

# St. Thomas' School News

26.11.21

## Events of the Week

### Week beginning

29.11.21

#### Wednesday

Whole School trip to the Pantomime – we will be back at 5.30pm. **School uniform please.**

Parent's Association **coffee and cake** get together in the school hall from **4.00pm**

#### Friday

Non-Uniform Day (See Below)

## Message from the Headteacher

'Clothe yourself with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience'

Colossians 3:2

We talked a lot about attitudes to compassion this week and used the analogy of when putting on our school uniform in the mornings, we should imagine that the words compassion, kindness, humility and patience are attached to our jumpers as they are the values we want to see in our school community. I sometimes think that these values can be very difficult to show, particularly when the people who need them the most, are often the ones that are the hardest to show them to. But, in

order for our children to understand these values, we have to be the ones to demonstrate these values throughout our everyday experiences, as children learn from the adults around them.



## Stars of the Week



Ellie Boyle, Freddie Petrillo, Jared Cocker-Finnell, Zak Taylor, Violet Taylor, Charlie Wild, Rowan Davies, Holly Hunt, Gosia Brandebura, Scarlett Hegginbotham and Charlotte Matthews.

Well done, everybody!

### Covid Update

There are no covid updates this week.

Just a reminder that children displaying symptoms need to have a PCR test.

Children who have had a positive result are exempt from testing for 90 days.

### From the Office...

- Please book **dinners** for your child by midnight on Sunday
- **Music Tuition** fees are now on Wisepay for this half term.
- The **Panto** consents are on Wisepay – children cannot go if we do not have consent.
- Year 6 **Winmarleigh Hall** consent and payment schedule is on Wisepay

### Christmas Tree Festival



St. Thomas' church will be holding its annual Christmas tree festival again this year on **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December** 11.00am – 2.00pm.

Families and businesses are invited to decorate a Christmas tree to be placed in the Church. It costs £5.00 per families/charities and non-profit organisations and £20.00 per business. Please contact **Caroline Power** through the school office or directly if you wish to take part.

We will be holding a **non-uniform** day on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** in return for donations of **chocolate** to support this valuable community event. The chocolate will then go onto a chocolate tombola at the festival.

## Springhill Hospice Fundraiser



This year we took the decision not to have a Children In Need fundraiser, but to focus on local charities instead. We have already supported Milnrow 'Pink' Hey and our next fundraiser is for Springhill Hospice.

**On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December** we will wear Christmas jumpers in return for a small donation and take part in a sponsored Reindeer Run. The children will be given a pair of reindeer antlers and in the afternoon, we will all go together on a sponsored run/walk to Ogden Reservoir and back again.

More information will be sent home soon.

## Christmas Concert Tickets

**Public Health** have advised that the concerts can only go ahead if there isn't a covid outbreak in school and we can satisfy Public Health through implementing infection control measures. This is the reason we are only offering **two tickets per family** for each key stage performance. We will then have enough space to put social distancing measures in place between pairs of seats. All children, no matter how young, will require their own ticket.

We will also be requesting that **masks are worn** and **hands are sanitised** on entry into school.

Many schools have cancelled their performances again this year. I do understand that the situation is frustrating for some, but without the measures in place, we would also have to cancel.

## Parent's Association Events

### Non-Uniform Day

Thank you to everyone who has contributed. The hampers will be amazing!

### Coffee and Cake

There will be a coffee and cake meet and greet from 4.00pm on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December in the school hall. Everyone is welcome.

### Christmas Wreath Making

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** in the school hall from 6.30pm.

Tickets cost **£12.50 per adult** and include all the items needed to produce a Christmas wreath using natural materials and instruction.

Tickets for **children cost £3.00** and they will take part in a **film night** with snacks. Children must be accompanied by an adult attending the wreath making workshop.

Tickets can be purchased from the school office.

Places are limited.



## P.E.

We now have a new sports coach called **Mr. Edwards** who will be working in school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Afterschool football will resume in February, once the evenings start to become a bit lighter again.

As we are going to the Pantomime on **Wednesday**, all children should come to school in their **school uniform**, not P.E. kit.

There is lots of unclaimed and unnamed P.E. kit, in school especially jackets. Please contact the school office if your child is missing items of clothing.

**Reminder –** P.E. kit should be a **plain white t-shirt, grey/black or navy joggers** and a **grey, black or navy zipped jacket**. We have lots of children not wearing the correct kit for school. Our P.E. kit is designed to be **as cheap as possible** to buy and widely available. We do not want children to get their good clothes ruined. The kit also offers everyone **equality** and stops some children from feeling ashamed because they don't have the expensive sports branded clothing.