## St Thomas Becket Catholic Primary School



### 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023 Newsletter

Next week is the last week of term, and as you would expect, it's packed with fun and exciting activities for pupils and families. We have an instrumental concert on Monday morning, our junior advent carol concert on Tuesday afternoon, Christmas lunch for all pupils on Wednesday (pupils should wear 'Christmas-wear') the Reception carol concert also on Wednesday at 10am and term ends on Thursday at 2pm. Please note that there is no Canterbury Club (after-school club) available on Thursday.

#### **School Council News**

This week the school council had a meeting about Brickfield Meadow with Mr Skehan & Mrs Kiely-Harden. We discussed how it is being underused and how it could be such a nice place if we worked together for ideas of improvements. In the Spring we are going to be meeting with representatives from the mayor's office, Croydon council parks dept, local residents, Sarah Jones MP and other people who can help us to make it a better, safer resource for our school community and neighbourhood. Watch out for further updates on how you can support this initiative.

We also gave ideas on new equipment for our playground.

Next term we will also be focussing on how we can improve road safety around the school.

Report by: Finley Year 6







# St Thomas Becket Advent Junior Carol Service



Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023, 2pm All parents & carers of juniors are invited to attend

#### **STBSA Raffle**

Don't forget, the STBSA raffle is drawing tomorrow! With 40+ fantastic prizes, including our class hampers, it's an exciting opportunity. Tickets are only £1 each—secure yours now at <a href="https://www.pta-">https://www.pta-</a>

events.co.uk/stbsa/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=71858

#### **Shooting Stars**



Butterflies
Ladybirds
St Joseph
St Elizabeth
St Francis
St Anne
St Peter

Avery Klein Sylvie Bulman Austin Oduro Bernardo Miorelli Ranisha Mukasa Oscar Abbott Layla-Rae Lockhart St Bernadette St Paul St Therese

St Martin

Elowen Parnell Leon Okoye Gracelyn Nkrumah Edith Selles

St CeciliaEliza DavisSt BenedictCruz MontanoSt BrigidElijah Diaz

#### STBSA Craft Fair

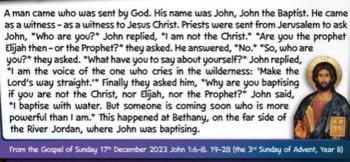
Thanks to the STBSA team and to all the parents & carers, pupils, choir and stallholders who combined to give us a fun and festive experience on Friday afternoon. The craft fair & Elfridges raised a very impressive £2.5k.







# Wednesday Word Enjoy reading this Sunday's Gospel





#### **Applications for Reception Class 2024**

A reminder that the closing date for all applications for Reception 2024 class is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024. This is the deadline for both SIF (supplementary information forms) and the online 'e-admissions form'. To ensure your application is ranked as high as possible, SIF forms should be accompanied by the original baptism cert (child & 1 parent, birth cert, proof of address x 2 and priests reference. If you have any questions about the application process please contact the school office.

#### Key Dates (so far) for Spring 2024

SATS Information evening for parents

Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Jan Start of Spring term

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Jan St Paul class assembly
Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Jan St Therese class assembly
Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb St Anne class assembly
Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Feb Online safety week begins
Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Feb INSET (no school for pupils

Half term 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> Feb

Thu 11th Jan

Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb St Anne class assembly
Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Mar Ladybirds class assembly

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Mar Book Week Begins

Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Mar E-safety workshop for all parents 6-7pm \*

Thu 7<sup>th</sup> Mar World Book Day (dress up)
Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Mar Butterflies class assembly
Thu 14<sup>th</sup> Mar Parents Open Evening
Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Mar Comic Relief Red Nose Day

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Mar School disco Yr 3 / 4

Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Mar Passion of the cross service (Yr 5 leading)

Thu 21<sup>st</sup> Mar Parents Open Evening Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar School disco Yr 1 / 2

Thu 28<sup>th</sup> Mar Easter Bonnet parade / assembly

Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Mar End of term 2pm

Please add 6<sup>th</sup> March 6-7pm to your diary to your diary for essential information for all parents & carers on e-safety. There will be fun activities on site for all Becket pupils on that evening – further details to follow.

#### **Achievement**

Well done to Bella in Reception (gymnastics) Lamont, Yr 3 (football) Celeste, Yr 6 (drama) Azmera, Yr 1 (Gymnastics), Conall, Yr1 (swimming) Devansh, Rec (Becket award), Reuben, Yr 6 (football) and Bernardo (Yr1, gymnastics). Congrats on your varied and impressive achievements.













