

St. Thomas' C.E. Newsletter



Week 14 6th January 2017

Monday 9 th January	Music lessons: guitar, keyboard, strings After School Activities: Year 1, 2 and 3 football
Tuesday 10 th January	Yoga and relaxation for adults and children from 8.15am
Wednesday 11th January	After School Activities: Orchestra
Thursday 12 th January	Music lessons: guitar After School Activities: Year 1, 2 and 3 football
Friday 13 th January	Music lessons: brass and woodwind Year 5/6 Swimming gala at Castleton Baths for selected children



Stars of the Week

Jarred Cocker-Finnell, Natalie Ogden, Annabelle Hayfield, Helena Boardman, Joe Harrage, Verity Cunliffe, Isaac Coyle, All of Class 3, Kai Whiteside, Albie Richards, Dylan Hunter, Lola Gani



Class Attendance Award

This week's winners are class 1 with 99.4% attendance.





This Week's Worship Focus

This half term our focus is Respect. This week we are focussing of Jesus at the Temple with the Bible verses being **Matthew 21:12-16**.

Dinner Money

Dinner money for this half term is £69.70. Please send the money in as soon as possible. If you pay weekly, then the cost for a week is £10.25. The best day for the money to come into school is a Monday.

Yoga and Relaxation

We will be running 30-minute yoga and relaxation classes for 6 weeks from Tuesday 10th January. They will start at 8.15am. The classes are for adults and children. Children must be accompanied by an adult. There is a small charge of £2.00 per adult for each 30-minute session.

P.E. Kits

Just a gentle reminder that P.E. kits should be in school all of the time and need to contain clothing suitable for doing P.E. outside. In addition, earrings need to be removed for P.E. lessons.

Mr Gardiner

Mr Phil Gardiner had a routine operation during the Christmas holiday period. We expect to see him back mid-February. In the meantime, Mr. Jim Proctor will be taking over his role until his return.

Reading

Reading is central to every part of the school curriculum. The best way to support with reading is to listen to your child read daily at home and discuss the content of what is read with your child.

In order to further develop reading at school, Mrs Fitton has begun volunteering to hear children read in school as there is an increasing number of children who are not heard at home.

If you are able to spare a couple of hours a week to hear children read in school, please contact the school office. All volunteers are subject to a DBS check.

Lateness

The first lesson starts at 8.45am and finishes at 9.25am. Often this work is centred around the basics (mental maths, handwriting and spelling etc.). Children who are continually late are missing vital elements of their education. Please ensure that your child is in school for 8.45am. Children who arrive after 9.00am are recorded as an unauthorised late on the register and may be subject to intervention from the education welfare team.

Clothing Appeal

One of our local childminders collects unwanted children's clothing to send to refugees in different parts of the world. If you do have any unwanted children's clothing and would like to support her in her work please send the clothing into school and we will pass it on. The clothing must be in 'nearly new' condition and clean. In addition, she packs the clothing in children's backpacks. If you have any unwanted backpacks for children, they can also be sent into school. Thank you.