



St. Thomas' C.E. Primary School

Week 16

Friday 5th January :

Monday 8 th January	After school activities: Choir Music lessons: ukulele and guitar Running club 12.30pm Daily mile at 1.15pm Flute lessons class 5
Tuesday 9 th January	After school activities: football (years 4,5 and 6)
Wednesday 10 th January	Music lessons: violin and clarinet Gymnastics event for selected pupils school activities: Orchestra Lacrosse at Littleborough Sports Hall
Thursday 11 th January	Music lessons: guitar After school activities: football (years 1, 2 and 3)
Friday 12 th January	Music lessons: keyboards, brass

★ Stars of the Week ★

Attendance Trophy

Class 4 are this week's winners with 98.4% attendance.
Well Done.



Class 1 – 93.1%

Class 2 – 95%

Class 3 – 96.4%

Class 5 – 97.7%

Average attendance is 96.12%. This is below the target of 97%.

P.E. Kits

All children should have their P.E. kit in school. The kit needs to include: shorts, t-shirt, trainers, jogging suit, pumps and a waterproof jacket. All items need to be named.

Events

All school events can be found on the calendar which can be accessed on the school website.

Advance notices

School closes on Thursday 8th February for the half term holiday.

School Crossing Patrol

Rochdale Council have advertised the post for a school crossing patrol person. Information and an application form can be found at www.greater.jobs. Please pass on the information to any interested person. We desperately need this post to be filled.

Guitar lessons

There should have been a guitar lesson yesterday, however Brad was ill. Brad should be back in school on Monday. We will discuss with Brad if the time can be made up this half term. If not the cost of the lesson will be adjusted to allow for this.

Star Reports and Attendance

Children in years 1 – 6 will be taking home their star progress reports today. With the report is an explanation as to what it shows. Most children at this point in the year will have a mixture of red and yellow stars. This shows that they are 'on track' and are working at the level they should be at this point in the year. Some children will be ahead of where they should be and these children will have some green stars and occasionally some blue stars. Children who have a mixture of red and grey stars are working below expectations.

Further reports will be handed out at the end of the spring term and the end of the summer term so that you can monitor the progress of your child as the stars should change colour as we move through the year.

The report also has attendance data at the top which has been highlighted. Attendance under 90% is poor and will be picked up by the Education Welfare Officer when she visits school on the 16th January. As overall attendance is lower than it has been at this point in the school year compared to other years, I am coming under increasing pressure to tackle the issues. This may result in fines for holidays taken during term time and close monitoring of data by the Education Welfare team who have the capacity to take parents to court. This is not something we have to do as a school up until this point, however there are an increasing amount of families going on holiday during term time which is affecting our overall attendance figures.