

St Thomas of Canterbury Church of England Infant School

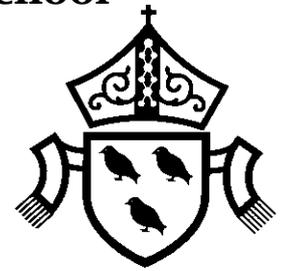
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Dear Parents,

We have been very focussed in school this week despite the challenging times we are experiencing. I am very thankful for everyone's support at this time. We have been keeping you up to date as we receive any new information from the Local Authority and the Department for Education regarding coronavirus. All of this information will continue to be shared via ParentHub, so we do urge those remaining families who have not yet signed up to do so as soon as possible. It is crucial that everyone receives this vital information at the same time. Today we have received guidance to share the following link with you <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-people-with-confirmed-or-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>. This link will also be shared on ParentHub so that you can directly click in. We will also share a link to other guidance which we have received in school.

Author visit Simon Murray will be visiting us on Tuesday morning. Simon will be working with Reception and Year 1. Take a look at Simon's website:

<https://www.ickydoodah.com/about-simon-murray>

School Bags Please can everyone remember that only book bags should be brought to school – bags are generally stored in children's drawers and we do not have room for ruc sacks. Storage in our classrooms is limited and so, when your child is participating in a before or after school club, we would be really grateful if these bags could be as small as possible. Thank you for your support in this.

School Meals We will be on week 2 of the menu next week, with meatballs on Monday.

Headteacher's Awards



Week ending Friday 13th March 2020

Y2C	Bailey Edhouse-Newton	Y2B	Mia Ballam
Y21C -Y2	Euan Lawrence	Y1	Erin Stanford
Y1P	Hussain Azam	Y1FA	Zack Whayling
RS	Liam Challis	RB	Thomas Nunn
RN	Avishikta Mandal		

Attendance Cup This week's winners are Y2B with 99.3%.

Punctuality Bear This week's winners are Saint John's and Saint Luke's with 99.4%.

Well done to RS, the only class with 100% punctuality this week.

Can we make it three classes next week?



Think of a Question is a family challenge! Thank you for all the fantastic questions sent into school this week. We have received so many questions, including:

'Is that a Dad and his son?', Violet, Y1FA

'Who and where are they? Is it a photo from the old days?', Myla, Y1P

'What is the weather like? What are they standing on?', Isabelle W, Y1P

'What is the child looking at?', Harrison, Y2B

'Is that a Dad climbing a mountain with his son?', Olivia, Y1FA

If you have not yet sent in your question, there is a speech bubble at the end of the newsletter for your question.

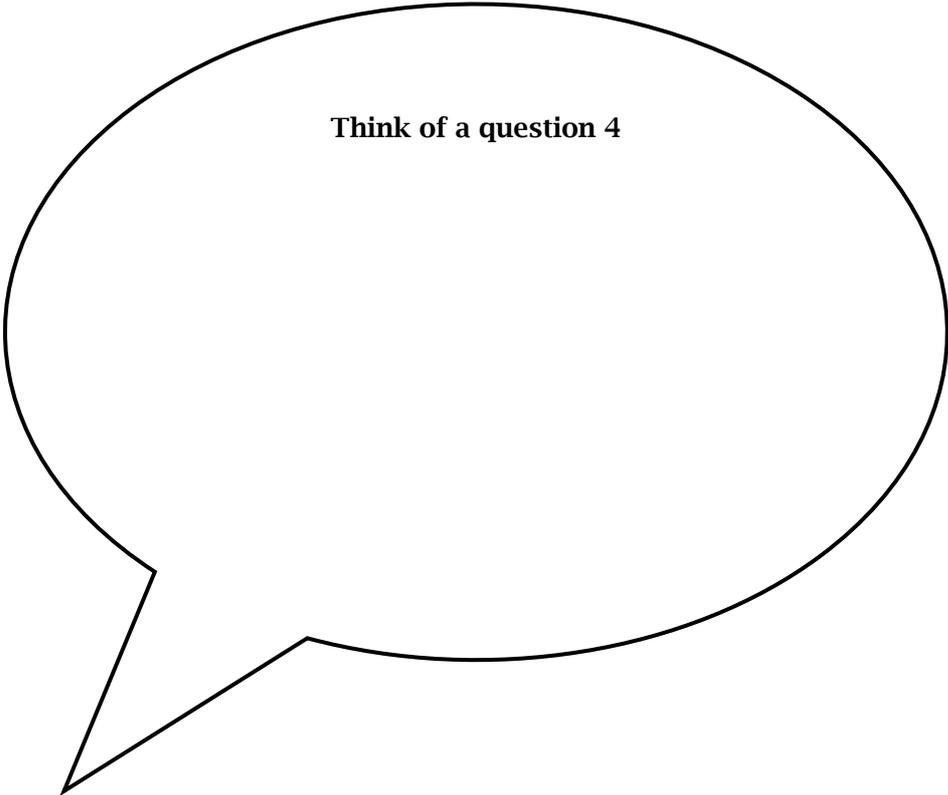
LENT *#LiveLent: Care for God's Creation* the Church of England's Lent Campaign. This week's theme is 'Water'. We have thought about the importance of water and how much water we use every day. We have also thought about how fortunate we are that we can have clean water to drink at all times - reflecting upon how this is not the same for everyone throughout our world. Last week Mr & Mrs Norford (Myla, Y1P) came to talk to us about the amazing work they do with the charity 'Stand by Me' (www.standby.me) and we clearly saw how important water is to everyone and the impact of not having easy access to this source of life. The 'Jar of Grace' is in the hall to collect our pennies together during Lent for 'Stand By Me' - every 40p raised will pay for breakfast and lunch in one of the charity's schools. We look forward to seeing how many meals we have paid for at the end of term. Every penny counts - let's see if together we can fill the 'Jar of Grace' in the hall. This week's challenge is to think about our use of water at home. How much water do we use to cook our vegetables for one meal? Can you suggest ways that we can use water more wisely? There is a 'tap' for you to share your findings and ideas on.

Running all the way to the Olympics! Thank you for all the slips already sent into school. On top of the daily miles run this week, your outside school efforts have added 28 miles already. We are on our way! Thank you everyone.

Yours sincerely,

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