

St. Thomas' School News

26.10.2020

Events of the Week

Week beginning

02.11.2020

Class 1 can return to school on
Tuesday 3rd November

Class 5 can return to school on
Thursday 5th November

Governor's Meeting on 5.10.2020

Message from the Headteacher

I hope that you all manage to find an opportunity to recharge the batteries over the half term break ready for the next half term. I always look forward to the second autumn half term as it provides us with a unique time. We spend a lot of time reflecting on hope and peace during school services and of course, it is also the run up to Christmas.

The Hobbit Hut is now installed and ready for use.

Bubble Closures

Class 1 and Class 5 bubbles have had to close. Online work will be available from Monday 2nd November. If you have difficulty accessing the work, please contact school as soon as possible. The Zoom lessons will also take place on the days the children are at home for. Children need to attend these sessions. Zoom details will be sent out by your child's class teacher.

Class 1 can return on Tuesday 3rd November and class 5 on Thursday 5th November.

During this time, your child should not leave the house. The rest of the family do not have to isolate, unless symptoms are present.



Times Table Rockstars and Numbots

The league tables are back up and running. Well done to everyone who is working hard to improve themselves.

Numbots Effort Table

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Class 1	Frankie	Isabella	Brendon
Class 2	Liam	Zak	Oliver
Class 3	Elliot	Poppy	Darcy
Class 4	Violet	Junior	Jared
Class 5	Helena	Jasper	Freya

Times Table Rockstars Speed (time is in brackets)

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Class 3	Elliot (8)	Dougi (9.68)	Phoebe (12)
Class 4	James (2.38)	Charlie (3.03)	Zak (4.65)
Class 5	Ben (1.19)	Daniel (1.38)	Taylor (1.36)

Local Schools League Table

Royton and Crompton	2.56
St. Mary's C.E. Primary School High Crompton	3.42
Hollingworth Academy	3.82
Heybrook Primary	3.99
St. John's R.C. Primary	4.01
St. Peter's C.E. Primary	4.38
Sacred Heart Primary	4.86
Blackshaw Edge	4.92

St. Thomas' are in 23rd place with a score of 6.77 seconds. Crossgates, Milnrow Parish and Moorhouse are all ahead of us. To move up the leader board, children need to record a time on Rockstars, playing it frequently in order to get quicker.

All year 4 children will be taking part in a times table check in the summer of 2021. This part of the Government's testing and checking protocol for primary schools.

Illness

Thank you all for your continued support and understanding as we continue to deal with coronavirus.

Please report any new illnesses over half term to school via email to rwilliams@stthomasnewhey.co.uk

It is important that everyone understands the guidance around illness.

If a child presents with any of the main three symptoms in school, they will be sent home and asked to follow self-isolation guidance and book a test. Siblings of these children will also be sent home in accordance with guidance.

In classes where a child or staff member has shown symptoms and been sent home (or not arrived in school if symptoms develop overnight) letters will be sent to parents informing them of a suspected case. School carries on as normal, unless a positive test result is confirmed.

If a positive test result is confirmed, the school will work with the Local Authority and Public Health to determine close contacts of the positive person. It is at this point that parents will be informed and bubble closures may happen, depending on the outcomes of the track and trace process.

Close contacts are tracked over the 48 hour period before symptoms developed in the positive person.

It is important that parents work with the school to keep us informed of illness and those isolating due to household members showing symptoms.

It is all quite complex, so if you do have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the school and we will answer your questions.

Children and staff with a high temperature, a persistent cough or loss of taste/smell cannot be in school until they have a negative test result or have isolated for 10 days from the start of symptoms.

Do not send your child to school if they are displaying one of the symptoms. This could

Parent's Evening

Due to the ongoing pandemic, Parent's Evening will be a little bit different this year. On Monday 2nd November, all children will be given a mini report to take home. This report will give a brief overview on how your child has settled in school this term.

On the bottom will be a return slip for you to add your comments on and an option to request a Zoom meeting with your child's class teacher. These meetings are likely to be held **the week beginning the 16th November** and will be time limited to 10 minutes.

Those parents that want a Zoom meeting will be able to book one in the usual way via the school website after the half term holiday.

Remembrance Day



After the half term holiday, poppies will be available in school for children to buy.

We will not be able to hold our traditional service on November 11th in Church. Instead, class 5, will be leading a recorded service for the children.

Class 5 children will also be laying crosses on the graves of the fallen soldiers buried at St. Thomas' Church.

All children will be making poppies in school as part of an art installation, which will be displayed in the grounds of the school.

From the office...

Wisepay

The service is now running as it should. Please place school dinner orders ready for next week by midnight on Sunday 1st November.

Milk charges have also been added to the site for those that have ordered milk for their children. Music fees are also on the system.