

Love God, Love learning, Love One Another
Friday 13th September 2024

This week's Round up...

It has been another busy week for the children at St. Thomas' with the new timetables now up and running. Children in reception, year 1, year 2 and year 3 have been introduced to our new phonics scheme (Read, Write Inc.) and year 4, 5 and 6 children are now being taught R.E. in year groups. Maths and PSHE are continuing to be taught in year groups. Music lessons began this week with Emerald class all learning to play the ukulele on Mondays. We also welcomed back staff from YourTrust to lead on active games at lunchtimes and from next week they will be leading afterschool clubs.

Collective Worship

Our theme this half term is **knowing the God who helps us to be wise**

This week we introduced the children to more of our core values – Respect, forgiveness and generosity. We shared the stories of the Prodigal Son and the Widow's Mite, both from the New Testament.

During each act of collective worship, children are invited to pray and to sing. This week the children and staff learnt a new song 'My Lighthouse' by the Rend Collective, which by Friday, was sounding really good.

Names on clothing

We have an unnamed jumper in the office aged 7-8 with a school logo. We would like to return it to its rightful owner. If it belongs to your child, please contact the school office.

It is important that all items of school uniform are named. Please use the weekend to check. Thank you

Weekly building update

The new entrance is starting to take shape. The concrete floor has been laid and the roof is well on its way. The key stage two toilets have had their first fix. There are still a few finishing touches to do on the corridor and offices – but is looking good and is on schedule.

Dates for Next Week

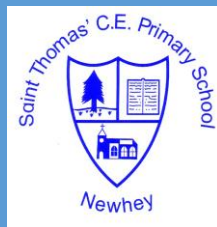
Monday
Guitar and Ukulele lessons
After school Tag Rugby

Tuesday
Keyboard, woodwind and string lessons
After school football (4,5,6)

Wednesday
Brass lessons
After school football (1,2,3)

Thursday
Afterschool club multi-skills (1,2,3)

Friday
After school Yoga



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Awards

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to this week's stand out pupils:

Pippa, Charlie, Landon, Buddy, Hector, Holly,
Pearl, Harper, Penelope and Evie.

Congratulations also go to **Matilda** who was awarded first place in a show jumping and dressage event at Pony Camp.

P.E. Days

Thank you to all those who sent their children into school wearing the correct P.E. kit on the right day. I know it can be a tricky routine to get into!

P.E. Days

Amethyst Class – Mondays

Ruby Class – Tuesdays and Fridays

Opal Class – Wednesdays and Thursdays

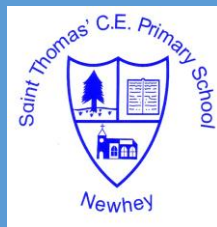
Emerald Class – Mondays and Tuesdays

Sapphire Class – Thursdays and Fridays

Macmillan Coffee Morning

We will be hosting a Macmillan coffee morning on Thursday 26th September from 10.00am until 11.15am in the school hall. If you wish to donate a cake, please bring it into school on the day of the coffee morning.

The event is open to all.



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Asda Cashpot for Schools

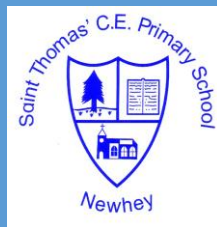
The Parent's Association has registered our school for Asda's new rewards program, which donates cash to schools.

If you shop at Asda, simply download the Asda App and nominate our school on the App. School will get £1 every time someone registers our school. In addition, we will get £50 when the first person uses their rewards app when shopping. When you use your rewards app in store or online, Asda will donate a percentage to school.

This is a really good idea and will help us generate more funds to support our little school.

From the Office...

- Please ensure that school dinners are ordered by midnight on Sunday for the following week via Wisepay, which can be found on our school website.
- All absences from school will be unauthorised, unless there is a valid reason for the absence. Proof of medical appointments is also required.
- After school activities will go 'live' on Wisepay on Monday for you to reserve a place for your child.



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