

St. Thomas' School News

04.02.22

Events of the Week

Week beginning

31.01.22

Wednesday – swimming lessons. Children return to school at 3.30pm

Thursday – Year 6 Crucial Crew visit.

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'

Joshua 1:9

This week was all about being an encourager and not a discourager. There are many times in our lives when we need to draw upon the encouragement from others in order to have the courage to face our fears. For most of

us this comes from our families, but we also need to hear it from our friends and at times our colleagues. We built a tower out of bricks to represent how our courage grows with each encouraging word we hear. We talked about encouragement in school, where it comes from and what it looks like and how we all need it in order to succeed. The best example of this I have seen recently was at sports day in the summer, when a group of year 3 girls realised that their friend was struggling in the skipping race, so once they had finished, they went and skipped alongside their friend at her pace until she had finished.



Stars of the Week



William Bullock, Hattie Carey, Riley Farrington, Leo Kaczkowski, Sebastien Fraine, Junior Brignano, Harrison Gannon, Anna Crossley, Oliver Morecroft-Walker, Ellie Boyle, Rose Taylor and Miss Hussain

Well done, everyone!

Covid Update

Yet again the Covid rules have changed.

Children and adults who test positive on a LFT do not need to follow this with a PCR if they have no symptoms. Isolation can now stop on day 6 as long as there are two consecutive negative LFTs on day 5 and day 6.

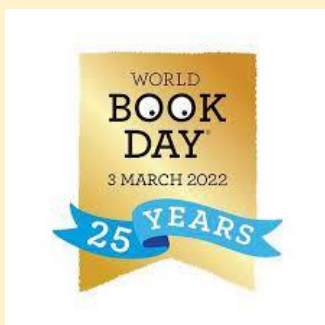
Children can attend school after the 10 day isolation period, even if they are testing positive as long as they don't have a high temperature.

There has been one positive cases in school this week in Sapphire class.

World Book day

This year, World Book Day is on **Thursday 3rd March**. Children are invited to dress up as a book character. There will be some small prizes for originality and effort.

The children will also be taking part in book related activities throughout the day and receiving their world book day Voucher.



Parent's Association

The parents association are busy planning events – but they will need your help in order for them to go ahead. If you would like to get involved then please contact the school office and we can put you in touch with the committee members.

The new flood lighting which has been paid for by the association has finally been installed today. Hopefully it will make a big difference on dark nights when we have events on in school. Thank you to everyone who has worked hard to organise and staff events and to those who support by attending events and purchasing raffle tickets and other items used for fundraising.

Sports News

Annabel Hayfield has been selected to represent Rochdale in the Greater Manchester Youth Games following a fabulous finish in a cross country event she attended before Christmas with some of her class mates.

Good luck Annabel!

From the Office...

- Please book **dinners** for your child by midnight on Sunday.

Bags in School

Children should not bring backpacks to school. We do not have the space in our cloakrooms for them. Lunch boxes can usually be carried and books should be in a book bag.

Our cloakrooms are much safer if backpacks are left at home.

