



St Thomas
CE(vc)
Primary
School
Newsletter



Autumn 1
Week 6
6.10.23

Diary Dates

- Wednesday 18th October- Flu Vaccinations
- Wednesday 18th October-Friday 20th October- Scholastic Book Fair in school.
- Friday 20th Belong School Theme Day- more information soon.
- Thursday 26th October- Individual and sibling photographs
- Friday 27th October- End of half-term

Acting Head Message



Good evening all.

Thank you all for your amazing donations for our harvest festival. We are always blown away by the generosity of our families. The children enjoyed going to church to sing some seasonal songs as well as some hymns. The food has been split between our own school foodbank and The Welcome Centre. Please if you need food at all, let us know. We are all there for each other.

Next Friday we will be having a 'Belong' day where the children can come in an alternative to school uniforms should they wish. They can come in clothing they show other groups they may belong to e.g. scouts, a football team, a dance club or even some traditional wear. If they want they can also come in house colours or even just their school uniform. More information on this to follow.

Yet again, I am reaching out to you all on the issues about driving and parking near and around the school grounds. I have had several local residents get in touch this week from Dolfin Place detailing issues such as: parking on the grass verges/ central grassed area, blocking other cars in and leaving litter. Parents reporting foul and abusive language to them when tackling unsafe/obstructive parking and driving, as well as children and families in near misses. This has got to STOP. I am asking highways, the police and the local MP to come and discuss this in the school further. Once organised, I will invite anyone who wants to submit a statement or even come in to detail these issues to be involved. We need to all work together to stand up to these issues before a child or an adult gets knocked down. Respect each other, the local residents and take some responsibility for your actions.

Have an enjoyable and safe weekend,
Mrs Goddard ☺

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Collective Worship



In our Collective Worship this week, we thought about the parable of the lost sheep again. We talked about how we can all be a community like a flock of sheep, and if one of us gets 'lost' we can help them find their way back to us again. We used the acronym SHEEP to think about how we can do this-

S - Share: Sharing makes everyone feel included and happy.

H - Help: Helping others when they need it is a kind thing to do. Helping friends is a great way to make everyone feel part of the group.

E - Embrace: Embrace our differences and welcome everyone. Embracing means we love and accept each other as we are.

E - Engage: Engage with others by talking, playing, and listening. Engaging with friends helps us get to know them better.








P - Play: Play games together and have fun as a team. When we play together, we all feel like we belong and are part of the group

'From Tiny Seeds Grow Mighty Trees'

Reception

Reception have had great fun in our role play teddy hospital making sure all our teddies and dolls are looked after well.



Year 1		In Year 1 this week we have been looking at the similarities and differences of childhood in the 1950s and the present day.
Year 2	Year 2 have been choosing the correct kitchen tools to use when preparing food. We had lots of fun peeling, cutting, grating and mashing different foods and even sampled some of the food after.	
Year 3		In science, Year 3 have been learning that we need joints to make our bones move. Pupils investigated what it would be like if we didn't have a hinge joint in our arms. They used a cardboard tube to stop their arms being able to bend.
Year 4	In year 4 we are exploring sounds. We have been using the instruments to determine how to alter volume and pitch	
Year 5		Year 5s learning how the Earth and Moon orbit around the sun - understanding the lengths of days and years, plus night and day. 
Year 6	In science, year 6 have been learning about the circulatory system. We even made our own fake blood and learn all about each parts function.	

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



Parent/ Carers/Grandparents,

WE NEED YOU!

Due to the current climate and rising costs in schools, we have struggled to provide our children with the additional experiences we would hope to e.g. trips, visitors.



We would really appreciate your help at raising funds for our school and help create our very own FOST (Friends of St Thomas). A group of people who are happy to give up a little bit of their time to help our children.

If you want to find out more why not join us Wednesday 18th October at 8:55am for a chat over coffee and biscuits.

Mrs Appleton and Mrs Washington.