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Dear Parents,

I cannot believe that the half term has passed by already, but I think we are all ready for the break. The children have continued to work very hard and I am pleased with the progress that all the children have made, both in Reception and Key Stage 1, and the effort they have put into their work. All of us in school know how important your support at home is in this, so thank you very much.

Class Worship Well done to ROH for their superb worship on Thursday. The children were amazing and had beautifully clear and loud voices. The children explored the word **TRUSTWORTHY** with us and gave us lots to think about. Well done everyone. Our next Class Worship will be led by RS and is on 26th June.

Reading at home The children in Year 1 have today chosen a book from any shelf in our school library. Please support your child to read the books if they are more difficult or help them to develop their comprehension skills if they select an easier read.

Help us win £5,000 for our school library! When visiting family and friends this holiday, please ask them to nominate us at <http://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools> as 'St Thomas of Canterbury Infant School, Brentwood, Essex' - please ask them to put the full details so that we get all the valuable nominations! This will help us win £5,000 of National Book Tokens for the school library. You could even get £100 for yourself!

School Meals We will be on week 3 of our menus when we return after half term, with pasta (tomato and pepperoni / tomato and basil / tomato and mozzarella) on Monday 3rd June.

Reception Read with me will be on Thursday from after half term. You (or perhaps a grandparent) are invited to come into class when dropping your child to school on a Thursday for 15 minutes reading time. This is a chance for you to read with the children, either a book you bring from home or one from the class library. We hope that many of you will be able to join us for 15 minutes at 8.45am every Thursday. Sharing a book together is a great way to start your child's day in school and reminds us all of the value of experiencing a wide range of literature.

School uniform Over the half term break, please could everyone check that each item of school uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name. Also, could you please check that your child returns to school on **Monday 3rd June** with a complete PE kit - shorts, t-shirt, tracksuit bottoms and plimsolls that fit - again all clearly labelled with your child's name. Many thanks in advance.

SSmartyPants Our school uniform providers will be in the school hall on Wednesday 26th June from 2pm until 4pm. You will be able to see samples and place orders. Credit cards are accepted. Ordered uniform will be delivered to school on Thursday 4th July and can be collected from the school office.

Walk to School Week message from the Eco-Schools Committee Thank you to everyone who has taken part this week. We will be calculating the amount of saved carbon dioxide after half term. Watch this space!

A message from the Worship Team Thank you to everyone who has sent in a beautiful thanksgiving butterfly. We have an absolutely beautiful collection. As a school family we have so much to give thanks for.

Reminders for immediately after half term:

Tuesday 4th June **School photographs** Both class and whole school photographs will be taken. We will be wearing summer uniform and it would be really nice if everyone had a school polo shirt or green checked dress to wear on that day. Thank you.

Friday 7th June **BookTrust - Pyjamarama** Everyone is invited to come to school in their PJs and bring along £1 to help BookTrust give every child a bedtime story. Take a look at the BookTrust website for more information www.booktrust.org.uk.

Maths Challenge Accompanying this newsletter there is a half term maths challenge. We look forward to receiving lots of completed challenges in the week after half term. Please ensure that they are returned to school by Friday 7th June. Have fun everyone.

Headteacher's Awards

Week ending Friday 24th May

	Y2N	Theo Scola	Y2C	Amelia Laing
	Y21P -Y2	Meena Zohri	Y1	Diamond Iwuagwu
	Y1FA	James Cansell	Y1S	Edward Baron
	ROH	William Penfold	RS	Ollie Benns
	RMN	Chiko Gausi		

Attendance Cup This week's winners are Y1S with 98.5%.



Punctuality Bear This week's winners are St Matthew's with 99.6%.

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

- 'Is he upside down? Is he standing on his head?', Eliza, Y1S*
- 'Who's shoes are they? Is it a lake or a puddle?', Edee, Y1FA*
- 'Why are his shoes upside down?', Jessica, ROH*
- 'Is it a shadow?', Hamdan, RMN*



There will be a new 'Let's Think' question after half term.

I hope that everyone has a lovely half term break. Remember we return for the final half term of the school year on Monday 3rd June 2019.

Yours sincerely,

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