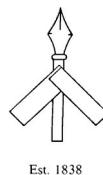


# St Thomas' CE Primary School

Inspiring faith, love and learning



## Newsletter 8th May 2019

### FUNDING

We would like to warmly thank all those families who have made a donation or committed to a monthly direct debit to support our school and children financially. As explained previously, schools in Warrington are particularly feeling the impact from funding cuts and are taking steps to minimise the effect on pupils.

Your financial support will be critical moving forward over the next few months in supporting the school to buy basic resources, reading books, art materials and maintaining valuable subscriptions to online resources such as Literacy Shed, Mathletics and Reading Eggs; not to mention transport to events and activities that are often funded by school and visits such as Key Strings, musical theatre and a whole host of workshops and activities that we have previously provided and funded. We believe these types of opportunity bring learning to life for children and are the foundation stones of what we do well at our school.

We will have to make some difficult and challenging choices at the end of this month and we are slightly less than halfway to achieving the level of contributions that we need to maintain many of the aspects above. If you are able to help please do so —direct debit forms are available from the school office; please think and pray about how you can help us moving forward.

We have already taken some significant decisions to extend our provision and explore potential opportunities to make our school even better. From September, our nursery will offer full-day sessions from 8:45am—3:15pm and there will be a Link Club run and managed by the school to provide wraparound care. Nursery applications are going well and details about pre-school and after school provision will be sent out to families during the summer term.



### DIARY DATES

#### Thursday 9th May

Rec: Trip to Knowsley Safari Park

#### Friday 10th May—9am

PTA Summer Fair meeting

#### Monday 13th May

Y6 SATS week

#### 15th—17th May

Y3 Burwardsley Residential

#### Friday 17th May

Y5 Robinwood assembly at 9am

Thank you for supporting our book fair before the Easter holidays which raised money for more books for our library. The next one is the week commencing 17th June and will include a 3 for 2 offer!

“I am with you always” Matthew 28:20

A couple of polite reminders about playground protocol at the end of the school day. Please ensure children don't play on the railings by the concrete steps, or on the raised grassy area where the giant pencils are. Neither of these places are meant for playing on and present real risks if children were to fall.

Can we also remind parents that lessons take place in KS2 classrooms until 3:30pm. It would be really helpful if families waiting to collect could remain in the KS1 outdoor area, to avoid distractions when lessons are still taking place in the classroom or on the playground. Many thanks.

Look at this beautiful piece of art created by Y1 pupils from local primary schools as part of a workshop hosted by our school today. Each pupil designed & created one of Kandinsky's "Squares with Concentric Circles" to produce a giant collaborative piece of art. Thank you to Mrs A Moss & Mrs Whittaker for running the workshop.



*Next week our Year 6 pupils will be sitting their SATS papers. We're proud of all the effort they have put in, along with hard work from teachers and support from parents. Good luck Year 6!*

## OUR CHURCH SCHOOL IN ACTION

Some of our Year 6 pupils are preparing for confirmation, an important part in their journey of faith. The confirmation service will be held at 10.45am on Sunday 9th June at St Thomas' church, please come along to support them.

Don't forget the array of clubs hosted by our church which are on offer for pupils. Mondays from 3.45-5.30pm is the Ark at St Mary Magdalene's for school children from Reception to Year 4. The cost is only 50p and includes snack, crafts, Bible teaching and games.

For those in Years 5 and upward there's Pathfinders on Wednesdays 4- 5.30pm at St Thomas' Church Hall— a place to chill, play games, eat snacks and have fun with friends for just £1 a session.

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

## NEWS FROM OUR PFTA

Howdy Folks!

It's time to dust off those dancing boots again and get ready to have an amazing time at this year's Charity Barn Dance!

Following on from last year's fantastic success your PFTA are holding another Charity Barn Dance on Saturday 18th May starting at 7pm right through until Midnight! You can expect a great evening filled with dancing to a live ceilidh band with a caller helping you figure out those moves along with a hog roast supper (vegetarian/vegan option available), fully licensed bar, gin cocktails, prosecco and don't forget this year's big entertainment feature of a wild west shooting gallery!

It sure promises to be a fun filled evening and all whilst raising money for your school – so easy!

Tickets are available at the 'early bird' price of just £12.50 so please get them while you can. You can either buy them online, from PFTA chair Tracy Buckley or by emailing: [stthomasptanetwork@gmail.com](mailto:stthomasptanetwork@gmail.com)

All funds raised will go towards to the HUGE renovation planned to the school playground – full plans to be out soon!!!!  
YEE HA!

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