



## Newsletter

Week 19

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Music lessons: Ukulele and Brass Class 2 Ukulele lesson Class 3 Brass lesson After School: <b><u>Choir till 4.30pm</u></b>
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Music lessons: Keyboard and Woodwind Music festival - choir After School: <b><u>Football, Photography Club</u></b>
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Music lessons: Violin
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Music lessons: Guitar School Jump-a-thon Music Festival – Guitars and Ukulele After School: <b><u>Football, Lacrosse and Beatlets</u></b>
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Swimming lessons First Aid Day



### **Stars of the Week**



**Hugo Carey, Dougi Waddington, Isla Lightfoot, Elliot Smith, Joe Harrage, Harrison Crowther, Aaron Clarke, Joey Cleghorn, Mya Malik**



# Attendance Trophy

This week's winners are **Class 5** with **99.1%** attendance.

Class 1 – 98.6%

Class 2 – 97.9%

Class 3 – 98.1%

Class 4 – 98.7%

Average class attendance this week is **98.5%**

Attendance is a collective responsibility. Parents have a statutory duty to ensure that their children are attending school regularly.

## Health and Wellbeing



## Children's Safety

**A gentle reminder that children should not be left unsupervised in the yard before school. The doors open at 9.45am and the children are your responsibility until this time. Thank you.**

## First Aid Day

Dr. Flinders and Mr Reynolds have again organised a first aid day for all of our children to take part in. This includes teaching the older children CPR. Last year a year 6 pupil used the skills that they had learnt during this training to carry out CPR on her dad until the paramedic team arrived. This is invaluable training for all children. I would like to thank Dr. Finders, Mr Reynolds and the team for working with our children to give them these lifesaving skills.

### Music Festival

The music festival events start this week for our school. The children who take part always show an amazing amount of confidence, courage and resilience. The music festival gives the children the opportunity to play in a large space and to an unknown audience as part of a competition. This week saw the ukulele and guitar players take to the stage. All of the children performed well and were awarded high marks, with Joe winning his class. Well done to: Verity Cunliffe, Sebastien Fraine, Daniel Drinkwater, Alex Bond, Zachary Power, Natalie Ogden, Joe Harrage and Saul Lett.

### Year 3 and Year 4 Mini Stars

It was a pleasure to take a small group of year 3 and year 4 children to this event at Hopwood College. The children did incredibly well, and although they didn't win the event, they tried really hard and their behaviour was outstanding. Congratulations must go to Ella Halliwell who won best overall sports talent. A big well done to all of those who went: Samuel Flinders, Adam Sanderson, Leo Kaczowski, Alfie Baxter, Poppy Richards, Monica Anton-Izvoranu, Olivia Bullock and Ella Halliwell.

### Safeguarding

Useful information for supporting families with keeping children safe can be found at [www.nspcc.org](http://www.nspcc.org). This website contains a variety of support materials and advice on a wide range of topics including leaving your child at home alone, drugs and alcohol concerns, online behaviours, talking about difficult subjects and many more.

If you have any concerns please speak to Mrs Williams (safeguarding lead) or Miss Hobbs (deputy safeguarding lead).

This week saw safer internet day. We all took part in an assembly to promote keeping safe on the internet.

### From the Office

#### Winmarleigh Hall

There is a meeting for all parents of children going to Winmarleigh Hall on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 6.00pm.

**Faith**

This half term we are focusing on '**Respect**'. We will be looking at how the Bible teaches us to be respectful of ourselves and of others. This week we continued to focus on respecting differences and that we should treat everyone equally irrespective of race, gender, faith, disability and sexual orientation.

**FROST**

The Annual General Meeting is being held in school on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February from 3.30pm. At this meeting, a new committee will be elected. Every parent is automatically a member of FROST (Parents' Association) and can therefore volunteer to be on the committee and vote in the election. School staff will operate a crèche, so that your children can be looked after whilst you attend the meeting. The meeting will be informal. There will be an opportunity to find out about the work of FROST, followed by the election of committee members. It is possible to be on the committee without a designated role. The more parents that get involved and commit their time, the better FROST can be.

I would like thank the outgoing Chair of FROST, Mrs Reynolds, for all of the time and effort she has put into keeping FROST going and organising the events that have taken place over the past five years. Your hard work and dedication has been very much appreciated by all the children, parents and staff at St. Thomas'.

