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Friday 11th October

This week's Round up...

We started the week with our harvest celebration in church. Many of the children brought food items to donate to the local foodbanks. We gave thanks to those who work hard to provide our food and to God for creating our beautiful world. The children had a busy week learning new skills and knowledge. Sapphire class were very excited on Wednesday when they began to make their motorised vehicles with Mrs Robinson and Mrs McCabe.

Collective Worship

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

Collective worship began with a harvest celebration in church. For the rest of the week, we focused on creation. Starting with our names and what they say about us. The first name given to God was Elohim, meaning creator. God created us in his own image, creating us to be unique, amazing and to look after our beautiful world. This weekend, the children have been asked to do something to care for our planet. Our song this week was 'Big Family of God' by Nicky and Becky Drake.

Weekly building update

The tiling is almost finished in the children's toilets. They are being tiled with floor to ceiling grey subway tiles, identical to the accessible and staff toilets that have already been completed. The doors and cubicle dividers are going to be lime green.

The tarmac went down this week on the playground and the roof was started on the new entrance – it is all starting to come together nicely.

Dates for Next Week

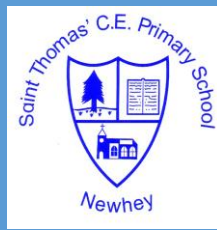
Monday
Guitar and Ukulele lessons
After school Tag Rugby
After school choir

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

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

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

Friday
School Photograph day
After school Yoga



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Awards

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to this week's stand out pupils:

Paddy, Taron (twice), Fraser, Grayson,
Thomas, Tabetha, Lillie-May, Hugo, Kornelia
and Ayaana

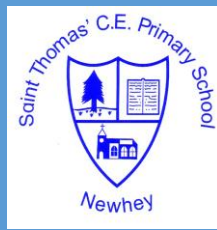
Congratulations to **Jack R.**, who was awarded best attacker in his rugby club this week and to **Maisie** who shared her Brownie badges with us.

Milnrow Pink Hey

We will be joining in the with this community fundraiser to support cancer charities. We will be turning the school pink on Thursday 24th October. Children can wear something pink in return for a small donation. In addition to this, we will be selling charity wristbands – these can be purchased from the school office for £1.00

Photograph Day

The photographer will be in school from 8.20am to take pictures of family groups with pre-school children. All other photographs will be taken during the school day. All of the children will have their photograph taken with their siblings and individually. They will bring home proof copies of the photographs to order online.



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Monster Mash Ball

The Parent's Association have organised a 'Monster Mash Ball' on Thursday 24th October. This event will be held in school. There will be a local children's entertainer, Keeley B., and food. Tickets for the event are £4.50 to cover costs.

For children in Amethyst, Ruby and Opal classes, the event will run from 3.30pm-5.00pm. Children in Emerald and Sapphire classes can attend from 5.30pm-7.00pm.

Tickets are on sale via Wisepay.

Phonics

We have changed our phonics scheme to Read, Write Inc., to align with Forward As One Multi Academy Trust. The children have completed the first four weeks of work and next will be being assessed to place them in their new phonics groups. We will be collecting all reading books in on Thursday and Friday, ready for the new books that match Read, Write Inc. phonics. These will start going out the following week.

Parents of children in reception, year 1, year 2 and some year 3 children will be given a leaflet explaining how the new scheme works. Links to additional support for parents will be posted on the school website.

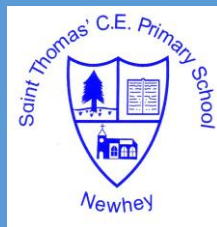
We will be holding a workshop for parents in due course to explain the new scheme.

Parent's Evenings

Our first parent's evenings of the school year will be held the second week back after the half term holiday.

We operate a booking system via school spider. You will be notified when the booking tool will be open. Please ensure that you have access to the app, as you need it to make the booking.

It is always important that parents attend this event. It allows you to find out how your child is getting on.



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Christmas Jumper Swap Shop

We will be opening a Christmas jumper swap shop at the beginning of December. If you have any unwanted Christmas clothing items that are in a good condition, they can be brought into school on Tuesday 3rd December. On Friday 5th December, these items will be available to anyone for a small donation of 50p per item. All money will go straight back to school.

Secondary School Applications

The closing date is Thursday 31st October. It is vital that the Local Authority receive applications on time. Late applications will go to the back of the queue and will not be processed until all other applications have been processed.

If you are still unsure of your choices, contact the schools directly and ask for a tour. Those parents of children with additional needs should contact the schools and ask to speak to the SENCO, in order to make an informed choice.

If you need help with any part of the process, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Primary School Applications

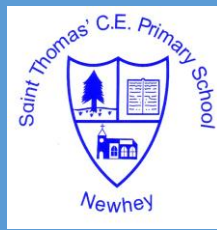
The application window for applying for primary schools is open. The closing date is Wednesday 15th January.

We are holding two open days to view the school and meet with staff. These are Tuesday 22nd October and Tuesday 12th November. The times are 2.00pm and 5.00pm on both days.

Academy Conversion Update

The DFE meeting to give approval to our request to convert to an academy and join the Forward As One Multi Academy Trust will be held on Thursday 17th October.

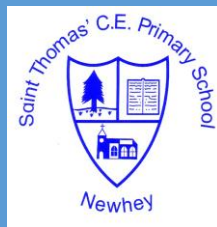
Once approval has been given, there will be a legal process that needs to be completed before we officially become part of the Forward As One family.



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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.
- The new menus are now on Wisepay.
- All absences from school will be unauthorised, unless there is a valid reason for the absence. Proof of medical appointments is also required.
- We have a lot of lost property without names on, if your child has an item of clothing missing, speak to school staff.



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