

Wednesday 22nd January 2020

# Newsletter

## St Thomas Becket Catholic Primary

**CHANGE OF DATE** This is due to the travelling book fair not being able to come for original week planned.

Please note: **Book Week** has been changed to **Monday 9 March 2020**—theme is **Fairytales and Nursery Rhymes**

On **Friday 13 March**, it is **Dressing Up Day**

Mrs Lee will be sending out further information on events during Book Week in the next few weeks.



Croydon Harriers' young athletes scooped five medals at the South of England Indoor Championships at Lee Valley this past weekend.

Another gold came courtesy of one of our 'old girls', Gracelyn Kendeck, in the Under 13 girl's 60m where she clocked 8.42secs. Her training partner was runner-up in 8.55secs in the same race.

Gracelyn helped Becket win many medals in the Catholic and Croydon Sports tournaments over the years and continues to achieve at higher levels in sport. We will watch her career with great interest.

### **Eco-Display Boards**

Our Eco-display boards created by our school council are up and running in both infant and junior areas and will highlight the good work the school council are carrying out across the school in making us a Greener community. All the beautiful artwork is made from recycled materials.

A big thanks to Mrs Keily-Harden who continues to lead the school council and drive our Green agenda and to Mrs Pitts who has helped the children produce the stunning art work.



### **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

### **Food Safety**

Some children are bringing in grapes for snacks or as part of their packed lunch.

General advice is **NOT TO GIVE YOUNG CHILDREN-WHOLE GRAPES - THEY CAN BE A CHOKING HAZARD!**

If you provide grapes, please cut them in half lengthways.

## 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/](http://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



### **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**

