

# St Thomas of Canterbury Church of England Infant School

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6<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Dear Parents,

**Class Worship** Thank you to RBixby for a fantastic Class Worship yesterday. RBixby took the word **forgiveness** as their focus. All of the children were fantastic and clearly enjoyed sharing their worship with us. Miss Bixby, Mrs O'Sullivan and I are extremely proud of the children and how they rose to the challenge of public speaking, acting and handling the microphone. Well done everyone.

**St John's Feast Day** will be celebrated on Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> May. We look forward to seeing the children in Saint John's house coming to school wearing something in their house colour - blue. They can swap one or more items of their school uniform for something blue - socks, skirt, trousers, top etc. Our Worship will focus on Saint John and the children in Saint John's will have an extra playtime together finishing with a drink and cake.

**Year 1 visit to St Thomas' Church** is next Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> May. My thanks go to the parents who have volunteered to help on this visit. Your help is vital in enabling these visits to take place - without you this visit would not happen.

**Class Eucharists** continue next week. RBixby will be having a Class Eucharist on Thursday. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to experience a Eucharist in a small group and see exactly what happens and ask lots of questions. We are extremely grateful to Father Mark and Father Matthew for enabling this to take place.

**Open Classrooms** This is definitely a sign that life is returning to normal! 'Open Classrooms' is probably a distant memory for everyone in Year 2. Open Classrooms will be after school next Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> May. Please come and see what your children have been up to. There will be lots of lovely work on display.

**Attendance** We are now in the month of May and it is during this month that the formal part of the end of KS1 assessments takes place for our Year 2 children. We keep this low key for the children and we do ask parents to do the same - the children will hopefully come home talking about doing various quizzes. All we do ask is that the children in Year 2 are in school every day and on time, after a good night's sleep, ready to let their little lights shine brightly.

We all know that the last two years have been challenging and that we have all missed out on things that we have wanted to do but, unless your child is unwell, whatever year they are in, they need to be in school so that they can continue in their learning journey and experience all aspects of the planned curriculum. Please be assured - your children will share their exciting adventures if they have been away, rather than unwell!

Please remember that no holidays will be authorised unless there are exceptional circumstances. We do appreciate your support in this.

## **70 Acts of Faith and Service**

Thank you for the 'stamps' sent in to school We have had some lovely designs sent in. We would like to submit some of these to the competition at the Baytree Centre to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. Please encourage your child to take part and ensure that their 'stamp' is brought in to school on Monday. So here is a reminder of the challenge:

**20** Design a stamp to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Think about where she has visited, the various Royal Palaces, her family and things she likes, her hobbies etc ....

This weekend's challenge:

25 To with a family meal - laying the table, serving family members or getting involved with the cooking.

**Going Home Arrangements** Thank you to everyone who has already returned this sheet to school - if you haven't done so yet, please do so on Monday, before you get chased!

**School Meals** We will be on week 1 of the menus next week with pizza (pepperoni or cheese and tomato) on Monday.

**Recycling Initiative** Thanks to a past parent, Mrs Cansell, we recycle crisp packets with 'TerraCycle'. TerraCycle's aim is to eliminate the idea of waste by recycling the 'non-recyclable'. Through their various projects, they are able to divert millions of pounds of waste from landfills and incinerators each month. Please send your empty crisp packets into school and we will collect them up so that we can then send them for recycling. Crisp multipack outer packaging is also accepted. There is a collection point outside my office. We all love crisps - I am sure we will be able to continue to recycle innumerable packets! But ... after years of service by Mrs Cansell, we need a new volunteer to parcel up and send the crisp packets off on a regular basis. We just need someone who has the time to do this. We are a registered collection site and so we get lots and lots of crisp packets from the wider community so we are supporting hundreds of people in their efforts to be environmentally friendly. If you think you could take this on, please come and see me or send an email to [admin@stthomasinf.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stthomasinf.essex.sch.uk) - please consider helping us with this, it is an easy way to do the right thing and look after our world and the resources we have been given to treasure. It also helps us in our aspirations to be an Eco-School.



### Headteacher's Awards



Week ending Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May

Y2C	Liam Challis
Y21B -Y2	Grace Morrell
Y1P	Lottie Cook
RBixby	Aleena Rahman
RNT	Willow Rourke

Y2S	Vincent Brazier
Y1	Darcy Dallaway
Y1CA	Oliver Cifor
RBeales	Frema Awuah



**Attendance Cup** This week's winners are Y21B with 98.1%.

**Punctuality Bear** This week's winners are St Luke's and St John's with 99.7%.

**Think of a Question** is our family challenge! Thank you for all the fantastic questions sent into school this week. We have received some really interesting questions including:

*'Is that a floating island in space?'*, Joseph (Y2C)

*'Do aliens live there?'*, Albert (Y1P)

*'Why is the island close to the moon?'*, Amioluwa (Y1CA)

*'Is this on another planet?'*, Jessica (Y21B)

*'Why is the moon reflecting on the water?'*, Toby (RNT)

If you have not yet sent in your question, please use one of the speech bubbles sent home last week. Please send any questions that you think of at home into school next week and they will be added to the whole school display...



Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Caroline L'Estrange  
Headteacher