

## St Thomas Becket Catholic Primary

### **Wearing of Face Masks in Playground**

Parents are asked to wear face masks when on the school site– please see letter from Mr Campbell



### **School Uniform**

Children can now wear additional layers of clothing due to the need to keep classes well ventilated at present.  
See recently circulated advice on this.

### **Birthday Treats**

Unfortunately, we are currently unable to give out birthday treats to classes (sent in from home to celebrate a child's birthday). This tradition is another victim of covid for the present but we will obviously look forward to being able to support this again when things return to normal. This includes actually being able to sing 'Happy Birthday' to our children once again.  
Your understanding in this matter is appreciated.

### **Christmas Cards**

In December our children usually start to bring in Christmas cards to give to their friends and teachers.

This year we need to implement a few covid measures to keep everyone safe:

1. All Christmas cards brought into class will immediately be put into a class 'post box' .
2. The final date for bringing in Christmas cards is **Friday 11 December**. The class 'postbox' will be closed after this point.
3. Cards will remain in this box 'quarantined' until they are all given out on Wednesday 16 December.



## **Admissions**

### **ADMISSIONS** **Information for Reception intake** **September 2021**

This year, we are unable to invite parents to attend open mornings or information evenings.

If your child is due to start school in September 2021 and you are considering our school, please visit our school website and click on the tab on the Home Page-

#### **Admissions Information for Reception 2021.**

Here you can find important information including our school admissions policy, a Virtual Tour of our school premises and advice on completing your application.

We do want parents to be able to see our exciting school environment and so we have created a means for you to tour our school virtually through our 360 video tour.

You can also view videos of our school produced by our school council and our digital leaders.

For more information on admissions, please visit our website at

**[www.thomasbecket.croydon.sch.uk](http://www.thomasbecket.croydon.sch.uk)**  
and read our Admissions Policy.

### **Completion of new building works**

Our building project involving the replacement of our old crittal windows and doors is now complete and we are extremely happy with the results.

Not only does it give our school a wonderful new look but it will also ensure a significant saving on our energy bills in the future.



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Despite the current challenges and restrictions, our children have continued to thrive at school and to impress us with their creativity and talents in many areas. As a small snapshot– see below some of our children’s achievements.

### **I have a Dream**

I have a dream that people will treat everyone equally and respect everyone.  
I have a dream that everyone will have a friend.  
I have a dream that no one will be rejected and instead will be appreciated.  
I have a dream that all races will have freedom and peace.  
I have a dream that no one will be neglected.  
I have a dream that everyone will understand that all races should be treated equally and that all races will live in harmony.

**Michalina**  
Year 5  
(as part of work on Black History Month)

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As Ivan stumbled through the icy, cold forest, he could feel the snow swallowing his boots. In the distance, he could see his village, but returning was unthinkable to Ivan. Feeling worried, he crept through the forest. Branches that were covered under the snow tripped Ivan up multiple times. Huge, white clouds blended into the pale sky.

As it got gloomier, Ivan felt tired. He was going to collapse onto the cold snow soon. Ivan crawled through a snowdrift like his wise father had told him, to create a shelter. He could feel the snow warming him as Ivan dozed off. There were sounds coming from the trees, which in turn kept Ivan up.

In the morning, the snow was a lot deeper. Dark black trees surrounded Ivan as if they were teasing him. Whenever he felt like giving up, he thought about his brother crying out for help in a place as cold as ice. That was what kept him going. Branches danced around Ivan as he sulkily walked through the deep, frosty snow.

Before long, he could hear a hungry pack of wolves. He shivered in fear. Could it get any worse? Ivan heard a howl, followed by a few more. The type of howl that a wolf makes when it’s found its prey. Ivan just knew that there was no going back now. Wolves were after him.

**Lilliana**  
Yr 4  
(as part of writing inspired by ‘The Ice Palace’ by Robert Swindells)

### **Journey with St Matthew**

Do find the time to view our children’s beautiful artwork through our school displays, which recreate the Gospel readings of Matthew this year. Each class has worked on interpreting a different Gospel reading. These images have been sent out as a text to parents and will be available to view on our school website’s scrolling window.