

St. Thomas' School News

07.01.22

Events of the Week

Week beginning

10.01.22

Tuesday

Whole class brass lessons for Opal class

Friday

Parent's Association meeting at 3.30pm

Message from the Headteacher

**Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or
dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you
go'**

Welcome back and happy New Year to you all. This half term we will be focusing on the value of courage. It can sometimes take a lot of courage to do the smallest and simplest of things. In assembly we spoke about opportunities and the courage it sometimes takes to

make those first steps and open the door as we may be fearful of what is on the other side. A new year can be treated in the same way, saying yes to the opportunities that are presented to us, taking those first steps towards something new because if we don't, we won't know what could have been.



Stars of the Week



Reggie Marshall, Gosia Brandebura, Phoebe Finch,
Freddie Boyle, Sadie Kaczkowski and Stuart Smith

Well done, everybody!

Covid Update

Children over the age of five do not need to self-isolate if they are a close contact of someone who has tested positive, however, they should take daily lateral flow tests before coming to school. Children with symptoms should go for a PCR test. As a note of caution regarding symptoms, my son tested positive a day after what appeared to be a 24 hour stomach upset. Symptoms can present very differently in children.

So far this week a member of the Sapphire class staff has tested positive after being in school. Parents of children in Sapphire class should be extra vigilant and test their children using a lateral flow device.

Lost Property

We have a large collection of jumpers, cardigans and P.E. jackets all with no names in.

If you know your child has clothing missing, please come into school and check. Unclaimed items will be washed and stored with the rest of our second hand uniform that we have available.

Second Hand Uniform

We have a variety of good quality second hand uniform available in various sizes. Please put in a request to the office if you would like some of this free uniform with the type of clothing and size of clothing you require.

From the Office...

- Please book **dinners** for your child by midnight on Sunday.
- Forest school letters need to be returned to school on Monday

Reading and Book Bags

All children should have a **book bag** for school. This bag is used to send home communications and to keep reading books in. It is important that you check your child's reading bag daily. Teachers have noticed that some children have not had their book bag checked for over a week.

Reading at home – it is important that children are heard read at home frequently. The children that make the most progress in all subjects, are those that read frequently. The new reading records contain important information for you about expectations for your child's year group. By sharing this information, you are able to clearly see where your child should be up to with their reading for their age. There is also space for your child to record their opinions about the book they are reading.