

ST. THOMAS' C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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ST THOMAS' NEWS - 5TH OCTOBER 2018

Cashless Catering

From Monday, the school kitchen will no longer be able to accept cash or cheques in payment for school meals or snacks, as we move over to ParentPay, a system which is being rolled out across all Warrington primary schools. Letters with activation codes were sent home last week; please ensure you are set up by Monday. Even if your child doesn't currently take or pay for school meals we would encourage everybody to activate their account now, as we will be using ParentPay for school trips etc as we move forward. Thanks in advance!



Flu immunisation

Pupils from Reception up to Year 5 are having nasal immunisations against the flu virus on Wednesday afternoon. Consent letters were sent home at the start of term and should have already been returned to school; however, spare copies are available from the office if needed. All forms need to be returned by Tuesday—thank you.

Attendance

Average attendance for the first month of the school year is 98% - this is a fantastic start! We understand that everyone falls ill from time to time and this cannot be helped; our focus is very much on reducing unauthorised absence due to holidays. Please try and support the school in this matter.

Water Bottles

Please make sure your child brings in a named water bottle every day to help them stay alert and hydrated. If you don't have one they are available from the school office—still at the inflation-busting price of £1!

SmokeFree School

We are delighted that our school's policies and actions have met the requirements for a Smokefree School Silver Award. On Monday, our Y4 pupils will have a "Smart Heart" presentation from a local cardiologist who will talk about the damage that smoking can do to our bodies. May we take this opportunity to remind all parents that smoking and vaping are not permitted anywhere within the school grounds.

Zoo2U

Year 1 came face-to-face with an array of creatures as part of their science topic work and to link to their book "Meerkat Mail". Two meerkats had a fantastic time exploring the classroom whilst pupils learnt plenty of facts about them and their friends an owl, snake and tenrec.



Library

On Monday afternoons, Years 4—6 are taking it in turns to visit our local library. This is a wonderful opportunity for them to discover new authors and to share their favourites with their friends. Please make sure children bring their library cards when it's their turn so that they can borrow a book to enjoy at home.

Foxhowl Meeting

On Tuesday 9th Oct at 5.30pm, Y2 parents are invited to a presentation about the Year 2 residential. Letters about residential for other classes will come home before the half-term holiday.

Science workshop

Lily, Jasmine, William & Daniel from Year 6 spent a morning with pupils from other local primaries putting their scientific skills to the test when they became forensic scientists. They used their knowledge to tackle a range of unsolved mysteries.

European Day of Languages

There was multilingual fun with the sounds of German, Spanish, Gaelic, Greek & Italian drifting from the classrooms last week. Children engaged in quizzes, dancing, learning simple phrases and fascinating facts.

Pizza Express

Tied in with Languages Day, our Reception class showed that you're never too young to lend a hand in the kitchen when they took a trip to Pizza Express. They learnt about

Italy, stretched out pizza dough and decorated their pizzas in the colours of the Italian flag.



Quarry Bank Mill

Year 2 enjoyed a day at Quarry Bank Mill where they learnt how textiles were produced with spinning wheels before moving on to see the huge, noisy machines that were used in later years. They visited the apprentice house to explore where the young apprentices lived, slept and studied—and discovered that school life has definitely improved since then!



Dewa Museum

The streets of Chester were echoing to Latin cries of “sin, sin, sin, dex, sin” as they marched with a Roman Centurion during their trip to learn more about the history of the Roman Empire & its army. They enjoyed the Explore Zone where they could dress up in armour and learn about life in Roman times—did you know that Romans ate flamingo tongue & peacock brain?!

Pathfinders and Praise & Play

Don't forget that pupils in Years 5 & 6 are warmly invited to the Pathfinders group that meets on Tuesdays at 4pm in St Thomas' Church Hall. There is always plenty of fun and food, along with discussions about how Jesus is still important and relevant in our lives today.

For pre-school children, come along to Praise & Play in St Thomas' church on a Monday from 1.30pm-2.45pm for games, songs, story, crafts & refreshments.

For more details please contact Youth Worker Adam on 07914 950659.

Harvest Festival

This Sunday, harvest will be celebrated at St Mary Magdalene & St Thomas' churches at 9.30am & 10.45am respectively. It looks set to be a lovely service, please come along and bring with you

donations for the local foodbank; they are currently in urgent need of the following:

Tinned tomatoes
Tinned spaghetti
Tinned ravioli
Tinned macaroni cheese
Tinned potatoes
Instant mash
Tinned meats
Tinned fruit
Jam
Sponge puddings
Tinned rice pudding
Tinned custard
Semi/Full UHT milk
Cartons of juice
Cordial
Coffee

PlusMen and women's deodorants
Body wash
Shampoo
Razors
Shaving foam
Cleaning products
Washing powder
Washing up liquid

Alexandra Park

The school has received recent reports about inappropriate/offensive behaviour in and around Alexandra Park from high school aged pupils at home time. This has affected parents and pupils of our school who have rightly been concerned regarding this behaviour.

Please report these matters to the school, local PCSO officers or Cheshire police in the first instance with as much detail as possible. We are happy to advise on different courses of action should this be required.

