

ST. THOMAS' C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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ST THOMAS' NEWS - MAY 11TH 2018

We hope you're all enjoying the warmer weather and that families were able to make the most of the Bank Holiday weekend. Please do make sure that your children come to school with a water bottle every day to ensure they stay hydrated in the warmer weather. School water bottles can be purchased from the office for just £1.



Welcome

A big welcome from the St Thomas' family to Harvey, who has joined us in Year 5. He's settled in really well and his classmates have been a real credit with the welcome they've shown him.

Playground

Can we please request that children do not play with balls and scooters on the playground before and after school. It's a very busy time of day and there have been a few bumps recently. Thank you for your understanding.

Attendance

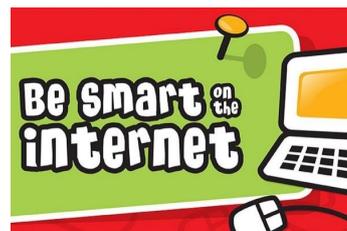
Overall attendance for the year is currently at 96.5%. This time last year we were at 96.8%, so we would love to see our percentage improve in the coming weeks and would ask everyone to be mindful of this. We are delighted that over half of our pupils have attendance of over 97% this year, which is definitely something to be celebrated, well done!

Surveys

Many thanks to all who took the time to complete our online parent survey in recent weeks. The responses will help us to identify what you think our school already does well, and which areas need reviewing as we plan for the future. We'd also strongly encourage you to fill in Ofsted's Parent View survey, which gives you the chance to tell Ofsted what you think about your child's school, from the quality of teaching to dealing with bullying and poor behaviour. The survey can be completed at any time; you don't have to wait until the school is being inspected. There is a link to it on our school website: <http://www.st-thomas.co.uk/web/surveys/>

E-safety newsletter

This newsletter is accompanied by an e-safety newsletter. These monthly bulletins provide useful information to help parents ensure their children stay safe when using the internet and social media. This month's edition provides really helpful advice about the online game "Fortnite" which is currently very popular with older children. Back issues are available in the "Stay Safe" section of our school website: <http://www.st-thomas.co.uk/web/e-safety/>



Acceptable Use Agreement

Schools, as much as parents, have an important role to play when it comes to keeping children safe online. We have updated our "Acceptable Use Agreement" and have sent copies home this week to all KS2 families. This relates to appropriate & responsible use of the internet in school. Please ensure you read and discuss the agreement with your children, before signing it and returning it to school. Thank you.



TalkShop

Each term Mr Moss holds a drop-in session for parents & carers to come and talk to him about any matters related to school life. This term the TalkShop will be on the morning of Tuesday 22nd May. There's no need to book an appointment, Mr Moss will be available from 9am until midday.

Year 6 SATs

Next week our Year 6 pupils will be taking their SATs. We wish them all the very best and are sure that all the dedication and hard work they've displayed will pay off. It goes without saying that these tests only reflect a small part of what each individual child is capable of; all of our pupils have talents in an array of areas—some can be tested, some can't, but they're all stars in our eyes.



We ask the rest of the school to show their support next week by ensuring all pupils arrive at school on time so there is no disruption whilst Year 6 are in the hall. Please avoid taking children out of school for appointments in the morning next week as again this can cause disturbance and distraction. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Royal Wedding menu

On Thursday we will be having a celebration party lunch instead of the usual lunchtime menu. Menus have been sent home in book bags today.

Residential trips

The season of residential visits is upon us, with Years 6, 5 & 3 all enjoying fun & adventures this half-term. Don't forget that you'll be able to follow what the children get up to on our Twitter account @stthomas_cofe



Knights & Castles

Our Reception class enjoyed a fantastic castle-themed trip last week when they visited Halton Castle for a spot of (harmless) sword-fighting before heading to Norton Priory where they designed their own castles and made dragon masks. Thank you to all the parent volunteers who accompanied us on the trip.



Values Day

Last week we held our first Values Day. All classes were involved in activities and worship led by Youth, Family & Children's worker Adam Post and our Ethos Group. The theme of the day was "Friendship". We learnt about the Good Samaritan and discussed how we can learn to be a good friend from teachings in the Bible and through Jesus' example.

Christian Aid

Next week is Christian Aid week. Local representative John Griffiths gave an inspirational assembly in which he talked about how our faith and Christian values can be used to support those in need. Look out for Christian Aid envelopes coming through your door and please give generously. This year's theme is "Together we're stronger than the storms", with funds raised going to support those affected by the hurricane in Haiti.



Confirmation

Next Sunday (May 20th), some of our Year 6 pupils are being confirmed at St Thomas' church by Bishop Bazley. All are warmly invited to the service at 10.45am to support Joe, Angus, Lacey, Amelia, Harriet and Esme as they affirm their Christian faith.

Football Tournaments

Sporting season is upon us. We've enjoyed two football tournaments already this term. Years 5 & 6 teamed up to compete in an inter-school tournament at Broomfields where they showed great sportsmanship. This was followed by our Year 5 team's turn in the "Road to Goodison" tournament, where they were made it all the way to the final losing a very close match 1-0. Well done all!



Sports Kits

We have just ordered new sports kits for football and netball, which means our teams really will look the part in future inter-school competitions. We're hoping to have them in time for Year 4's next leg of the 'Road to Goodison' tournament which takes place at Everton's training ground in a couple of weeks.

Barn Dance

Congratulations to our hard-working PTA who pulled out all the stops for the Barn Dance last Saturday. It was wonderful to see parents, staff and other community members 'do-si-do' together and even brave the bucking bronco, while raising funds for our school. Thank you to all those that attended and once again to the PTA for all their hard work before, during and after the event.

Parent's Pinboard!

Latest News!

A fantastic night was had by all at our Barn Dance last weekend!



Thanks to all those who came along and supported us and the school.

We are still working on precise figures but it looks to be that we raised just over £1040.86 and we then have matched funding from Barclays and Argos/Sainsburys - that will be added to the pot for transforming our playground.



Keep your eyes peeled for further news and for the pictures on facebook and twitter!!!!

NEXT EVENT



**Our Summer Fair is on
Saturday 23rd June
please put that date in your diaries!**

**We will be having all the usual fun of
toy stalls, sweets, fun games, crafts,
a BBQ, a Prosecco Bar and much,
much more.**

Can you help in any way?

**Donate time to prepare and plan—
even cut out things at home?**

Run or man a stall for a short time?

Donate a raffle or tombola prize?

**If YES then please contact Tracy via
the school office or via email at**

stthomasptanetwork@gmail.com

**Thank you so much for your help—we
need you.**



ROLL UP! ROLL UP! ROLL UP!

THE CIRCUS IS COMING TO SCHOOL!

**SATURDAY 14TH JULY—STOCKTON HEATH
WALKING DAY.**

WE HAVE THE CIRCUS BOOKED AT OUR VERY OWN SCHOOL FOR THIS SPECIAL DAY WITH A VARIETY OF ENTERTAINMENT, FAIR RIDES, GAMES, FOOD AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!

DETAILS ON HOW TO BOOK TICKETS
COMING SOON.



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