

# St Thomas of Canterbury Church of England Infant School

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Dear Parents,

**School Council** Congratulations to Year 2 for their fantastic speeches today – their confidence and ideas were superb. I am sure that we have some future politicians amongst our Year 2. Voting takes place next week! Good Luck everyone!

**Friendship Week** Next week is our annual Friendship Week. We will be thinking about our friendships within the school community, the local community, the environment and the wider world. These are all important friendships which we endeavour to value and enrich through our school words:

		TRUSTWORTHY		
LOVE	FRIENDSHIP	FORGIVENESS	RESPONSIBILITY	HONESTY
RESPECT	KINDNESS	SHARING	GENEROSITY	TOGETHERNESS

**Photographs** Van Cols will be in school next Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October, to take individual and group photographs of your children. The photographer will be here from 8am to take family group photographs where older and younger siblings are welcome – please come to the school hall. Individual photographs will be taken during the school day.

**Class worship** Our first class worship of the school year will be next Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October, and will be led by Y2N. Parents and younger siblings of children in Y2N are welcome to join us for this worship at 9am. We hope that everyone will enjoy the opportunity to come and join us for this year's class worships.

**Information evening** It was lovely to welcome so many parents from Year 1 to the information evening this week. We hope that you all found it both interesting and informative. Thank you to the Year 1 teachers for their presentations. Next week the information evening is for the parents of our Year 2 children. The meeting is on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> October, at 7pm when the Year 2 Team will share with you how the learning journey continues in Year 2. They will give you an insight into what your children have already been up to and what is expected of them in this their final year in Key Stage 1. The evening will also include information about KS1 SATs. This evening is for parents only (children will not be admitted).

It is also an opportunity for you to meet with other parents over a few refreshments. The evening will last no longer than an hour. We look forward to seeing you. Could you please return the slip below to your child's classteacher so that we know how many of you to expect.

**Year 1 Sukkah** Congratulations to Year 1 for their fantastic sukkah. Thank you to all the parents who came to help yesterday afternoon. Please take a moment to admire their hard work in creating the shelter to celebrate the Jewish festival of Sukkot.

**School Meals** We will be on week 2 of the menu next week, with pasta (tomato and pepperoni or tomato and basil or smoky tomato and cheddar cheese) on Monday.

**Open Classrooms** If you were not able to join us for Open Classrooms this afternoon and your child is in Year 1 or Year 2, please see you your child's classteacher next week to collect your

child's new targets. Your support in this area of your child's school life is essential in supporting their progress.

**Harvest Eucharist** is on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm. This is our first Eucharist of the school year. We will also be saying farewell to Father Jenkins as he is retiring next weekend. Please do come and join us as we give thanks for his ministry to us.

This year we have again decided to support the Brentwood Foodbank which provides emergency food for people in crisis. If you could donate something from the shopping list pictured here, they would be very grateful. Please ensure that all donations are non-perishable and in date. We will be accepting donations of food until Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October - everything received next week will be blessed as part of our harvest offering at the Harvest Eucharist. Thank you.

LARGE TINS OF VEGETABLES	
TINNED RICE PUDDING	COFFEE
TINNED HOT MEAT	TINNED
FISH	
TINNED HOT DOGS	INSTANT
MASH	
TINNED MEAT BALLS	BISCUITS
JAM/SPREADS	PASTA
SAUCES	
TINNED SPAGHETTI	SAVOURY
RICE	
TINNED COLD HAM	SAVOURY
PASTA	
TINNED TOMATOES	TINNED
MEAT PIES	

**Headteacher's Awards**



Week ending Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September

Y2N	Lottie Palmer	Y2C	Pollyanna Fetherston
Y21P -Y2	Chineme Onychere	Y1	Harry Southgate
Y1FA	Joe Porter	Y1S	Harry Sullivan
ROH	Nathan Perks	RS	Hannah Tilden
RMN	Rafferty Stirling-Howe		

**Attendance Cup** This week's winners are yet again RMN with the fantastic 100%.



**Punctuality Bear** This week's winners are Saint Matthew's and Saint Luke's with the fantastic 100%.



**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:

*'Does a princess live in the castle?'*, Sebastian, Y1S

*'Does a wizard live there?'*, Fletcher, RMN

*'Is there a witch there who wants to hurt the princess?'*, Giles, RMN

*'Why are there stones near the castle?'*, Melody, Y1FA

If you have not yet sent in your question, there is a speech bubble at the end of the newsletter for your question. This will be the last week with this picture.



Yours sincerely,

*C B L'Estrange*

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