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ST THOMAS' NEWS - JUNE

Welcome Back

A very warm welcome back to you all after the Whit holidays. As we head into our final half-term you might think school life begins to wind down, but far from it! This is always an action packed few weeks, with sports days, performances, celebrations and extra-curricular activities in addition to all the usual lessons.



A special welcome to our new starters in nursery: Clara, Harry, Imogen & Zac. They all look so grown-up in their school uniform!

Miss Malik

After a year at St Thomas' Miss Malik will be leaving us in the summer. We would like to thank her for all that she's done during her time with us, and wish her all the best for the future. From September, our Year 3 teacher will be Mrs Moss (no relation to either Mr Moss or Mrs Moss already working at St Thomas'!) who currently teaches Year 3 at Meadowside Primary in Longford.

New line-up

September 2017 looks to be an exciting time at St Thomas', with some new faces joining the staff, bringing with them fresh ideas and experience from their previous roles, which we're sure will complement our existing strong, enthusiastic team. Our structure for September will be:

Nursery—Mrs Beeley

Reception—Miss Johnson & Mrs A Moss

Year 1—Mrs Parker

Year 2—Miss Gee

Year 3—Mrs L Moss

Year 4—Miss Jones

Year 5—Miss Toft (Deputy Head) & Mrs Mercer-Wilks

Year 6—Miss Stelfox

All of our new teachers are planning on joining us for our rollover morning on Thursday 6th July when the children will be spending time in their new classrooms. We're all looking forward to the exciting times ahead.

Uniform Orders

Don't forget that if you order new school uniform now it can be delivered to school before the summer holidays at no cost. Order forms are available from the office or on the school website.

The PTA have kindly offered to buy hoodies for Year 6 again, which will be available before the cold weather hits.

Outdoor classroom

We hope you've all had the chance to see our wonderful new outdoor classroom which was installed over the Whit holidays. It's a fantastic addition to our outdoor provision and has been put to good use already during lesson time and break time, but will be officially opened by the mayor at the summer fair. A massive thank you to the PTA for all their fundraising efforts which have seen this project to fruition, and of course to everybody who has contributed in some way to the fundraising. It doesn't stop there—a story-telling chair and benches will be added in this area soon. Thank you to everyone who has supported this project.



BikeRight

Years 5 & 6 have been out and about on their bikes this week as part of the Bikeability programme which teaches children road safety skills and improves their confidence when cycling on the roads. They've all benefited from the experience and it's wonderful to see how many are inspired to cycle to school on a more regular basis as a result.



Bike Safety

Can we just remind our enthusiastic cyclists to wear a helmet at all times, and ask them not to ride their bikes onto the school playground or the car park —thank you!



Cake Sale

On Monday Year 6 will be having a cake sale on the playground after school to raise money for their leavers' party. Who can't resist a bit of cake to get them through a Monday? Please remember to bring some change with you so that you can pick up some tea-time treats.

Active Kids

If you have any Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers taking up valuable space in your wallet or lurking in the bottom of your handbag then please remember to send them in to school before the end of June. We'll be adding up our total and placing an order for playtime equipment soon.



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Bobby's Fundraising for Cancer Research

If you've spotted Mrs Paget and Bobby doing laps of the school hall or playing field in recent weeks this is because Bobby has set himself the target of walking 10,000 steps every day throughout the month of June. What started off as a plan to keep fit has now transformed into a charity event with Bobby raising funds for Cancer Research. You can sponsor Bobby here:



<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/bobby-mason-brown>

Manchester Museum trip

Yesterday Year 3 enjoyed a trip to Manchester Museum as a focus on their topic work about Egypt. They had a workshop about mummies, explored artefacts that were placed in Egyptian tombs and learnt about Egyptian gods.



We Love Manchester

As a school we raised £551 for the We Love Manchester appeal following the tragic event at Manchester Arena. Thank you all for your generosity.

Cultural Diversity Day

Just before breaking up for Whit the whole school participated in a cultural & diversity day. Each class had a dance workshop which saw them learning dances from across the globe including aboriginal, Bollywood, flamenco & Greek.

In addition to this the children took part in themed activities throughout the day to promote valuing differences.

IT 2 Schools

If you have any old IT equipment lying around the house (laptops, PCs, servers, mobile phones, games consoles, TV digiboxes, tablets) then we can help you declutter! On Friday 21st July you can bring it into school where it will be weighed and converted into cash for the school. More details will follow nearer the time.



Netball Tournament

Yesterday some of our Year 6 pupils took part in an inter-school netball tournament at Stockton Heath Primary School along with other local primaries. They made it through to the semi-finals, great work!

Summer Fair

Next Saturday is the summer fair, organised by the PTA & church. The fair is being officially opened by Warrington's new mayor Les Morgan. This year it has a Carnival theme; children are invited to come in fancy dress and they can book a place to learn skills at a circus workshop. For the first time we will be crowning a school King & Queen from year 6, along with Lords & Ladies from other classes, all voted by their classmates. Next Friday is a dress-down day in return for donations for the summer fair: books, toys, new items & bottles all gratefully received.

Fathers' Day Church Services

St Thomas' Church will be celebrating Fathers' Day on Sunday with Story Church for toddlers at 10am followed by a family-friendly Allsorts service at 10.45am.



Reception 2017

Many thanks to all the parents who attended our information evening for next year's Reception intake, we hope you found it useful.

Don't forget that there is a transition morning in Reception on **Thursday 6th July** from 9am—11.30am for all our new starters.

Maths Competition

On Tuesday of next week, Tim, Amelia, Charlie and Iris will be attending a competition at St Matthew's Primary School for more able and talented mathematicians. We are delighted to be able to help them celebrate their mathematical ability, and wish them luck for the competition.

Lost Property

As is often the case at this time of year we're accumulating quite a collection of lost property. If you're missing anything please come and have a look in the boxes in KS1 & KS2. One of our KS2 pupils is missing a girls' Bench jacket—blue on the outside, pink inside. We'd be grateful if you could check this hasn't come home by accident, thank you.

Class Photos

On Wednesday 28th June please make sure children are in correct school uniform as we've got the photographers in for class photos! If you have a child in nursery who doesn't normally attend on a Wednesday you are welcome to bring them in at 9am and whilst the class photo is being taken so that they can be a part of it.

Headteacher's Talkshop

Mr Moss's next talkshop will take place on Wednesday 21st June. Parents are welcome to call in any time between 9—12 should they wish to chat with Mr Moss about any concerns, suggestions or feedback they may have.