

St. Thomas' School News

27.9.21

Events of the Week

Week beginning

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Message from the Headteacher

'God loves a generous giver'

2 Corinthians 9:7

During worship this week, we focused on the story of the 'Generous Widow' a story that can be found in the books of Luke and Mark. The story focuses on giving what you can and how 2 coins from a poor widow is more

generous than a rich person giving a purse full of coins. This is something that we can transfer into our everyday lives by giving what we can. This can be through time, charity and support. For our youngest children, we talked about sharing with others. This is very apt as we approach Harvest Festival, which this year is next week. We will be working alongside St. Thomas' Church to collect donations of food that we can give to Aunty Irene's Pantry – a very local group that support local people who are struggling to put food on their tables.



Stars of the Week



Charlotte Matthews, Gosia Brandebura, Ethan Gaynor,
Zac Howarth, Isla Lightfoot, Helena Boardman, Theo
Ingham, Annabel Hayfield

Well done, everybody!

Covid Update

We now have a single positive case in each of our classes. Please continue to be extra vigilant and support us by taking your children for a PCR test if requested.

Many children have been sent home for testing this week and whilst the vast majority are testing negative for Covid, we need to continue to monitor the situation.

Harvest Festival



We aim to hold two small services in St. Thomas' Church next week. Unfortunately, at this time, we will not be inviting parents to attend. There are several reasons for this, but the main two are that two year groups have never been to our church and one year group hasn't been to church for nearly two years and we are trying to prevent the spread of Covid in school.

From the Office...

- Please book **dinners** for your child by midnight on Sunday
- School Spider should now be fully working for all parents. If you haven't done so, please reinstall your app and set up your account using the email address that you have supplied to school.
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Reading and Book Bags

All children should have a **book bag** for school. This bag is used to send home communications and to keep reading books in. It is important that you check your child's reading bag daily. Teachers have noticed that some children have not had their book bag checked for over a week.

Reading at home – it is important that children are heard read at home frequently. The children that make the most progress in all subjects, are those that read frequently. The new reading records contain important information for you about expectations for your child's year group. By sharing this information with you, you are able to clearly see where your child should be up to with their reading for their age. There is also space for your child to record their opinions about the book they are reading.

Staffing Changes

Mrs Howarth will be leaving us on Friday 1st October. Mrs Howarth has worked with us for several years, starting as a Teaching Assistant student and then as a Learning Support Assistant for individual children. She will be being replaced by Mr Jackson, who will be joining us from Monday.

Mr Wong will also be leaving us to take up a job with City in the Community. He will be taking up his new post in November. He will be being replaced, however, we do not know who this will be at this time.

Both have done an incredible job at St. Thomas' and we wish them both well in their new roles.

Charity Events

This year we are taking part in the Milnrow 'Pink' Hey in conjunction with Little 'Pink' Borough. We will be asking children to wear pink on Friday 22nd October. Children will also be able to purchase wrist bands for £1. All monies raised will go towards Cancer Research charities.

We will not be having a Children in Need fundraiser this year, because of the above event and a fundraiser is planned for near Christmas for Springhill Hospice.