

# St. Thomas' School News

16.07.2021

## Events of the Week

### Week beginning

19.07.21

#### 19.7.21

6.30pm – meeting for new intake parents

#### 20.7.21

Class 1 Visit to the Park

#### 21.7.21

Leaver's Service in St. Thomas' Church at 1.45pm

School closes at 3.10pm/3.20pm for the summer holidays and reopens on

## Message from the Headteacher

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Philippians 4:13

I can't quite believe that we are nearing the end of another school year – only three school days to go – and what a year it has been. I can honestly say that this year has tested us all, yet we have all come through it together as a school family. There have been many times when I have wanted this school year to be over, wishing it away, but as I sit here thinking back, there have been many highlights and magic moments that far out way the difficult times. From welcoming everybody back last September, to watching class 5's brilliant

production of Ali-Baba, it has been a year that none of us will forget in a hurry.

I am proud of every single one of our children, who have adjusted quickly to every change that we have made and shown that they truly are remarkable, resilient and have the ability to take on whatever is thrown at them and do it with a smile on their face. Sports day proved just how resilient our children are – many fell, many struggled, but they all got back up and completed their races. Maybe there is a lesson in that for us as adults!

This year has also been tough on families who have had to isolate, or have their children isolate because their child's bubble has closed. Thank you for showing patience, support and understanding, particularly those who have had to deal with multiple self-isolation incidents over the past 12 months.

It has also been incredibly challenging for all staff who have also had to adapt to many changes and had to teach in the classroom, whilst managing online work at the same time- often with technology that doesn't always work how it should!

However, despite everything that has been thrown at us, we are still here, still smiling and still carrying on and like the Bible quote at the top of this week's newsletter points out that we are not alone when things get tough, Christ will help us through.

## Parent's Association News

### A message from the current Chair of the Association

Due to a change in personal circumstances, I have sadly decided to step down as Chairperson of the Parent Team.

I am really proud of what we have achieved over the last 18 months during the pandemic. We have managed to come up with alternative fundraising ideas, some of which I am sure will become regulars due to their success.

Thank you for supporting us and school by donating for non-uniform day, buying raffle tickets, hug-in-a-mugs and Christmas crafts... it really does make a difference.

I wish the parent team luck as they continue this with this success. I am looking forward to seeing what events they come up with from September, I will be first in line!

**I would like to take this opportunity to thank Hanna Boardman on behalf of the school for her dedication and effort it has taken to keep things going, especially over the last 18 months when nothing has been as it should be.**

**I am looking forward to September, when the team can regroup and plan a year of exciting events**

## Leaver's Service

The service will take place in St. Thomas' Church from 1.45pm. If you wish to attend, please bring a face mask, as a mask may be required by the Church for people attending services. This will be the first service we have held in St. Thomas' Church since the Christmas service on December 2019.

We are going to try to live stream the service as there are a small number of year 6 children who will be self-isolating and we want them and their families to be a part of what we are doing.

Only classes 3 and 4 will be attending the service – this is to allow for more space within the church building.

After the service, children will come back into school to collect their things. Children will be able to go home after the service, if they have a parent to collect them.

### From the Office...

- Please book **dinners** for your child by midnight on Sunday
- Most debts have now been paid – but there are a few outstanding still. Please check your Wise pay account. Thank you.
- If your child is in reception, year 1 or year 2 from September and you would like them to receive milk, please email the school office as soon as possible. Thank you.

### Changes to Covid legislation from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July

A letter has been sent via email and the school spider app informing parents of the changes to legislation from Monday and how this impacts school.

**The current systems we have in place in school will not change for the rest of the term.**

From the start of the summer holidays (Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July), any positive cases need to be reported to the NHS track and Trace system and not school.

Please refer to the letter for a more detailed explanation.

### Uniform Exchange

There is a lot of good quality school uniform available for free. Please send a request to the school office of what you need, we will have a look to see if we have what you are looking for. Some of the uniform has never been worn. We have clothing from age three to age 13.

## Tommy's Childcare

Have you ever thought that you could just do with an extra hour or two to yourself for shopping, hair appointments, cleaning, beauty treatments, caring for relatives?

Are you going back to work in the office and are in need of high quality childcare in a familiar setting?

**We have the answer!**

Have you thought about sending your child to Tommy's after school club once a week or once a fortnight to give you this extra 'me' time?

If this is something you are interested in, contact the school office and we will puit you in touch with Val, the after school club manager.