school, rather than the lives it puts at risk. I would like to think that as the project moves forward, people take a look at their own behaviour and become less selfish, less lazy and more aware of the need to keep all of our children safe around school.



Children In Need

Children can wear a onesie, pyjamas or spots to school on Friday 17th November, in exchange for bringing £1.00, which will go to the Children In Need appeal. The school council have also organised a toy sale which will take place on Friday. Any unwanted toys which are in good condition can be donated by bringing them into school by Thursday. Thank you for your support.

Parent Questionnaire - Money

One of the issues raised from the questionnaires was around the amount of money we ask for from parents during the school year. However, I am not going to apologise for supporting charitable organisations or for asking staff to arrange school trips. Both of which are a central part of our school ethos and benefit, not just the lives of others, but have an impact on the life experiences of your children.

I am also aware that we do get rid of items at the end of the school year and some people see this as a waste – however, we usually have a very good reason for this, most often it is around the item not being 'fit for purpose' and each time the Government change the curriculum – resources become redundant and new resources are required.

We very rarely ask for donations that come directly into school – these are done through FRoST and the funds are always ploughed straight back into school through projects. The current project that FRoST is working on is improving the school playground – the cost of this is almost £9000 and as always paying for the coaches for the pantomime, which costs almost £1000!

We always ask parents to be open and honest with us if they are struggling financially as we can help. I would never deny a child a place on a school trip because parents can't afford it – if we are not aware – we can not help.

Daily Mile

Children can bring wellie boots or alternative footwear to school on Mondays and Wednesdays, to wear on the walk, if they wish to.