



Monday 23 rd September	Music lessons – ukulele, brass
Tuesday 24 th September	Autism Champions Audit Class 4 Ukulele lessons After School Activities – Rugby for year 1, 2 and 3 children and Choir
Wednesday 25 th September	Music lessons – Keyboards and Woodwind Class 5 trip to Hollingworth Lake After School Activities – Rugby for year 4, 5 and 6 Class 3 welcome meeting at 3.30pm
Thursday 26 th September	Music lessons –String and guitar After School Activities – Drumming Class 1 welcome meeting at 3.30pm Governors Meeting at 6.30pm
Friday 27 th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning in the school hall 10.00am – 11.30am



Stars of the Week



Matilda Nichols, Zac Howarth, Eira Duggan, Trent Lightfoot, Fallon Walker, Freya Crowther, Mya Malik, Joseph Flinders, Rebekah Schofield, Ellie Boyle, Millie Halliday, Annabel Hayfield, Lily Costello, Helena Boardman, Ben Hadfield and James Duffy

Attendance Trophy



This week's winner is class 5 with 99.41%. Well done

Class 1 - 98.89%

Class 2 - 97.6%

Class 3 - 96.78%

Class 4 - 95.01%

The overall attendance for the school is 97.62%

Nasal Flu Vaccinations

There is a letter on the school website with a link to register your child for the nasal flu vaccine. This is available to all children this year. The health team will be in school on Wednesday 13th November to administer the vaccines.

The link takes you to a consent form which is very easy to complete.

Website details

All important information is put onto the school website: www.stthomasce.rochdale.sch.uk the information includes all of our school policies, calendar dates and specific class information as well as useful links and Governors information. The newsletter is uploaded weekly and it is our main communication tool.

If you haven't done so already, please download the 'School Spider' App from your app store. Select St. Thomas' C.E. Primary School to get access to our instant messaging service. You do not need to login as a parent to receive the messages. Login details for the website will be sent out soon to all new parents.

School admissions 2020

The application process for both primary and secondary school admissions are now open.

Local Secondary Schools

Hollingworth Academy open evening is Wednesday 2nd October.

The Blue Coats School, Oldham open days are: Saturday 28th September and Friday 27th September (appointment only).

Rishworth and Heathfield School, Ripponden open days are Saturday 5th October from 10am – 12.30pm and also on Thursday 7th November from 5.30pm-8.00pm.

My advice is to view as many schools as possible. If an open evening/day cannot be attended contact the school directly for further advice. Information about individual school is available from their school website.

Our open afternoon is Wednesday 30th October at 1.45pm

Class 5 Enterprise

Class 5 children have made £24.60 today as part of their enterprise scheme. Thank you all for supporting them.

Water Bottles

All of the children have now been given a water bottle. This bottle will be given to your child on a Friday to take home to be washed and must be returned on a Monday ready to use. Thank you for your cooperation.

Macmillan Coffee Morning



We will be hosting our annual Macmillan Coffee morning in the school hall from 10.00am until 11.30am. The Macmillan Cancer Charity is very close to our hearts, having lost our dear friend and colleague, Mrs Philippa Shales to cancer in 2018.

Please support us by attending the event or by baking cakes for us to share. Any cake left over after the event, will be sold at the end of the school day.

All money raised will go to Macmillan

Parking



Parking has been a problem around school this week, making it dangerous for all of our children. As I have already mentioned there have been several near misses because the adults bringing and collecting children from school feel that they need to park as closely to the school gates as possible – all without a thought for safety.

There are plenty of places to park near school – they just require a little bit of a longer walk!

I have politely requested that you do not use the school car park between 8.00am and 4.00pm to allow staff access. This is a private car park, for which school has to purchase parking permits for staff. It has been brought to my attention, that when staff have approached parents/grandparents about parking there, they have been met with a rude reception. This will not be tolerated. Any adult being abusive towards staff will be banned from the premises.

Head lice



Unfortunately, we have a higher than usual number of children with head lice. The only way to control this problem is if everybody works together by checking hair regularly and treating accordingly (the whole family).

Putting long hair in plaits and buns can also help as lice are transferred by hair contact. Advice can be found at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>