St Thomas Becket Catholic Primary School



12th January 2024 Newsletter

Welcome back – we hope you've had a lovely Christmas break. The children have returned to school eager for learning and it's been a great start to the term. Next week we have our first school mass of the calendar year, which will be led by our Year 4 pupils. We also have St Paul class assembly on Friday at 10am. Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Important Dates for Spring Term

Mon 8th Jan Start of Spring term
Fri 19th Jan St Paul class assembly
Fri 26th Jan St Therese class assembly
Fri 2nd Feb St Francis class assembly
Mon 5th Feb Online safety week begins
Fri 9th Feb INSET DAY (no school for pupils)

12th to 16th Feb Half term

Fri 23rd Feb St Anne class assembly
Fri 1st Mar Ladybirds class assembly
Mon 4th Mar Book Week begins

Wed 6th Mar E-safety workshop for all parents (6-7pm)

Thu 7th Mar World Book Day (dress up) Fri 8th Mar Butterflies class assembly

Thu 14th Mar Parents Evening

Fri 15th Mar Comic Relief Red Nose Day

Wed 20th Mar Passion of the cross service (Yr 5 leading)

Thu 21st Mar Parents Evening

Fri 22nd Mar School disco Yr 1 & 2 (3.30pm)
Fri 22nd Mar School disco Yr 3 & 4 (5.30pm)
Thu 28th Mar Easter Bonnet parade / assembly

Fri 29th Mar End of term (2pm)

Speech & Language Drop-In

On **Friday 19th January** Elizabeth, our speech and language therapist, will be running a parent workshop to discuss how to support a child with speech and language difficulties.

We will start at **10.30am** with tea and coffee. If you are not sure whether this meeting will be useful for you and your child, please contact Mrs Lorimer for a quick chat. Please RSVP to the office if you think you would like to attend.

Year 4 football

Our Yr 4 mixed football team had a great win in our local minileague on Thursday, with a comprehensive win against John Wood. The game was played in great spirits with both teams showing great enthusiasm, respect and skill. Thanks to all the parents who came along to support, and to Mr Bonnar for managing the team.



Reception Application Deadline Day Monday 15th January

If you have a child who will turn 4 after 1st September 2024, the deadline for applying for a place is the coming Monday 15th January. Even if you already have a child at St Thomas Becket school, you still need to fill in both the e-admissions online form and the supplementary information form, which you will urgently need to fill in and return to the office by Monday.

Shooting Stars



Butterflies Roy
Ladybirds Abi
St Joseph Azr
St Elizabeth Ber
St Francis The
St Anne Kar
St Peter Ald

Royal Emeka
Abigail Jeanty
Azmera Ndjoli
Bernardo Miorelli
Thea Rodrigues
Karina Lovaszi
Alda Zavalha Lazzaris

St Bernadette Talia Sheridan
St Paul Anna West
St Therese Fionn Richardson
St Martin Neriah Smith
St Cecilia Amaya Yague Ray
St Benedict Corey Calleb
St Brigid Marizu Egwim

Indoor Athletics' Finals

A group of Yr 5 & 6 children travelled to Royal Russel school on Wednesday afternoon to take part in the Croydon sports hall athletics' finals, having qualified before Christmas. They took part in a range of track and field events. The standard was very high, as you would expect for a final, and our team finished a very creditable 6th place. Well done to everyone involved and thanks to coach Mairtin, Mrs. Haywood-White and Mrs. Taylor.



Wednesday Word

Our Wednesday Words this week were 'New Start' and we heard that Peter was going to be the rock on which Jesus built his church. In assembly we discussed how we could make our own 'new start' for the year.

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 14th January 2024

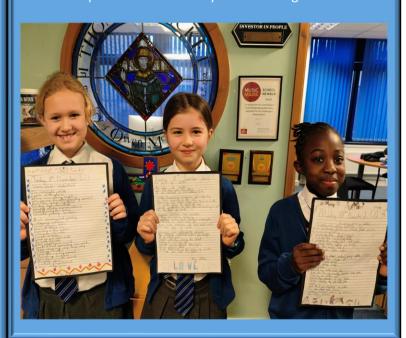


As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, "Look, there is the lamb of God." Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, "What do you want?" They answered,

"Rabbi," - which means Teacher -"where do you live?" "Come and see," he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour. One of these two (who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said) was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, "We have found the Messiah," - which means the Christ - and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, "You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas," - meaning Rock.

Poetry Award Winners

Well done to Emelia, Nell and Gracelyn (all Yr 4) for being awarded headteachers awards for their beautiful descriptive poems about winter. The selected poems were full of beautiful descriptive language, poetic devices and were also presented beautifully – well done girls!



Achievement Awards

Well done to the following children who have celebrated achievements out of school in recent weeks. Oscar was the 'Jodoku of the year' at Addiscombe Judo club, Jake got his level 1 and level 2 swimming badges, Preston earned a swimming certificate. Niamh also earned her level 1 swimming badge and Remy won an award for his dedication in football club. Well done to all of you.









