



This half term's assembly theme is LOVE. Our collective worship council will be helping us lead assemblies about:

- People they love
- Places they love
- Objects / things they love
- A song they love
- A hobby or pastime they love
- A tradition they love
- A poem or passage they love

Our Topics This Half Term:



GAME ON



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We are hoping to welcome parents back into school for more events over this half term. We have missed you over the last two years and feel this is a really positive step forward.

Friday Collective Worship for Years 1-6

Pupils getting certificates will be able to have a family adult join us for assembly 9-9:30 and to stay for a drink afterwards. As we have three certificates to award per class we will need to limit this to one adult per child.

Thursday Cuppa & Chat:

Starting on Thursday 28 April, a lady from MHST (mental health support team) will be running four informal workshops in school around children's anxiety, sleep patterns and managing behaviour for example. Join us at 9am for 'a chat, a cuppa and a biscuit'!

EYFS Stay & Play – a chance to work in school with your child. Details to be sent later.

LEARNING:

- Please ask your children about their learning.
- See individual class newsletters for details about topics.

HOMEWORK:

- See webpages for general topic homework.
- Look on Seesaw and Mymaths each week.
- Children in Years 2 –6 also have a weekly Kahoot quiz.

Please contact teachers if you have problems logging on to Seesaw or Mymaths as they are powerful additions to your child/ren's learning. We know some of you still prefer pencil and paper activities for homework but Seesaw allows so much more creativity and engagement which is difficult to capture or recreate via photocopied sheet.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Wednesday 27 April – Y4 trip to Eden Camp
Friday 29 April – Y3 trip to Eden Camp
Monday 2 May - **SCHOOL CLOSED** for May Bank Holiday
Thursday 5 May - **SCHOOL CLOSED** for Polling Day
9–12 May - Y6 SATs Week
Wednesday 25 May – Parents Evening
Friday 27 May - Platinum Jubilee Celebration Day
Friday 27 May - break-up for Spring Bank

Monday 6 June - **SCHOOL CLOSED** (extra closure day re the Queens Platinum Jubilee)
Tuesday 7 June - school reopens for Summer 2

Please Help Us -

(particularly Y6 parents where this seems to be happening):

This year, to remove financial pressure from families, we attempted a common-sense approach to school uniform, allowing black/dark tracksuit bottoms/leggings and black/dark trainers as an alternative to more formal clothing.

This seems to have been successful with our younger pupils but to have back-fired with older pupils who have begun wearing an array of sports clothes. We will therefore be reviewing this approach at the end of the year.

Please can we ask for families support to ensure uniform expectations are upheld:

- Children should wear **school uniform**, or **school PE kit** on appropriate days
- Branded sports clothes should **NOT** be worn in school
- Footwear should be black school shoes or black trainers without logos
- Jewellery other than small stud earring should **NOT** be worn for school

...and finally...

Please email parents@stthomas.org.uk or our year group emails if you have any concerns or queries. Thank you all for your on-going support, Mrs Meade.