



**St Thomas
CE(vc)
Primary
School
Newsletter**



**Autumn 2
Week 2
17.11.23**

Diary Dates

- **Thursday November 30th - Bad Hair day for a chocolate donation towards Christmas Fair.**
- **Friday 8th December School Christmas Fair 2.30pm-4.30pm**
- **Wednesday 13th December- Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day**
- **Friday 15th December- School closed for pupils**
- **Friday 22nd December- End of term**

Christmas nativity, carol service and performance will be in the final week, beginning the 18th December. We are just waiting to confirm specific days with St Thomas church.

Acting Head Message



Good evening all.

This week has been all about odd socks, bear ears and spots!

We began with our anti-bullying week theme, where odd socks were seen all across school with children and adults alike donning a range of colours and patterns allowing us to express ourselves and celebrate individuality and what makes us all unique. This came with a clear message about any form of bullying being unacceptable and how we all play a part to identify and speak out about it. Each class took a pledge to work together to stand together and stop bullying.

We have ended our week with our Pudsey ears, spotty t-shirts and non-uniform in support of Children in Need. Again, thank you all for your kind donations which we will send forward to the charity. In Collective Worship and in class we looked at how our money will be used to support the lives of children across the UK and on the playgrounds the Year 6 prefects and house captains ran 'on the spot' challenges where children could have a go at different activities such as how many hula hoops can you do, or who can draw the best picture.

Thank you to Mrs Washington for putting both of these days together and for the support of the children and staff in delivering them.

A special mention to Mrs Dockery who this week has been awarded with a long service award from Kirklees. 25 years supporting the children of St Thomas. Well done Mrs Dockery!

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 on anti-bullying and Children in Need and our hope to ensure all children are safe, happy and supported. In singing, on Wednesday we may have practised our first Christmas carol.... On Monday Hand 2 Mouth worked with the children in Year 5 to focus on their journey and hopes for the future, and on Thursday Ian came in and spoke to the children in KS1 about trusted adults that can give us hope and how God is a symbol of hope to lots of us.






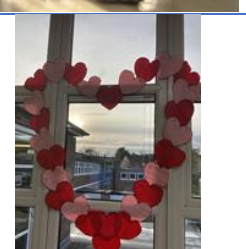
A very busy week thinking about hope in so many different ways.

'From Tiny Seeds Grow Mighty Trees'

Reception

This week in maths we have been looking at 2D shapes and their properties. We specifically looked at triangles and circles. We have challenged the children this week to see if they can see more 2D shapes in their environment, maybe on the way to school or at home. We would love to see your ideas on Seesaw!



Year 1		<p>This week Year 1 have been making funny face collages using a range of different materials.</p>
Year 2	<p>In year 2 this week we have made Eton mess. We looked at the instructions, ingredients, equipment needed and the method of how to make it. Once we had made it, we tasted it and discussed whether we liked or disliked it. We then wrote our own instruction sheet for making mess.</p>	 <p>Eton</p>
Year 3		<p>This week in PE Year 3 have been practicing reacting skills as part of their 'Strike, React and Rally' unit for this half term.</p>
Year 4	<p>In Year 4 we have been taking part in activities for anti-bullying week. Yesterday, we drew around our hands and then wrote a pledge against bullying. These will be displayed in the classroom to remind us how to help each other.</p>	
Year 5	<p>After a week promoting the anti-bullying theme, Y5s got together for Friday's Children in Need day, wearing all sorts of outfits while raising money for this cause. They've written an adventure/fantasy story on Friday but hopefully it won't affect their sleeping patterns! 😊</p> 	
Year 6	<p>Year 6 – Anti Bullying week. We created hearts and crumpled them. This showed us how the damage caused is hard to fix. We then wrote positive messages on them.</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



St Thomas CE (VC) Primary School Christmas Fair



Friday 8th 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

A parent, who helps run FOST, has kindly offered to sell printed mugs (a great Christmas present!) to raise additional funds for FOST. Please take a look at the designs and order using the form coming home from school. All monies to be placed in the envelope provided and brought into school to be collected by FOSS. Thank you, Ellie!



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