St. Thomas' School News

21.5.21

Events of the Week

Week beginning

24.5.2021

<u>25.5.21</u>

Cricket for class 4

<u>26.5.21</u>

Cricket for class 5

Spa Raffle Draw

<u>27.5.21</u>

Non Uniform day

<u>28.5.21</u>

Deadline for Parent Governor Ballot

School closes for half term holiday and reopens on Tuesday 8th June.

Message from the Headteacher

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

John 1:5

We are starting to make the small changes in school that will allow us to be together as a school family once more. This week parents are able to come into the playground to collect their children and I have begun making plans for some more changes after the half term holiday. I will share these changes with you all next week, once they have been finalised. In the meantime, many of the children have enjoyed rugby this week, thanks to coaches from Rochdale Hornets – it was just a shame that the weather wasn't really on our side!

Collecting Children from school

Most children should now be collected by their parents/ care giver form the school playground as they were before the first lockdown in 2020. This is so that we can slowly adjust to a new way of life at school, with fewer restrictions, allowing everyone time to get used to new things, without changing everything all at once.

From the Office...

- Please book **dinners** for your child by midnight on Sunday
- **Music fees** are now on Wisepay for this half term and must be paid next week. If you are struggling, please contact Mrs Milne.
- There are still and handful of parents of **year 6** children who have not paid deposits for the adventure weekend at school on **Friday 26th June**.

Parent's Association News

The raffle will be drawn on <u>Wednesday 26th May</u>. Please send any requests or returned money and tickets for raffle to the school office.

Non Uniform day is on **Thursday 27th May**. This is a fundraiser for the school. Children should bring a donation to school in return for wearing their own clothes.

Hug-In-A-Mug. Order forms were sent home yesterday. Please look in your child's reading bag.

Save the Date....

(Some of these dates are subject to Covid restrictions lifting) Monday 7th June – school is closed for staff training Thursday 10th June-School nurse to deliver puberty information to years 5 and 6 Thursday 17th June – Class 5 Sponsored walk Friday 18th June – wear a flower in your hat day in aid of Brain Tumour Research Tuesday 22nd June – proposed new intake visit and separate meeting with parents (letters will be sent out to parents shortly) Wednesday 23rd June – proposed sports day afternoon (weather and restrictions permitting) Friday 25th July – Sunday 27th July – Year 6 Adventure weekend Monday 28th June – Bikeability for year 5 children (4 consecutive days) Tuesday 29th June – Ned Virtual assembly (Mind set Mission) letters will be going home about this Thursday 1st July – Balance Bike training for reception children and year 1 children that missed in March Friday 2nd July – Class 5 Cake Bake Monday 5th July – School Uniform Exchange Tuesday 6th July – Hollingworth Transition Day, whole school transition day and new intake visit Wednesday 7th July - Hollingworth Transition Day Thursday 8th July – class 4, film making afternoon Monday 12th July – End of Year reports Tuesday 13th July – Sports day option 2 Wednesday 14th July – class 5 production of 'Ali Baba' Friday 16th July – Class 5 trip to Blackpool Wednesday 21st July – Leaver's Service in St. Thomas' Church.

Coronavirus Reminders

Children need to have PCR tests if they are displaying any symptoms. This includes the extended list of symptoms for children form Public Health. Children and their families need to self-isolate until their test results come back. Thank you for supporting us with this.

Please report any positive test results to the school as soon as possible, including over the weekends and school holidays, so that I can complete the track and trace expectations. Results should be emailed to rwilliams@stthomasnewhey.co.uk outside of school hours.

Parent Governor Vacancy

I would like to thank the two parents that have come forward to be considered for this role, Mrs Whitaker and Mr Fitton.

All parents should have received ballot papers by hand and information via email. If you do not have the required information of ballot papers, please contact the school office as soon as you can. The deadline for voting is Friday 28th May.