



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



**Diary Dates**

- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September new term begins (Reception- staggered start)
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September- Class photos
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September, Meet theTeacher open evening 4pm-6pm (more information to come)
- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October- Training Day- school closed to pupils
- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October-Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October- Scholastic Book Fair in school.
- 18<sup>th</sup> October- Flu Vaccinations
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October- Individual and sibling photographs

**DEPUTY-  
HEAD  
TEACHER'S  
MESSAGE**



Dear Parents,

I am hoping this newsletter finds you all well and looking forward to the new school year. I also hope that your summer has been filled with fun, happiness and good times.

You may be wondering why this message is being sent by the Deputy Head, me Mrs Goddard, and not the Headteacher, Mrs Meade. Unfortunately, during the summer, Mrs Meade's husband has been taken very ill and Mrs Meade has made the very hard decision to take some time at the start of the year to focus on caring for him and her family. I know you as yet how long this will be for, and I will keep you up to date with anything I need to in the weekly newsletter. I know will all join with me in wishing Mr Meade a quick and full recovery, and Mrs Meade and her family all the best.

Please be rest assured that the school and its staff will continue to work hard on all aspects of school life and we here and able to support each child and family with anything that you should need.

One thing we know we need to work on is clear and advance communication to you, our families, so that you are aware of events and equipment needed (such as PE kits) within good time. You should receive a newsletter from your child/ren's new teachers by the end of the first week, with key information and please take note of the date above- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 4pm-6pm- where we will be holding a 'meet the teacher' evening event where you will have the chance to see your child/ren's classroom, meet the staff within the year group, as well as find out important information about the year. Below is also a bit of information on who and how to contact us, should you need to.

I want to thank you all in advance for all you do and for all your support in the coming year.

Looking forward to seeing you all on Tuesday morning.

Mrs Goddard ☺

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<p><b>Welcomes</b></p>	<p>We would like to extend a <b>big welcome to all our new starters and families who join us this year.</b>  Welcome to our wonderful school!  I would also like to welcome some new (and old) staff whom I am sure you will meet along the way.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mrs Turner- Reception TA</li> <li>• Miss Williams – Year 6 teacher</li> <li>• Mr Randviir- Year 4 teacher</li> <li>• Mrs Gill- Admin Team</li> <li>• Mrs Comber-Moccia – Admin team</li> <li>• As well as Mrs Bushby, Mr Thornton and Mrs Hayes who all join us a permanent members of staff.</li> </ul> <p><i><b>‘From Tiny Seeds Grow Mighty Trees’</b></i></p>
<p><b>Uniform</b></p>	<div data-bbox="220 651 560 972" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>We look forward to <b>welcoming all children back, smart and ready in uniform.</b> Please refer to the link below to refamiliarise yourselves with the uniform expectations.  <b>Please label all parts of you child’s uniform-</b> if it goes missing, named pieces are much easier to trace!  <a href="https://www.stthomas.org.uk/files/ugd/ce0121_ec45aebbf7f045ec8c3b0f038adac15b.pdf">https://www.stthomas.org.uk/ files/ugd/ce0121_ec45aebbf7f045ec8c3b0f038adac15b.pdf</a></p> <p>Here is also the link for uniform exchange should you need it-  <a href="https://www.uniform-exchange.org/">https://www.uniform-exchange.org/</a></p>
<p><b>First Day back</b></p>	<p>As above we return to school on <b>TUESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER.</b> Reception will have a staggered start-please refer to your communication with which sessions your child/ren are in.  <b>Doors will open at 8.40-8.50am</b> and all staff will be ready to greet you all back into school- they will lead the classes in.  Rec, Year 1 and Year 2 will be met by their teachers all year, Year 3-6 only for first couple of days, then they will be called in by staff on the door. Please ensure you are there and ready. <b>Doors close at 8.50am prompt.</b></p> <p>The <b>school day now ends for all at 3.10pm.</b> Doors for collection/dismissal are slightly different so please take note. <b>Staff will stay with children for 5-10mins then they will be taken to main office.</b></p> <div data-bbox="231 1429 1329 2177" data-label="Image"> <p><b>Reception</b>  AM and PM- path to classroom doors for drop off and pick up- follow wiggly path!</p> <p><b>Link Corridor</b>  PM- Year 1 pick up</p> <p><b>Main Entrance</b>  AM- Late arrivals and visitors  PM- Year 6 pick-up/dismissal</p> <p><b>KS1 Playground</b>  AM- Y1, Y2 and Y2 drop off  PM- Y2 and Y5 end of day pick up</p> <p><b>KS2 Playground</b>  AM- Y3, Y4 and Y6 drop off  PM- Y3 and Y4 pick up</p> </div>

<p><b>Enquires and concerns</b></p>	<p>We are here for you and your family and we understand that sometimes there are things you need to know or you wish to find out more about an incident or an issue.</p> <p>All year groups have a page which can be accessed for general information, alongside the half-termly newsletter- <a href="https://www.stthomas.org.uk/classpage">https://www.stthomas.org.uk/classpage</a></p> <p>All teachers should be available at the end of the day for catch ups or discussions-this is best for quick resolutions- however you may have to wait for a few minutes until the class are safely dismissed.</p> <p>You can also contact them on the year group emails which are, depending on your child's year group- <a href="mailto:reception@stthomas.org.uk">reception@stthomas.org.uk</a>; <a href="mailto:year1@stthomas.org.uk">year1@stthomas.org.uk</a>, <a href="mailto:year2@stthomas.org.uk">year2@stthomas.org.uk</a>, <a href="mailto:year3@stthomas.org.uk">year3@stthomas.org.uk</a>; <a href="mailto:year4@stthomas.org.uk">year4@stthomas.org.uk</a>; <a href="mailto:year5@stthomas.org.uk">year5@stthomas.org.uk</a>; <a href="mailto:year6@stthomas.org.uk">year6@stthomas.org.uk</a> - this is best for information such as homework enquires, passwords or general information. Staff check this channel weekly, if not more often.</p> <p>Or please contact the office who will make you an appointment or pass on a message-this is best for urgent enquires.</p> <p>Whilst we will make every endeavor to get back to you or reply as soon as possible, please be aware that sometimes- especially during teaching time, staff may not be available straight away, so please be patient and ask again if your query isn't answered.</p> <p>Whilst Mrs Meade is absent, myself, Mrs Bray, Mr Boosey, Mrs Washington, Mrs Torbett and Mrs Ward will take responsibility as the Leadership Team, and will be there, for any unresolved issues or any serious incidents. Again, please be patient with us if we cannot see you immediately.</p>
<p><b>Key messages</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Parking- Do not park, or stop on the Zigzag lines outside of school</b> at all from 8.00-4.00pm. Also, please <b>do not park on corners, pavements or on the grass verges</b>. This is for the safety of all our pupils.</li> <li>• <b>Mobile phones-</b> Our general policy is <b>no mobile phones</b> for children in school. Pupils will only be allowed to bring phones to school in exceptional circumstances and if their parent/carers has completed our mobile phone agreement. Any phone brought to school without prior consent will be confiscated and returned only to parent/carers</li> <li>• <b>Before and After School Club-</b> we welcome Mrs Fiona Crosland from Crosland Childcare. The club we will open from <b>7.00am- till start of school and from 3.10-6pm each day</b>. Please pop in for a form or contact on - 07759 406545, <a href="mailto:stthomasoutofschoolclub@outlook.com">stthomasoutofschoolclub@outlook.com</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>Final Key Message</b></p>	<div data-bbox="220 1536 671 2069" data-label="Image"> </div> <div data-bbox="691 1536 1575 2069" data-label="Text"> <p>You have entrusted in us and chosen us as a guide for your child. We extend thank you wishes and appreciate your trust. Working together is the best form of partnership, and we all look forward to extending this togetherness and making this a great year!</p> <p>See you all on Tuesday.</p> <p>Mrs Goddard and the St Thomas Staff ☺</p> <div data-bbox="1182 1715 1513 2040" data-label="Image"> </div> </div>

