

St Thomas Becket Catholic Primary

Book Week

A huge thank you to all children, parents and staff for making such an outstanding effort during Book Week!

We will receive over £1000 worth of books in commission from the Travelling Book Company to spend on books for our school, thanks to your tremendous support. This is the most we have ever received from our Book Fairs so an extra special well done to everyone! The new books, chosen by the class and their teachers, will soon be ordered and go into each classroom book corner for the children to use. We also donate £100.00 to Book Aid International, a charity which promotes literacy in developing countries by creating reading and learning opportunities for disadvantaged people.

Thank you very much to those families who sponsored a book/s purchased at the fair. A personal note of thanks to your child is inside each book donated and these will go straight into our class libraries. The children's £1 contributions amounted to £270 and again this is much appreciated.

Thank you also for all the effort that you put into our Dressing Up Day and congratulations to our costume winners and to those who won our writing competitions.

Many thanks to all children, parents and staff for helping to make the week a success!
Mrs Lee (Literacy Leader) **(photos will be placed on our website)**

RED NOSE DAY

Friday 24 March 2017

Mufti Day – Wear your own clothes day.

Children can show their support by wearing something red. We plan a Red Nose assembly that day.

Please bring £1.00 as a contribution to the Red Nose Appeal.



Congratulations to our:

Gymnastics teams who participated in the Croydon gymnastics tournament recently and came away with a well deserved 1st (Yr 3/4 team) and 2nd (Year 5/6 team) place. These now go through to the finals which will be held on 22 March. Good luck to our Becket gymnasts!



Catholic Sports Events

Football and Netball Tournament (Margaret Roper)
Saturday 6th May 2017

Catholic Swimming Gala
(St Joseph's)
Wednesday 17th May 2017

Catholic Athletics
(St James the Great)
Wednesday 28th June 2017

Catholic Infant Sports
(St Thomas Becket)
Thursday 6 July 2017

Passion Play

Our Passion Play, performed by Year 5, and with singing by our school choir as well as the children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6, will take place at Our Lady of the Annunciation Church on Wednesday 29 March starting at 2.00pm.

All are welcome to attend.

Please note that, on this day, all KS2 children should be picked up from the church by parents /carers at 3.00pm



Dates for Diary

Parents' Open Evenings
Thursday 9th March 2017
Thursday 16th March 2017

Croydon Dance Festival at Trinity
Tuesday 21 March

Passion Play at Our Lady of the Annunciation Church (Juniors)
Wednesday 29 March 2017

End of Term
Friday 7th April 2017 (2.00pm)

School Events for 50th Celebrations

Event	Ideas/Description	Date
Stations of Cross	Classes to produce a station of the cross each for display in hall- renew existing ones	To be part of offertory at mass on Wednesday 5th April
50th mass celebration(1)	Fr Joe to celebrate mass at school Children's parties in afternoon (food provided by STBSA)	Wednesday 5th April (11.00am)
Display Boards	Boards to reflect past decades. Theme given to each class	May
Photos	Photos of: whole staff / each class to be taken. These will be included in memories book.	May
Music project	Each class to perform and record a song from the 60s-year school opened. <u>These CDs will be available to buy.</u> Special assemblies to perform songs to school	Songs recorded Monday 22nd May 24th and 25th May
Art Project	Classes to produce pop art for CD cover and school exhibition.	
50th mass celebration(2)	Bishop Paul to celebrate whole school Mass at our Lady's (classes to walk over) Food and refreshments in church hall for parents/ guests. School council to attend Statue of St Thomas Becket to be blessed for installation in infant part of school.	Wed 7th June (10.30am)
Dance work-shops	Classes to participate in 60s dance workshops Dance performances on school field	9th June (KS2) 20th June (KS1) Friday 23 June
Summer lunch Party	Lunchtime BBQ and party food outside as final 50 th celebration. 60S music Decorations made by children Birthday cake for school to cut and share/	Friday 23 June
Website	Photos of key jubilee events to be put on website	Before end of summer term

50th Celebrations

St Thomas Becket School will be celebrating its **50th birthday** this summer. Our school was officially opened to children on 5 April 1967 and had a roll of 188 pupils. As part of our celebrations we'd like to invite people who were involved in the school (as staff, pupil, parent, governor etc), especially in the earlier years, **to share photos, mementos or memories with us for a celebration book.** Search through your treasure troves. Have you an old photo of staff or children, did you attend on the first ever day, have you still got a school award presented to you as a child? **You can email admin or bring in material for us to photocopy.**

Bishop Paul will celebrate mass for the whole school at Our Lady's on Wednesday 7 June 2017. Parents are invited to attend and there will be a presentation and refreshments in the hall immediately following the mass.