

# St Thomas of Canterbury Church of England Infant School

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29<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Dear Parents,

**Class Worship** Congratulations to Y2C for a fantastic class worship on Wednesday. Mrs Cumpstey and I are extremely proud of the children. Y2C explored the word *SHARING* giving us lots to reflect upon about the importance of sharing in our daily lives.

The next class worship will be led by Miss Nunn's class and is on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 9am. Y2N parents are warmly welcome to join us for this act of worship.

**School Council** Congratulations to Year 2 for their fantastic speeches on Monday - their confidence and ideas were superb. I am sure that we have some future politicians amongst our Year 2. Voting took place this afternoon and our new School Council will be announced on Monday. Good Luck everyone!

**Friendship Week** Next week is our annual Friendship Week. We will be thinking about the values of tolerance, democracy, mutual respect, individual liberty and the rule of law. These are all important values which we endeavour to live out through our school words:

LOVE                      FRIENDSHIP                      FORGIVENESS                      RESPONSIBILITY                      HONESTY  
RESPECT   KINDNESS                      SHARING                      GENEROSITY                      TOGETHERNESS                      TRUSTWORTHY

**Photographs** Van Cols will be in school next Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</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.

**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 Wednesday, 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. This 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 to your child's classteacher so that we know how many of you to expect.

**Phonics - Letters & Sounds** On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm there will be an information session for parents about how we teach phonics and how you can support your child with their phonic development. More information next week.

**School Meals** We will be on week 2 of the menu next week, with pasta (three cheese sauce / tomato and basil / tuna and sweetcorn) on Monday.

**School Garden** I am hoping to set up a working party to tidy up and prepare our school garden for the year ahead - I know that Mrs Muir (Zoë - Y2N and Jessica - RG) and Mrs Gibbs (Luke - Y2N) would appreciate some more willing hands. If you feel that this is something that you can support, then please complete the slip below indicating the times and days that are best for you. Many thanks.

## Headteacher's Awards



Week ending Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September

Y2C Evie Abbot  
Y21P -Y2 Jackson Fisher  
Y1NT Anna Benns  
ROF Lila Darwin  
RG Teddy Webb

Y2N Ruby Watson  
Y1 Isobel Nunn  
Y1G Ethan Mackintosh-Purr  
RMN Reece Walters

**Attendance Cup** This week's winners are Y2C with the fantastic 100%.



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



**Think of a Question** is a family challenge!

Thank you for all the fantastic questions sent into school The final questions for this picture are:

'Would the house fall over on a windy day?' Henry, ROF  
'Do they have a lighthouse next door?' Joseph, RMN  
'Is the house on a rock?' Faith, Y1NT  
'Is someone's house floating away?' Jackson, Y21P  
'Is that an alligator?' Millie, RMN



Look out for a new family challenge next week!

**Father Colin** Thank you to everyone who has already sent their labels with messages /memories for Father Colin. If you have not already completed your label, please return them to school by Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. We will be making a presentation to Father Colin and if any of you would like to contribute to the school collection, please send your donations into school via your child's classteacher or the school office at any time, but by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October. The presentation to Father Colin will be at his last school worship on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October. Thank you.

**Harvest Eucharist** is on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October. This is our first Eucharist of the school year and we are very pleased to welcome Bishop Norman Banks, Bishop of Richborough, to celebrate this for 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 Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October - everything received next week will be blessed as part of our harvest offering at the Harvest Eucharist. Thank you.

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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 |                  |

**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.

Yours sincerely,

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