

**St. Thomas’ C.E. Primary School**

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| Week 20 | Friday 2nd February 2018 2017 |

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| Monday 5th February | After school activities: **Choir until 4.15pm**Music lessons: ukulele and guitarDaily mile at 1.15pm |
| Tuesday 6th February | After school activities: **Football (years 4, 5 and 6)** |
| Wednesday 7th February | Music lessons: violin and clarinetDaily mile at 1.15pmSwimming lessons startAfter school activities: Orchestra |
| Thursday 8th February | Music lessons: guitarBoys swimming finalsSchool closes for half term holidayAfter school activities: football (years 1, 2 and 3)  |

**Stars of the Week**

Jared Cocker-Finnell, Elena Lowe, Zachary Power, Heidi Davies, Isaac Morgan, Alfie Baxter, Abigail Speed and Riley Wilson

**Attendance Trophy**

Class 5 are this week’s winners with 98.75% attendance.

Well Done.



Class 1 – 97.59%

Class 2 – 98.33%

Class 3 – 96.79%

Class 4 – 96.25%

Average attendance is 97.5%. This is **ABOVE** the target of 97%

**Spellings**

All children in school are given weekly spellings to practise at home – this includes all reception children.

The current curriculum and assessment system places a high importance on spelling. This year spelling is our highest priority on the school development plan. Children cannot attain age expected outcomes for writing if they struggle with spellings.

I will be hosting an evening workshop for parents in March based around spelling expectations and how you can help at home.

**Sports Round-Up**

***Mini-Stars***

Children from years 1 and 2 took part in a mini-stars sports event at Hopwood Hall College in Middleton. The children enjoyed taking part in different activities to develop their fundamental skills alongside children from other Rochdale schools.

**Safer Internet Week**

Next week is safer internet week. All children will be having daily lessons about keeping themselves safe online. This will include the use of smartphones, chat rooms, multiplayer live games, texting, radicalisation, online gambling, grooming, in app purchasing etc.

Each night a different leaflet will be being sent home to parents with information to support in dealing with this topic. The leaflets will also remind parents about their duty to protect their children from online abuse etc.