



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

**Spring 1
Week 5
9.2.24**

Diary Dates

- Friday 9th February- End of term
- Monday 19th February- INSET Day- children not in school
- Tuesday 20th February – Start of Spring 2
- Monday 26th&Tuesday 27th February Reception Screening
- Wednesday 6th March -Friday 8th March- Y6 Residential
- Thursday 21st March- Year 2 Whitby trip
- Friday 22nd-End of Term



Head teacher and Deputy Headteacher Message



Good afternoon.

I would like to start by saying a huge thank you to all the families regarding the snow closure yesterday. Making these calls is never easy, and we appreciate those of you who had to make the journey to collect your child safely. I do hope some of you managed to enjoy some sledging or snowman building!

As you can see, Mrs Meade will be back in her capacity of headteacher after half-term. I would like to say a huge thank you to the children and you our families for supporting me, and the school throughout my time as acting headteacher. I have worked at this school and in the community for many years and at this is certainly the hardest but proudest half-year of my career. I am both relieved and pleased that Mrs Meade is back and with Mr Sayles able to stay for another half-term the school will be moving quickly to some of the goals we have set for ourselves.

After half-term we will be launching an updated behaviour policy which will make everything simpler and clearer to the children and more transparent to parents. We will share this with you after the holidays.

Have an enjoyable half term break

Mrs Goddard and Mrs Meade

#teamthomas

Collective Worship



This week we celebrated 'speaking up'. This half-term using the bible stories David and Goliath and Alex and the Lion Den we thought about being brave when facing big decisions. We read a story about speaking up about issues you are passionate about and reminded ourselves about how we voted on making our school a better place and speaking up about that.

'From Tiny Seeds Grow Mighty Trees'



FOST requests and information



**Thank you to all those who donated and bought a cake at the cake sale.
We really appreciate your ongoing support.**

Reception



This week reception have enjoyed eating pancakes and making their own winter pictures.



Year 1		This week as part of Faith week Year 1 have made some beautiful stained glass windows and learnt the Lord's prayer.	
Year 2	Year 2 have been learning seaside poetry this week. We picked out the features of the poem and performed a poem to the rest of the class. Then we wrote our own poem based on the ones we had learnt.		
Year 3		For faith week, Year 3 used a mobile phone template to write two messages to God about The Lord's Prayer or create their own religious prayer symbol. They were able to really think about what the words meant to them.	
Year 4		This week in PE we have finished our learning of react, roll, retrieve. We have learnt skills to accurately and quickly roll a ball through a target. We learned a new game to help improve our skills and then we developed the game to increase the amount of challenge.	
Year 5		5JF have completed their swimming lessons and have done really well. 5S will start theirs after half-term.	
Year 6		Year 6 have been finalising our environmental artist unit by creating their own 3D art sculptures which shares an important message. One example is how littering is damaging our oceans and wildlife.	

In other News



We had a special visitor in our assembly this week. We had Miss Kane helping us by showing us her special dance moves.

We also took part in a Hudds Town Foundation Girls Cup competition. Lacey C, Lacey G, Imaan R, Brianna S, Bella G, Amber K, Fariha S, Pippa D, Gabrielle D all represented the school.

This was a Kirklees wide comp held at 5score (formerly Soccer City) & the girls did extremely well going unbeaten throughout the comp scoring 20 plus goals & conceding only 3 in 10 of the initial qualifying games to reach the semis.

They drew in the semi 2-2 v Dalton but went out on penalties which was cruel The girls were a real credit to the themselves & the school even when they lost the pen shoot out.

Big Shout to Bella G (Y5) who scored 20 goals in 11 games in the whole comp.

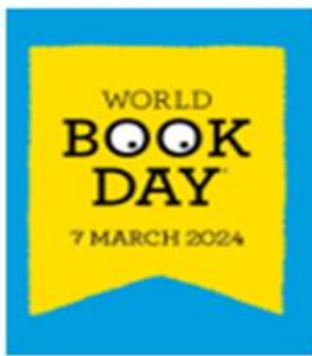


Attendance

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





World Book Day

Thursday 7th March 2024



Children are more likely to enjoy reading when their choices are championed and we make reading fun.

The day will start after registration with a World Book Day assembly at 8:55.

The majority of the day is very much up to you. But the book that you choose needs to be one with a sporting theme running through.

List of books based around sport:



<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/booklists/s/sport-childrens/>

There are so many great books out there.

Children and staff are encouraged to wear sports wear or PE kits.

We would like to run a bake sale at playtime. This bake sale is hoped to make money for new books around school. If anyone is willing to bake for the cause, please can you let with Lucy or Rachael know.

During the day, Danny from the Sports Pyramid is coming in to run a cross country event with ALL year groups. Each year group will be outside for approximately 30 minutes completing a run.



Vacancy at Crosland Childcare Ltd

After School Club Assistant

Hours: From 3.00-6.00pm, up to 5 days a week. Term time only.

Salary: £10.42 per hour

Ideally applicants will have a relevant childcare qualification and have some experience of working with 4 –11 year olds in a play environment.

Successful applicants will join us in providing high-quality, safe and stimulating after school care for the children attending St Thomas Out of School Club.

**Contact Fiona at:
stthomasoutofschoolclub@outlook.com**