

St. Thomas' C.E. Primary School

Newsletter

19.9.22

A note on worship...



Thank you God

A retelling of Psalm 148

On Tuesday, Reverend Janet led our school worship. She retold the story of creation. Reverend Janet explained the time scale of creation in a way I hadn't thought about before. She knew that some children would question how a universe could be created in 6 days and she explained the days as being 'God days' and not like our human 24hour day. We then spoke about the care we need to give our environment that God created for us. As we moved through the week, we thought about our wonderful world that has been given to us to enjoy and care for, thanking God for its existence.



Stars of the Week



Rose Taylor, Taron Gregory, Emily Whipp, Lillie Smethurst, Zack Howarth, Sophie Crossley, Filip Brandebura, Maisie Cox, Raeann Brady and Elsie Thomas

Well done to you all!

Events for the Week Ahead

Monday

Ukulele lessons

After school Choir

Tuesday

Keyboard, strings and woodwind lessons

After school multi skills for Y1, 2 and 3
(4.00pm finish)

Wednesday

Guitar lessons

After school multi skills for Y4, 5 and 6
(4.15pm finish)

Thursday

Ruby Class welcome meeting at 3.15pm

Friday

MacMillan Coffee morning from 10.00am

From the Office...

- Year 6 Crucial Crew is now in Wisepay
- School Census Day is October 6th. The information collected on this day determines our school funding for the following financial year. This includes funding for school meals. If you would like to order a school dinner for your child on this day, please do so via Wisepay.
- Music fees for this term will be added to Wisepay next week

Lexia and Times tables Rockstars



Children who find reading and spelling difficult have been given access to **Lexia**. This is an online programme to support children in learning to read and write. Research shows that children who use this programme regularly make on average an **additional two months progress** compared to those that don't access the programme. This progress is crucial in closing the gap for those that struggle. If your child has a Lexia account, please support them at home by accessing the programme for 10 minutes a day.

All children have a login for Numbots and **Times Tables Rockstars**. These are online games that support in the development of the recall of number facts. All children in **year 4** have to complete a **times table check** set by the Government in June. Children are expected to answer the times table questions in 6 seconds using an online programme. Times tables Rockstars is the perfect tool to support with this. The children who do best with this are those that use Numbots and Times tables Rockstars little and often.

Macmillan coffee Morning



We will be hosting a coffee morning in the **school hall from 10.00am**. The event is to raise money for Macmillan. Macmillan is charity close to many of our hearts. All are welcome. There will be a **raffle** for a hamper that Mrs Milne and the staff have put together (raffle tickets will be £5.00) and other games to play.

If you are would like to **donate a cake** for this event, please bring it to school on **Friday morning**.

School Places 2023

The **application process** for Primary and Secondary schools for September 2023 is now open. Application forms are found on the council website.

The closing date for **secondary** school is **Monday 31st October** and for **primary** schools is **Monday 16th January**.

We are holding an **open afternoon** on **Thursday 10th November** at 2.00pm.