

St Thomas of Canterbury Church of England Infant School

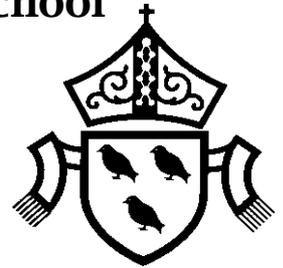
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Dear Parents,

Class worship Well done to Y2N for their fantastic class worship this week. Y2N looked at the importance of the value *LOVE*. Their very engaging worship made us all smile and reminded us about the love all around us.

Our next class worship of the school year will be on Wednesday, 17th October, and will be led by Y2C. Parents and younger siblings of children in Y2C are welcome to join us for this worship at 9am.

Information evenings Well done to the Year 2 Team for the last of our year group information evenings yesterday. I am sure that, yet again, the parents attending will have found the evening interesting and informative.

I am very appreciative of all our teachers who have given their time and effort in preparing and presenting these evenings. Thank you also to all of you who attended - we all enjoyed having the chance to talk with you. We have an exciting year ahead! We did not distribute feedback forms but, if any of you have any feedback (especially positive feedback!) or information that you would have liked to have been included, please let us know - either by email or by dropping a note to the school office or to your classteacher. Thank you very much - this will help us plan future information evenings.

Photographs Lots of fantastic smiles this week! The proofs will be sent home as soon as they arrive in school.

Reading at home Today the children in Reception have chosen a book from any shelf in our school library; next week it is the turn of the children in Year 1. Please support your child in reading the books if they are more difficult to read.

Coats and jumpers Unfortunately autumnal weather seems to be on the way - or is here already! Please ensure that your child is appropriately dressed as we do endeavour to use the outdoor environment as much as possible.

School Meals We will be on week 3 of the menu next week, with jacket potatoes (tuna mayonnaise or quorn bolognese or cheese or beans) on Monday. Accompanying this newsletter you will receive two copies of the new menus which will start from after half term. Please discuss these menus with your children and complete one copy with their choices and return it to school by Wednesday 10th October. Please keep the other copy at home for your reference.

Parents Committee Meeting and Macmillan Cancer Coffee and Cake I was delighted to be joined by so many parents last Friday afternoon - a great turn out and such enthusiastic support and so many ideas - thank you all so much. We also raised £50 for Macmillan Cancer Research. Thank you everyone.

Informal Parents Evenings are on Tuesday 16th October and Thursday 18th October. 'Sign up sheets' will be on classroom doors from before school on Monday 8th October. These meetings are an opportunity to chat with your child's classteacher about how your child has settled in during this half term. This is for parents only, children will not be admitted.

Water bottles Each child may bring one clearly labelled bottle of **water** to school. Please ensure that the bottles are kept clean and that the water is refreshed every morning. Thank you.

Christmas preparations No doubt many of you will already be making plans for Christmas and thinking about your Christmas cards! We have an exciting project which will hopefully assist you with this.

This week the children have made their own Christmas card. The completed artwork will be coming home today for you to see, with details of how to order Christmas cards and gift tags. You must use the unique code indicated on your child's sheet when ordering online. This year all orders are to be placed online removing the need for money to be sent into school. If you have any questions please contact Mrs Giddings in the School Office.

In order for the art work to be sent to the printers all orders must be made by midnight on Tuesday 16th October. The children's artwork must also be returned to school by morning registration on Wednesday 17th October.

A single pack of 12 cards, displaying your child's artwork and their name on the back, will cost £5.50. Subsequent packs ordered will be £4.50 each. Adhesive gift labels (pack of 16) can also be purchased for £2.50 per pack. There are also value packs and mugs available - further information is available on the website www.cauliflowercards.co.uk. The school receives £1 for each pack of cards ordered, and 50p for each set of gift labels ordered, and so this is a good fundraising opportunity for us - this project raised £300 for school funds last year.

Most importantly, this is an exciting opportunity for the children to be able to send cards they have created themselves. It is always really exciting when the finished cards arrive in school - they look so professional.

Harvest Gifts Thank you for the gifts which have already been sent into school. Our collection is gradually growing. We are supporting the Brentwood Foodbank which provides emergency food for people in crisis. If you could donate something from the shopping list here, they would be very grateful. Please ensure that all donations are non-perishable and in date. Donations can be brought into school up until next Friday, 12th October, when the new School Council will be packing them up for Mr Powis to deliver to the Foodbank.

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| LARGE TINS OF VEGETABLES | |
| TINNED RICE PUDDING | COFFEE |
| TINNED HOT MEAT | BISCUITS |
| JAM/SPREADS | PASTA |
| SAUCES | |
| TINNED SPAGHETTI | SAVOURY |
| RICE | |
| TINNED COLD HAM | SAVOURY |
| PASTA | |
| TINNED TOMATOES | TINNED |
| MEAT PIES | |
| TINNED POTATOES | CUSTARD |
| WASHING UP LIQUID | RICE |
| OTHER CLEANING MATERIALS | |

Headteacher's Awards



Week ending Friday 5th October
 Y2N George Lawrence
 Y21P -Y2 Will Tasker
 Y1FA Melody Shanley
 ROH Isabelle Goksel
 RMN Giles O'Hara

Y2C Oscar Fairweather
 Y1 Jack Reynolds
 Y1S Florence Dean
 RS Emily Dobinson-Lay

Attendance Cup This week's winners are RMN and Y21P with the fantastic 100%. 

Punctuality Bear This week's winners are Saint John's with 99.8%. 

Think of a Question is our family challenge! So here are our final questions for this picture: *'Is the castle to protect the people inside it?', Carter, ROH*
'Is it a royal castle?', Adam, Y2N
'How old is the building?', Naaama-Angel, Y2N
'Is there a toy factory inside?', Immy, Y2N



Yours sincerely,
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 Caroline L'Estrange
 Headteacher



Continuing our Learning at Home – YIFA and Y1S

Reading	Remember to read with your child every evening. Try reading a non-fiction book. Talk about the contents, index and glossary. Can you explain what each one is used for? Discuss the difference between non-fiction and fiction books.
Mathematics	Can you use positional language to direct a friend or family member around your home or garden? Remember to include the terms forwards, backwards, between, under, around etc.
Friendship Week	Write a recipe for Friendship. Think about what qualities you look for in a friend and use this to create your own friendship recipe. You could illustrate your recipe or design a poster on the computer.



Children's Health Project - Recipe of the week – Salami Rolls

Serves 2

Preparation time 5 minutes

Ingredients

6 slices of salami
2 tablespoons of cream cheese
½ cucumber

Method

1. Lay down each sheet of salami and spread cream cheese on each.
2. Slice up the cucumber into matchstick strips and place in the middle of each slice of salami. Then roll them up.



Note:

These are great in lunch boxes or for a small snack after school.