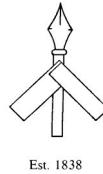


# St Thomas' CE Primary School

Inspiring faith, love and learning



Newsletter 5th March 2019

## WELCOME BACK

The February half-term holidays no doubt seem like a distant memory already, but we hope you all had a lovely, relaxing break. With so much of our school news shared on our Twitter feed, we're refreshing our newsletter so it doesn't just replicate what you'll have already seen on there. We hope you like the new format. If you're not already following us on Twitter, we're @stthomas\_cofe

## SPORTS STARS

We've enjoyed a range of sporting events both before and after the holidays, including football tournaments, gymnastics trips, a PE festival and netball finals. Well done to all the teams and classes who took part and showed tremendous sportsmanship and team spirit. We now have a lovely new kit for sporting competitions which our pupils look ever so smart in. We'd also like to thank all the parent helpers who accompany us to such events. Without your support it wouldn't be possible; we really are grateful.



## VALUES DAY

Amidst all this activity we have still found time to pause and reflect during our Values Day, led by Adam and Phil from St Thomas' church. The theme this time was "love"; we looked at how we can show love through our actions, such as looking after each other and caring for the environment.



### DIARY DATES

**Tuesday 5th March**  
Y6 Parents' SATS meeting  
Sponsored Pancake Toss  
Library visits

**Thursday 7th March**  
World Book Day  
Christian Union 12.15pm

**Tuesday 12th March**  
Parents Evenings

**Thursday 14th March**  
Parents Evenings

**Friday 15th March**  
Comic Relief

"I am with you always" Matthew 28:20



## WORLD BOOK DAY

We got our preparations for World Book Day off to a fantastic start last week with a Reading Adventure, in which pupils took part in escape-room style challenges, using their reading and literacy skills to solve clues. It was wonderful to see how enthusiastic and engaged pupils were—what a great way to consolidate their learning! We began this week with a drama workshop with Andrew Curphey who many of our pupils have seen on stage in panto at the Brindley. On Tuesday each class visited the local library for a storytelling workshop. On the Thursday pupils are invited to come to school dressed in their pyjamas or onesie, or as a character from a book, as we explore

our theme of “Sweet Dreams & Things that go Bump in the Night”. On Friday children will be watching a film of their choice based on children’s literature. Please see the letter in the “parents” section of our school website for full details of all that’s happening.

If that’s not enough, Stockton Heath library are having a World Book Day party from 3.30pm–4.30pm. Drop in and share your love of reading at this free event. There will be crafts, a colouring competition, hunts around the library and a FREE book for everyone under 11 who comes along, dressed as their favourite book character.

*We have won Gold again in the WiseUp! Awards for anti-bullying. Well done to staff, school council and of course all pupils for helping us achieve this.*



## ATTENDANCE AWARD

Every term, we enter the names of all those with attendance of 97 % and above (our school target) into a prize draw. Our winner for last term was Freya from Year 4. She won cinema vouchers which we hope she’ll be able to enjoy with her family. Well done Freya for such great attendance!

Overall school attendance for the year is at 96.7%, so we’re very close to our target, well done everybody.

## OUR CHURCH SCHOOL IN ACTION

This Tuesday we will be celebrating Shrove Tuesday with a pancake party at St Thomas’ church hall from 3.30–5.30pm. All are welcome to come along and join in the fun.

Christian Union re-starts for KS2 pupils this week; it’s moved from a Wednesday lunchtime to a Thursday lunchtime to enable those that have swimming lessons to still come along. It’s a great way for pupils to learn more about God in a fun and informal setting—if your child hasn’t been before this is the perfect time to give it a go.

Pathfinders, the youth group for pupils in Y5 and above has also started up again on Tuesdays. Here, children can chill, play games, eat snacks and have fun with friends. There is a walking bus from school at 3.30pm. Y6 pupils who are interested in exploring the Christian faith and confirmation are encouraged to come along to the Youth Alpha sessions that take part during Pathfinders.

For younger pupils, come along to The Ark on a Monday at St Mary Magdalene’s from 3.45–5pm. Aimed at those in Reception up to Year 4 there are craft activities, games, bible teaching and, of course, snacks!

If you would like to find out more about any of the above please contact Adam on 07914 950659 or email [adamstocktonheathparish@gmail.com](mailto:adamstocktonheathparish@gmail.com)