



# St Thomas CE (vc) Primary School Newsletter

Autumn 2  
Week 3  
24.11.23



## Diary Dates

- Thursday November 30<sup>th</sup>- Bad Hair day for a chocolate donation towards Christmas Fair.
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December School Christmas Fair 2.30pm-4.30pm
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December- Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December- School closed for pupils
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December (time tbc) Reception Nativity @Church
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December (times tbc) Y1 and Y2 Christmas Carol Concerts @Church
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> (times tbc) KS2 Christmas show.
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December- End of term

## Acting Head Message



Good evening all.

First of all, apologies for the later time this newsletter has been sent this week, sometimes time gets away from me!

The St Thomas children have been busy again this week- Year 5 children have had their bikeability course and the instructors were really pleased by their attitude and safety. Well done Year 5! Our Year 2 classes really impressed me with their knowledge of Rosa Parks and how her activism changed the world. Great work Year 2!

Mrs Washington would like to thank all children who entered the odd sock competition for anti-bullying week. She had so many great entries and it was a hard job picking a winner. Well done to our winners in Reception, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6.

FOST are working hard on making the Christmas Fair a real success, so to ensure they can pass their messages on to you, I've added another box below with specific information in. Please look and see if you can support with anything. Thank you FOST.

I would like to finish my message with a few good lucks and one fair well. Mrs Bade (Y2) starts her maternity leave next week- we will miss you Mrs Bade and all the best- may your maternity leave give you nothing but happiness! Mr Boosey (Y6) also takes the next 2 weeks for his paternity leave. All the best Mr and Mrs Boosey and again we look forward to your good news and enjoy your family time.

Miss Rehman who has been with us in Mrs Sloan's absence covering across KS2, also leaves us today to take up a full-time job in another school. Thank you, Miss Rehman, for all you've done for us at St Thomas- we wish you all the best in your new role.

Hope you all have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you all next week. #teamthomas

## Collective Worship





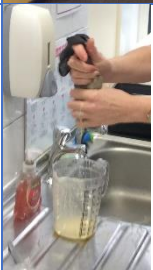


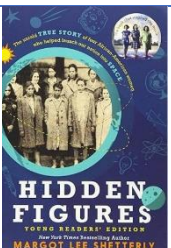


Our Collective Worships this week were based around the symbol of hope, a dove. We have a dove as the collective worship token for this half-term. We acted out the story Noah's Ark and thought about how the dove bringing back an olive branch gave hope back to the world. Today, in our celebration collective worships we celebrated good work and TeamThomas, but also our Wellbeing Ambassadors who received their formal training certificates. Well done all.  
**'From Tiny Seeds Grow Mighty Trees'**

## FOST requests and information

FOST are preparing for the Christmas Fayre on Friday 8th Dec. They would appreciate any donations of teddies in good, clean condition and donations for the tombola. KS1 please take donations to Mrs Washington, KS2 take donations to Mrs Appleton. If any parents can help on the day it would be greatly appreciated, please email year4@stthomas.org.uk. Thank you.

FOST would also like to let you know that they will be doing a bucket collection in the doorway of Asda on

	<p>Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th December. Please support us. If any parents are able to help, even for a short time, please email <a href="mailto:year4@stthomas.org.uk">year4@stthomas.org.uk</a>. Thank you</p> <p>Year 2 would also like any unwanted Christmas Baubles for a game for their stall. Please pass to Mrs McGregor or Mrs Washington. Thank you.</p>	
Reception	<p>Reception had great fun in their PE lessons today. Miss Rafiq and Mrs Wilson were really impressed by their movement, balancing and working as a team.</p>	
Year 1	 <p>This week Year 1 have been making funny face collages using a range of different materials. This week in science Year 1 have been learning about different parts of the body. The children drew around each other and then worked together to stick the labels in the correct place.</p>	
Year 2	<p>Year 2 went on a walk to the woods this week. They all wore their wellies as the woods were very muddy. All the children had great fun exploring and squelching in the mud.</p>	
Year 3	 <p>In Writing lessons this week, Year 3 finished writing their news reports about events in the book 'The Stolen Spear' by Saviour Pirotta. They spent time recording using a green screen and acting as television presenters and interviewees.</p>	
Year 4	 <p>This week in year 4 we have been learning about the digestive system. The children enjoyed watching it in action. They won't forget it soon!</p>	
Year 5	 <p>We worked out cube numbers and made them out of multilink.</p>	<p>From learning about squared numbers (numbers multiplied by themselves eg 8x 8), Year 5s moved on to cubed numbers and how to calculate the answers. Here's some examples showing 3<sup>3</sup> (3x3x3) and 6<sup>3</sup> (6x6x6). Do you know why we didn't make the 12<sup>3</sup> shape (12x12x12)?</p>
Year 6	<p>Year 6 have been getting fully immersed into this half terms book, Hidden Figures. This book tells the story of three African-American women who played a vital role during the early years of the U.S. space program and has prompted some wonderful discussion in year 6 about inequality these women faced at the time.</p>	

## Attendance

We continue to monitor attendance and we are identifying persistent absentees. (less than 90%) We are keenly aware that there may be genuine and compelling reasons for pupil absence and the monitoring involves working with families to remove barriers and support pupils in their school attendance

Attendance Matters



## POPPY APPEAL



Thank you for supporting the RBL Poppy Appeal

Your collection total: £188.36 Amazing Amount

Your support has made a real difference to those in the Armed Forces Community.

Without your efforts, we couldn't do the work we do.

Thank You

# St Thomas CE (VC) Primary School **Christmas Fair**



**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December**  
**2.30-4.30pm**  
**@ School**  
**All Welcome**

Please come and look around:

- Stalls full of great Christmas gifts
- Teddy bear stall
- Lots of fun festive games
- Raffle with fantastic prizes
- Cakes and tasty goodies
- Teas, Coffees, juice and Mince Pies

