

# Newsletter

Monday 9 Sept 2019

## St Thomas Becket Catholic Primary

### Welcome back Everyone !!

I hope that all our parents and children have had a refreshing break. We welcome to our school community Miss Marshall(Yr1), Miss Nelson-Bird (Yr2), Ms Skidmore (Yr4) and Mrs Smit (Yr3) I know you will make them feel right at home from the first day of school.

### CLUBS

Our before and after-school clubs will be starting up again over the next few weeks so check out our menu of activities which will be sent out over the next few days.

**IMPORTANT:** Children attending morning sports clubs should come to school wearing their PE kit (uniform in bag) as rooms will not be available for changing.

### Autumn Term Parent Evenings

Thursday 14 November  
Thursday 21 November

### Class Assembly Dates

September 20th	St Brigid
September 27th	St Benedict
October 4th	St Barbara

Dates for all other class assemblies have been sent out this week.

### Gift Aid

We will shortly be sending out our Gift Aid letter to all parents and guardians. This is to ask parents to complete a Gift Aid Declaration form so we can reclaim tax on the school donation of £20 that we request each year.

All this money is directed to on-going school improvement so many thanks to families who contribute each year.

Thank you for your continuing support.

### Contact Details

The start of the academic year is a good time to update your contact details in case these have changed over the year.

In the interests of safeguarding please ensure that you let the school office know if any phone numbers or your address has changed.

**PICKING UP AT END OF DAY**– Children should only be picked up by their parents or adults authorised to do so (identified in writing to the school). Please let the school know if this changes.



### Dates for Your Diary

Key dates for the year will be sent out this week.

### ADMISSIONS

#### Information Meeting for Reception intake September 2020

There will be a meeting at St Thomas Becket school on **Thursday 31st October at 7.00pm** for those wishing to apply for a place for their child in Reception class starting in **September 2020**.

Supplementary application forms will be available at the meeting and from the office thereafter

### Meet the Teacher Evening

There will be a meeting for parents of classes 1-6 to discuss general matters relating to the new school year, daily, weekly routines, curriculum matters and some of the special events/ trips which will be taking place.

**Tuesday 17 September 4.45pm – 5.15pm**

**Repeated: 5.30pm-6.00pm**

(Where possible do not bring children)

### **Cross Country Training for Years 3,4,5,6**

Our training for the Catholic Schools' Cross Country Event will commence on **Wednesday 11 September at 8.00am** and subsequent Wednesdays. Children should come to school in their PE kit but will need to wear trainers

The date of the cross country event, to be held at **John Fisher School**, will be announced soon.



### **Mobile Phones**

#### **A reminder that children are not allowed to bring mobile phones to school.**

If children are found to have a mobile phone on their person then this will be confiscated and kept in the office until parents come to pick it up. It will not be returned to the child at the end of the day.

Repeated violations of this school rule will be dealt with through the school's behaviour policy.

The decision to have a ban on children bringing mobile phones to school was taken by governors on safeguarding grounds and we ask all parents to support this policy.



### **Medicines**

As part of our school policy parents need to complete a **parental consent form** for all medicines (including inhalers) that are sent into school to be administered to children.

This can be obtained at the school office.

All medicines must have labelled instructions for dosage.

### **Wednesday 9th October**

Photographer in School for individual / sibling photos (family groups at 8.15am in hall)



### **Nature Area**

Our pond area has been revamped and improved thanks to the Yr 6 Leavers' gift this summer. Look out for the

nature information posters around the school and our new bird bath and bird feeding stations.

Our school council will be focussing on improving our outside areas even more this year so watch this space.

### **Request From Parents' Association**

A local Estate Agent has kindly agreed to support our Winter Fair by advertising this event using eye-catching signboards. In order to gain maximum exposure, the boards are erected by professional staff outside the property of signed-up homes, for a period of 4 weeks. They will then be promptly removed after the event has ended. Not only will the boards gain publicity for the event, but the estate agent will donate £7 per board to the school!

Now is the time we need to gauge how many signboards the Estate agent will need to provide/ pay for.

Homeowners - please sign up to allow a promotional signboard outside your property.

To confirm inclusion email [becketboards@gmail.com](mailto:becketboards@gmail.com) as soon as possible. Please include your name, address and the class/yr your child is in within the email.

Thank you for your on-going support

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