

ST. THOMAS' C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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ST THOMAS' NEWS - 29TH JUNE 2018

We hope you've all been enjoying the exceptional weather over the last couple of weeks? It's not easy to stay focussed when it's this warm, the children have been amazing. Surely it can't last for much longer, but while it does please remember sunscreen, water and hats every day. We have been bringing the children inside for the last 15 minutes of lunchtime play in recent days just to ensure they're not out in the midday sun for too long.



Sports Day

Usually we worry about having to cancel Sports Day because of the rain—we never thought we'd be wondering if it was actually too hot for it go ahead! Again, the children were fantastic, not just managing to run, jump, throw & bounce through the activities but doing so with real sportsmanship and team spirit. Our winning team for EYFS & KS1 in the morning was Ireland, with Wales claiming the trophy in the KS2 afternoon. Well done to every single child that took part! A big thank you to all the staff & the many volunteers who helped to make the day run smoothly.



Egyptian Workshop

Last week our Year 3 class went back in time to learn all about life in Egyptian times. They were visited by a real life archaeologist who spends most of his time in Egypt. He brought with him artefacts that he has discovered on his digs and he taught pupils about masks and hieroglyphics. Year 3 had much fun turning some of their classmates into mummies!



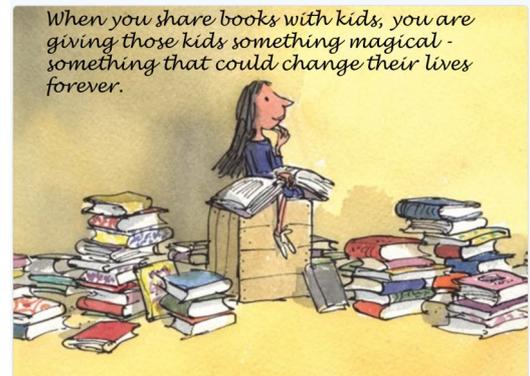
Rainforest Workshop

Meanwhile, Year 5 had a close encounter with an array of creatures last week. As part of their topic on Rainforests they met tarantulas, tree frogs, a python, hissing cockroaches and a sugar glider amongst others. Year 5 studied these creature's habitats and have produced

some fantastic recounts following the workshop.

Reading Morning

We had a fantastic turnout for our Reading Morning last Friday—thank you to all the parents who took the time to come along to learn more about how to help and support their children's reading.



Book Fair

Many of you took advantage of the 3 for 2 deals at our recent Book Fair; particularly popular authors proved to be Julia Donaldson, David Walliams & Holly Webb. The fair has raised £113 towards new books for our school library; thank you for your support! On this occasion, based on parental feedback, we intend to put this towards books aimed at boys and reluctant readers.

Infant Music festival

Last week Year 2 joined together with other local schools to perform at the Infant Music festival. The theme this year was "It's Good to be Me" with pupils singing some communal songs and St Thomas' performing "If I was a Butterfly". The parents who helped out commented how well-behaved our pupils were—well done Year 2 for your beautiful singing and brilliant behaviour.



Four of our Year 2 pupils also had the opportunity to put their musical talents into action at a recent music workshop at St Matthew's Primary school. Ben, Jessica, Summer & William learnt about reading music, played xylophones, drums & tambourines and even composed their own pieces to perform. We're sure they all enjoyed this chance to explore their musical talents and work with children from other schools.

Y5 Bridgewater science

Year 5 have spent the last two Friday afternoons up at Bridgewater, taking part in science lessons organised by the High School. Our pupils have been able to benefit from all the equipment on offer in the science labs, using gas taps, bunsen burners & test tubes as they burnt different foods in order to calculate their energy content.

Rollover Morning

Next week all of our classes have a rollover morning. After registration on Thursday, pupils go into their classroom for next year and spend time with their new teacher. Our staffing from Reception all the way up to Year 6 will remain the same as this year:

Year R: Miss Johnson & Mrs Moss

Year 1: Mrs Parker

Year 2: Mrs Williams

Year 3: Mrs L Moss

Year 4: Miss Jones

Year 5: Miss Toft & Mrs Mercer-Wilks

Year 6: Miss Stelfox

Gospel choir performance

Mrs Mercer-Wilks has been busy rehearsing with our Gospel Choir who will be performing in the Stockton Heath Festival next week. Singing groups from local Primary Schools will perform a celebration of Gospel Music in this 5th annual concert which takes place at Hillcliffe Baptist church on Thursday 5th July at 7pm. This concert has become a Festival favourite due to the musical variety and uplifting performances. Tickets are now on sale on the Festival Website www.stocktonheathfestival.co.uk priced at £3 and £2 for under 12's – includes refreshments. Any leftover tickets will be available on the door. If you can, please do come along and support our wonderful choir, it would mean so much to them to see lots of familiar faces in the audience and it really is a wonderful event.



Bicycles in school grounds

Please can we ask that bikes are not left in the school grounds overnight or at weekends. Mr Harding has been having to bring bikes into the school building as there's a risk of opportunistic theft. This in turn leads to bikes cluttering up corridors and exits. Thank you for your understanding.

Summer Fair

We had a fantastic turnout for the summer fair on Saturday and were blessed with perfect weather. The whole afternoon was a great success; we enjoyed displays of Irish dancing & karate, crowned the Church Rose Queen and the School King & Queen, tucked into cakes and strawberries, and had fun on an array of attractions. A massive thank you goes to the PTA and church volunteers who work really hard to plan and pull everything together on the day. The Fair raised £2,700 which will be split between church and school. Well done everybody!

150 years of St Thomas' Church

This week, St Thomas' church is celebrating its 150th Birthday! The church was consecrated in 1868 and is marking the occasion with several events. The church is currently bedecked with flowers: all the groups within church have created their own floral display, including one from our school. If you have the chance to call in over the weekend, it really does look amazing. This Sunday there is a special celebration service at 3pm. The Bishop of Chester will conduct the

service which will include readings from the 1868 consecration service, together with the planting of a yew tree and the burying of a time capsule. The capsule will contain items and prayers chosen by the children of the church and prayers written by each class in our school. All are very welcome to attend the service at 3pm, we'd love to see you there on this special occasion.



PFTA News & Events

Roll Up, Roll up! The circus is coming to ~~town~~ Stockton Heath!! Tickets are still available for the circus taking place on Walking Day - Saturday 14th July at our school. There are 2 shows - 11.00am and 4.00pm. There are some amazing rides and attractions too - including more 'Welly Wanging', Big Ball Zorbs, fire breathing and even hula hoop classes - something for everyone! Look out for the flyers coming home in book bags today.

We would like to have a stall selling cakes and sweets so any donations would be very welcome. All proceeds from the circus event will go straight to the school funds to improve the school playground. Keep an eye out for the future vision of our playground coming soon!

The End of Year Disco will take place on Wednesday 25th July.

KS1 Disco - 4.15 to 5.30pm

KS2 Disco - 5.45 to 7.00pm

Nursery children are welcome to attend the KS1 disco as long as an adult stays with them.

Tickets are £3 each and include a drink and snack. Don't forget pennies for the children as the PFTA shop will be open as usual!

Look out for flyers in book bags in the next couple of weeks.

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New purchases by the PFTA recently include even more new books for our new look library. If you or your child(ren) have any ideas or recommendations for any other new books we should purchase - please let us know as we are keen to have a wide selection for the children to choose from and encourage them to read.

We have also purchased a large amount of playground activity sets including a badminton set, large dominoes, space hopper race kit and so much more. These are for the children to utilise and have fun with during breaks and lunchtime on the main playground and will be available soon.

None of these purchases would be possible without the huge support from you all. A BIG thankyou from us and the children - we really appreciate it!

If you would like any further information or to contribute ideas, please feel free to contact us via our group email stthomasptanetwork@gmail.com or speak to Tracy via the school office.
