

# Newsletter

Wednesday 3rd February 2017

## St Thomas Becket Catholic Primary

### GIRL GUIDES

VENUE: Our Lady of The Annunciation Church Hall  
147 Bingham road Croydon

#### **5th Addiscombe Rainbows**

Meet on Wednesdays from 5pm to 6pm

There is lots of fun activities to do and also church parade on a Sunday. If your child is 5 years of age she can join today.

For more information contact:

Tracey Boyd

07802 702 533

Elisa Fagiani

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#### **1st Addiscombe Brownies**

Meet on Mondays from 5:45pm to 7:15pm

For girls aged 7 to 10.

For more information contact:

Denise and Chris at [1stAddBrownies@gmail.com](mailto:1stAddBrownies@gmail.com) and ensure you also register your daughter in the Girlguiding website.

### Dates for Diary

**Inset Day**– Friday 10th  
February 2017

**Half Term**  
Mon 13—17 February 2017

#### **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

### **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

### SWIM WIN

Forty of our children competed in the Croydon Swimming Gala at South Norwood Pool recently and for the 5th year running St Thomas Becket clinched the cup.

In a hard fought battle against 9 other primary schools, St Thomas Becket were overall tournament winners, also clinching the Best Boys team award and Best Girls team award.

A massive well done to all our children whose stunning performances in the pool proved them to be a consistently gifted squad.

A special thanks to Jane Lawson who helped prepare the children so well for the event.



### BOOK WEEK

We will be holding our annual Book Week between **20th -24th February 2017**. Our theme for this year will be Roald Dahl as it will be his 101st anniversary!

We will be reading Roald Dahl books, holding special assemblies and competitions, and even have a visit from our local author, Ciaran Murtagh! On Friday 24th February, it is Dressing Up Day and we are looking forward to our school being full of a whole host of mischief-making Big Friendly Giants, Oompa-Loompas and Matildas! To get creative with your costume

ideas, please visit the Roald Dahl website at: <http://www.roalddahl.com/charity/fundraising-and-events/dahlicious-dress-up-day/dressing-up-tips>



**THE TWITS**  
Illustrations by Quentin Blake

### 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

## INTERNET SAFETY

Dear Parents,

Next week is Computing Week and on Tuesday 7th February, the school will be taking part in Safer Internet Day, a national campaign to increase awareness of how to stay safe when using the internet. This year the theme is, 'The Power of Image'. The children will be exploring the affect images can have on a person and how we can contribute to making the internet a better place by only sharing positive images.

A survey conducted by the NSPCC found that 1 in 5 8-11 year olds and 1 in 20 5-7 year olds have a social network profile. Whilst social networking can have many educational benefits and allow collaboration between people across the world, it is widely open to abuse. Most social network sites have an age limit of 13 and above and therefore should not be accessed by primary age children. However, it is important that children are taught how to keep themselves and their friends safe when using the internet even if they are not currently using such sites.

In the assembly, we will be revisiting our 'how to stay safe' rules. In Reception and Years 1, 2 and 3, the children will listen to the story of Digi Duck, who has to decide whether he should share a silly picture of his friend. The children will be encouraged to think about the affect sharing this picture will have on Digi Duck and all of his friends. This resources is taken from [www.childnet.com](http://www.childnet.com).

In Years 4-6, the children will be watching 'Play, Share, Like' from the CEOP website, [www.thinkuknow.com](http://www.thinkuknow.com). They will be exploring the decision of making posts, pictures and videos 'public' or 'private' and what exactly these terms mean.

Each class will also undertake a project about the use of images and how they can send powerful messages both positive and negative. They will be learning about the importance of keeping personal information a secret and how pictures can reveal more information about you than you intend.

We hope the children will enjoy computing week and will continue to learn these important lessons.

For further information on online safety please visit the following sites.

[www.thinkuknow.com](http://www.thinkuknow.com)

[www.childnet.com](http://www.childnet.com)

There are also some very informative articles about different aspects of online safety on the LGfL website.

<https://www.lgfl.net/online-safety/resource-centre?a=1>

Thank you,

Miss L Earl

Computing and Online Safety Lead

## 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.