

Newsletter

Monday 13th January 2020

St Thomas Becket Catholic Primary



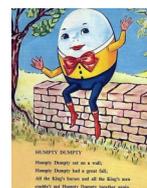
Welcome Back Everyone!!

Happy New Year and may it be a happy and prosperous 2020 for all at St Thomas Becket primary.

Please note: **Book Week** starts **Monday 2 March 2020**—theme is **Fairytales and Nursery Rhymes**

On **Friday 6 March**, it is **Dressing Up Day** and we are looking forward to our school being full of a whole host of Queen of hearts, Jack and Jills, Little Bo Peeps and Humpty Dumpties as well as Gruffalos, Rumpelstiltskins, Rapunzels, Pied Pipers, Red Riding Hoods and whatever other fantastic characters inspire the children to read. So get going now on those creative ideas and thinking about those exciting costumes.

We will also be holding a special dressing up day later in the year on the theme of **HEROES**. More information to follow on this later in the term.



Dates for diary

Inset Day– Friday 14th February 2020

Half Term

Mon 17—21 February 2020

Parents' Open Evenings

Thursday 5th March 2020

Thursday 12th March 2020

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

Thursday 26 March 2020

End of Term

Friday 3 April 2020

Catholic Sports Events

Croydon Swimming Gala (S.Norwood pool)

Tuesday 28 January 2020

Football and Netball Tournament (Margaret Roper)

Saturday 9th May 2020

Catholic Swimming Gala

(St Joseph's College)

Wednesday 20 May 2020

Catholic Athletics

(St James the Great)

Thursday 18 June 2020

Catholic Infant Sports

(St Thomas Becket)

Thursday 2 July 2020

Admission to Reception for Sept 2020

A reminder that the deadline for handing in supplementary information forms and supporting paperwork to the school office is

WEDNESDAY 15TH JANUARY 2020



Ethan Patel

Following the terrible accident at our carol service before Christmas I would like to say thank you for the continued prayers for Ethan and his family as well as the messages of support from the local and wider school community towards St Thomas Becket school.

The Christmas gifts from parents that have arrived in school for Ethan are still being stored in school and Ethan's parents will let us know when to deliver them to their home.

NEW ENGLISH ZONE

Dear Reception and Year 1 parents/carers,

Happy New Year!

I would like to draw your attention to the new English Zone on our school website where you can access all sorts of free games and websites relating to primary reading and writing which you may find useful to support your child with their learning and enjoyment of English at home.

We have now come to the end of our Phonic Bug subscription for Reception and Year 1 children with Bug Club (ActiveLearn) but you can still access fantastic free ebooks for children aged 3-11 by logging onto Oxford Owl at www.oxfordowl.co.uk/. You just need to register your details, log in and then click on 'Books' to find the book your child would like to read.

We will continue to invest in resourcing our classrooms with beautiful printed books for your child to read at school as well as those which they can take home to read.

Please remember to join your local library this year if you are not already a member. Joining is free, quick and easy to do and allows children to borrow up to 15 books for three weeks at a time. DVD and Music CD's are also available to borrow for a small charge.

Happy reading!

Mrs Lee



Christmas Charity

A huge thanks to children and parents who helped raise money for our NSPCC appeal. In total the amount raised was a fantastic **£360** which will be sent to The NSPCC to support their work with children.

Thank you for your generosity.

Dickinson's Lane– School Street Scheme

The Council are currently planning the 2020 schedule of new **School Streets** in the borough. They have looked at the history of requests for parking enforcement in the area, which indicate that difficulties have been experienced at our school.

The scheme will ultimately be subject to public consultations, including with local residents, before anything can proceed. The initial consultation would be planned for January 2020. If the scheme was to go ahead, the implementation date will be in the second half of 2020. From this date, school parents would become unable to drive into Dickinson's Lane during the restricted hours.

If the scheme goes ahead, there will inevitably be some car displacement into Birchanger Road and we would need to consider what the possible effects will be and how we can address this through walking to school and support for scooter and bike usage.

The school is working with Croydon's Road Safety and Travel Plan Officer to look at these issues.

Updates on this initiative will be communicated to parents when we have more information.

On behalf of myself and all the staff, many thanks for all the cards and generous gifts received from children and parents before Christmas.
Mr Campbell

