

St Thomas Becket Catholic Primary

Novel Coronavirus

We are continuing to monitor the situation with regard to Coronavirus, including taking advice from the local authority and Public Health England. Current medical advice is that UK health officials are moving towards the second phase of their response to the coronavirus outbreak (DELAY). It is not yet clear how this will impact on schools but presently the advice is that: No school should close in response to a suspected (or confirmed) COVID-19 case unless advised to do so by Public Health England.

Our best preventative measure is still regular washing of hands and this is being followed up at home.

We have also considered the added risk of children using public transport when going on trips and taken a whole school decision to **cancel all planned class trips that involve children and staff using public transport**. Trips that have already been scheduled which use coaches to bring children to and from venues, will proceed as planned. We feel this is a sensible course of action, that takes account of the need for 'reducing our use of non-essential public transport' but will not curtail the majority of our school activities.

SPORTS RELIEF Wednesday 11 March

Mufti Day– Children can show their support by wearing something red / painting their faces.

8.30am dance/fitness session in hall—all children and parents welcome to join in.

We will have an assembly with performances and activities for children throughout the day.

Why not wear something RED to show your support for Sports Relief.

Please bring £1.00 as a contribution to the SPORTS RELIEF Appeal.

Dates for diary

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

Science Week 16th- 20th March

This year's theme is '**Our Diverse Planet**'.

We will be having lots of fun scientific activities in assemblies, classrooms and around the playground during the week.

NEW for this year;

We have assembled an exciting team of scientists that includes, pharmacists, dentists, vets, science teachers and aerospace engineers to come in and speak to the children about science in the world of work.

We will also be having a Science Gadget Fair -

Wednesday 18th March after school in the hall. We will be selling 25 fascinating and different gadgets and gizmos priced from 50p to £2.

Do find the time to pop in and browse.



BOOK WEEK

Theme: FAIRYTALES AND NURSERY RHYMES
Monday 9th March -Friday 13th March



Our book week newsletter has gone out so don't forget about our book fairs, visiting author and dressing up day on **Friday 13 March**.

We look forward to seeing all our fairy tale and nursery rhyme



Table Tennis Mania

Five of our Year 6 players recently played in the London Schools Table tennis championship at Whitgift School.

All the children did exceedingly well and Evie reached the final on the day, with Sean and Mia reaching the semi-finals.

All 3 children have qualified to go through to the Jack Petchey London Schools' Finals on April 4th!

Amazing achievement!