

St Thomas Becket Catholic Primary

Book Week (photos will be placed on our website)

Yet again we enjoyed a most successful Book Week with storytellers, book fair, book buddies and our dressing up as book characters day on Friday. Virtually every child and adult in school arrived as a Roald Dahl book character and our assembly was a swathe of Twits, Roly Poly birds, Wonka bars and Enormous crocodiles to mention but a few. Well done to children and parents for their creativity and hard work.

A special thanks to Mrs Lee who worked so hard to make the week such a great success.

We are holding our annual Kent Travelling **Book Fair** on **Wednesday 1st March** and **Thursday 2nd March** at 3.15pm in the School Hall.

As usual, we will be receiving a fantastic 60% commission on all books bought at the Fair. We are re-stocking our class libraries this term and so this commission will be very well spent. The children have already told me about lots of the authors and titles they would like to see in their book corners! Please come along and support us.

Lenten Activities

Our classes will be fund-raising for different charities over Lent. Each class will choose a worthy cause to support as part of our Lenten observance of almsgiving.

Stations of the Cross

Each week our classes will spend time contemplating the Stations. The children will look at the events depicted in the station, reflect on what it means to them and write some prayers.

If you would like to talk to your child about the events of the Passion then you can log on to the website the teachers will be using to consider the Stations of the Cross. www.cptryon.org/prayer/child/stations

This year we will remake the 14 stations of the cross for display in the school hall. These will be presented at our school jubilee mass on Wednesday 5 April.

Prayer Group

Miss Courcey will be leading a junior children's prayer group each Wednesday during Lent at lunchtime

Please note there will be a **penitential service** for juniors over lent:

Thursday 9 th March	Year 4 Penitential service
Thursday 16 th March	Year 5 Penitential service
Thursday 23 rd March	Year 6 Penitential service

SUPERVISING INFANTS AFTER SCHOOL

There is an increasing issue in the junior playground at picking up time relating to some of our infants running around, often quite far from the adult in charge. This often results in teachers having to intervene to prevent accidents or stop unsafe behaviour while they are trying to dismiss their own classes.

Please note that for safety reasons all **infants should remain beside the adult who is caring for them** and not be allowed to run around the playground.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Mr Campbell

Dates for Diary

Parents' Open Evenings

Thursday 9th March 2017
Thursday 16th March 2017

Passion Play at Our Lady of the Annunciation Church (Juniors)

Wednesday 29 March 2017

End of Term

Friday 7th April 2017

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.