

# St. Thomas' School News

4<sup>th</sup> September 2020

## Events of the Week

Week beginning 21.09.2020

There are no events due to take place next week.

## Message from the Headteacher

Thank you all so much for your understanding throughout this challenging school year. As I am sure you can all appreciate, we are being extra cautious when staff and children fall ill. For peace of mind for the school community, we may send some children and staff home ill a little bit more frequently than we might normally. We are also asking children and staff to stay away from school a little bit longer than we might normally do. There have been quite a large number of children with the usual colds and coughs in school

recently and so far that is all they have been – the usual seasonal cold. However, we are being cautious and are taking the sensible approach when dealing with such matters. We will always inform parents accordingly of suspected and confirmed cases according to Local Authority guidelines when it is necessary to do so.

## Reading

Most children will now have reading books. These should come into school every day, so that children can be heard read and their book changed.

Our big focus in school at the moment is catching up on missed education due to lockdown and reading is the priority.

Please support your child by reading with them frequently and by returning your child's book to school daily.



## P.E.

On P.E. days children come to school dressed in their outdoor P.E. kit with trainers on their feet.

Class 1	Tuesday and Wednesday
Class 2	Tuesday and Friday
Class 3	Tuesday and Wednesday
Class 4	Tuesday and Wednesday
Class 5	Wednesday and Friday

Children with long hair must have it tied back and all jewellery needs to be removed on these days.

### *From the office...*

#### **School dinners**

Please order school dinners for next week before midnight on Sunday.

#### **School Website and School Spider App**

Please refer regularly to our school website for all of the latest news, school calendar of events and weekly newsletter. You do not need to login to the website to see this information.

In addition it is essential that you download the school spider app from your app store. This is how we send quick messages and reminders to all of our parents. Thank you.

### *Online Learning*

In the event of a bubble closure, or a child needing to self-isolate, learning will be done online, via the school website like we did in the summer term. All children should now have had their login details for the school website, Purple mash and Times Table Rockstars and Numbots. Some children will also have Lexia logins. Please keep all of this information safe as you will need it if your child has to isolate at home.

