



Don't hide your light! Let it shine for all; let your good deeds glow for all to see, so that they will praise your heavenly Father. – Matthew 5:16



St Mary and St Thomas CE Primary School Newsletter

w/b: Monday 25th September

GOLDEN BOOK

Well done to this week's golden book winners who were celebrated again in our whole school assembly. Please make sure you ask your child if they were one of the chosen winners this week for respect, resilience or readiness!

Y6 PARENT INSIGHT

Thank you to the families that joined us for the #hashtagging lesson – we hope you enjoyed it! You'll be hashtagging everything in sight now, we're sure. As always, we know families were so impressed with the high level of work the children complete and thank you for your dedication to your child's learning.

Y2 FAMILY LEARNING

It was great to see so many parents and carers at our Y2 reading event this week. The children loved sharing stories with their grown-ups and talking all things Emoji! We hope the resources shared can support you in helping your child develop in reading at home. Thank you so much for joining us!

YR FAMILY LEARNING

A big thank you to all who came along to the Reception Phonics learning session. It will have such an incredible impact on your children's early reading to have you working alongside us.

EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES

We had a great day on Tuesday observing this important day to celebrate the wonderful continent of Europe. Take a look at our Spotlight which is available on the school website to see what your child's class did. A huge thank you to all the parents who volunteered their time to join us and talk about their home countries across Europe. It was such an enriching experience for the children and we are extremely grateful for your generosity.

TEARDROPS DROP IN SESSION

On Monday 9th October, between 9.30-11am, staff members from the Teardrops hub will be in school hosting a drop-in session for all parents and carers. The team can support you with things like housing, benefits and welfare. They can also provide ongoing support from their team where it is needed. Teardrops are such a fantastic organisation, and their core mission is to help families in our community! We encourage you to attend if you want to raise any issues in these areas, or just ask some questions.

PE

Just a reminder on the PE changes...The table below details the PE for children across the school. Information was sent out this week regarding the changes to PE sessions as they may now be required to be in PE kit for two days. Children should attend school wearing their PE kit on their allocated days, which must consist of a white t-shirt, black shorts or sports trousers and black trainers. Details and pictures of the appropriate kit can be found on our school website. Please be aware that children are **not permitted** to wear football kits or branded clothing. We have a limited amount of spare kit in school and children will be asked to change into this prior to their PE session where necessary. Please note, Y4 will still be attending swimming on Mondays and therefore should have appropriate swimming kit on this day.

PE				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
YN	Y1	Y1	Y5	Y2
YR	YR	Y4	Y6	Y3
Y5		Y2		
Y6		Y3		

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WHATEVER THE WEATHER

At this time of year, it's often hard to tell in the early morning how the weather will pan out throughout the day. Therefore, can we ask that children arrive to school with a coat just in case a sunny morning turns into a rainy lunchtime. It is so important that children have the opportunity to get fresh air – it's good for their wellbeing and helps them with their learning too!

READING 5 TIMES

We simply LOVE reading at SMST and we know how important it is to foster this love for reading in our children. Our school rule on reading at home is that children must read 5 times each week. Those that do get 5 dojos and an extra playtime - not to mention the fact that their brains get BIGGER and more filled with wonder. It's a win-win! We thank you in advance for your support in this and ask that a record of each time your child reads is noted in their reading diary as opposed to one comment per week.

CLASS DOJOS

Your child may have told you all about Class Dojos – if they haven't, make sure to ask! At our school, children can receive dojos for being Ready, Resilient or Respectful... and for reading 5 times too! For each milestone, the children may receive a certificate or a prize and all the dojos contribute to their House Team totals too. We love to celebrate their successes, their efforts and their kindness too.

TEARDROPS POSTER COMPETITION

We know we have some fantastic artists and designers in our school. Take a look at the letter from Teardrops Community Support. They are looking for a child-designed poster to advertise their Christmas Hamper appeal. Wouldn't it be great if a child from SMST designed the poster for the whole town?

ARBOR

Can we please urge parents to log onto Arbor and check the following:

- *all your child's details are correct (address, phone numbers, doctors' details etc)
- *the list of people who are able to collect your child (you are able to add more to the list or delete people from the list.
- *the consents for your child and update accordingly.

WRAPAROUND LATE FEES

Please could we remind families that our after-school wraparound care runs until 5.30pm. If a child is not collected by this time, we have to implement a late fee as this service is run by our school staff. The late fee for collection is £1 per minute late.

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FAMILY OF FAITH

A reflection from... Miss Bowen

Our Reception class have now completed a whole month of school! Doesn't time fly when you're having fun? What a joy it has been getting to know these fantastic new young people who have quickly become treasured members of our family of faith!

We have spent time learning about perseverance because it is so important that when children begin their primary school journey, they understand that they are valued for all that they are, not just their strengths! We have children who have been super confident making new friends, and others who have found this trickier. We have children who have found their early reading a breeze and others who need more time to secure their knowledge. But...

The bible teaches us that we can seek the power of Christ in our weaknesses, and sometime that power is delivered through his servants, which is often who we are as their school staff. We are the hands and feet of Jesus, our saviour, as we encourage these children to celebrate who they are – strengths and weaknesses alike! For God's power is made perfect in our weakness.

Our **Christian value** focus this half term is...

Perseverance

Our school **bible verse** of the week is...

Corinthians 12:9

"But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.'

Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me."

St Thomas Church

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Sunday Services

Parish Mass: 9.30am – 10.30am

Evening prayer: 6.30pm

"Seeking to love God and neighbour in the community of which we are part."



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2022/23 PLANNER

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 13th September:
Individual & sibling photographs
Friday 22nd:
Y2 Family Learning (2:15pm)
Tuesday 26th:
Interfaith Day
Thursday 28th:
Y6 Parent Insight morning
Friday 29th:
Rec Family Learning (2:15pm)

OCTOBER

Wednesday 4th:
Y5&Y6 Eucharist
Thursday 5th:
Y5 Family Worship
Friday 6th:
Y1 Family Learning (2:15pm)
Wednesday 11th:
Y2 Harvest Service @ St Thomas
Thursday 19th:
Y4 Family Worship
Friday 20th:
Rec Family Learning (2:15pm)
Tuesday 24th:
Autumn Disco
Wednesday 25th:
Y4 & Y6 Trip to Clontar Opera

NOVEMBER

Thursday 9th:
Y5 Parent Insight morning
Thursday 16th:
Charlie & the Chocolate Factory trip
Friday 17th:
Y3 Family Learning (2:15pm) &
Children in Need
Thursday 23rd:
Y4 Parent Insight morning
Friday 24th:
Rec Stay & Play
Thursday 30th:
Y5 & Y6 Eucharist

DECEMBER

Friday 1st:
Nursery Stay & Play
Friday 8th:
Christmas dinner
Tuesday 12th:
KS1 Nativity
Thursday 14th & 15th:
Rec&KS1/KS2 Pantomime & Party
Monday 18th:
Y1/2 Parent-teacher consultations
Tuesday 19th:
Y3/4 Parent-teacher consultations
Wednesday 20th:
Y6 Christmas Service @ St Thomas
Thursday 21st:
EVFS carols around the Christmas Tree
Y5/6 Parent-teacher consultations

OTHER INFO

Half Term dates:

Tuesday 5th September 2023:
Children return to school
Thursday 26th October 2023:
Children break up for half term
Monday 6th November 2023:
Children return to school
Friday 22nd December 2023:
Children break up for half term
Tuesday 9th January 2024:
Children return to school
Friday 9th February 2024:
Children break up for half term
Monday 19th February 2024:
Children return to school
Thursday 28th March 2024:
Children break up for half term
Monday 15th April 2024:
Children return to school
Wednesday 22nd May 2024:
Children break up for half term
Monday 3rd June 2024:
Children return to school
Wednesday 23rd July 2024:
Children break up for half term
Additional Dates:
27th/28th September & 16th October:
Y5 Debate academy
Tuesday 10th October:
Flu jabs

JANUARY

Wednesday 17th:
KS2 Eucharist
Thursday 18th:
Y3 Parent Insight morning
Friday 19th:
Y4 Family Learning (2:15pm)
Friday 26th:
Rec Stay & Play

FEBRUARY

Thursday 1st:
Y2 Parent Insight morning
Friday 2nd:
Y5 Family Learning (2:15pm)
Tuesday 6th:
Safer Internet Day & Valentine Disco
Wednesday 7th:
Y5 Ash Wednesday Service @ St Thomas
Friday 9th:
Y6 Family Learning
Thursday 22nd:
Y3 Family Worship
Thursday 29th:
Y2 Family Worship

MARCH

Friday 1st:
Nursery Stay & Play
Thursday 7th:
Y1 Parent Insight morning
Friday 8th:
World Book Day
Friday 22nd:
Y4 Sleepover
Tuesday 26th:
Easter Bingo
Wednesday 27th:
Y4 Easter Church Service @ St Thomas

APRIL

Monday 15th:
Y1/2 Parent-teacher consultations
Tuesday 16th:
Y3/4 Parent-teacher consultations
Wednesday 17th:
Y5/6 Parent-teacher consultations
Thursday 25th:
Y1 Family Worship

MAY

Friday 3rd:
Rec Stay & Play
Tuesday 7th - 8th:
Y5 Petty Pools trip
Thursday 9th:
Y3 Ascension Day Service
Monday 13th:
KS2 SAT's week
Wednesday 22nd:
Sports Day

JUNE

Wednesday 5th:
Whole School Eucharist
Tuesday 11th:
Y6 Moving on service
Friday 14th:
Nursery Stay & Play
Tuesday 18th - 20th:
Y6 London Residential
Friday 21st:
Class photos
Thursday 27th:
RSE Day

JULY

Wednesday 3rd:
Believe, Achieve, Shine awards evening
Thursday 18th:
Rec end of year assembly
Friday 19th:
Y6 Leavers' Service



We'd like to welcome you to join us on

8th

October

(then every second Sunday of the month)

for

Stories

at

St Thomas' Church

11^{am} - 12^{pm}

Open to all Families

**Each week, Rev Michelle will
share stories & teachings from the Bible
along with fun activities for
your child to enjoy**

Light Refreshments will be Provided

Please contact Rev Michelle to register your child:
revmichellegoodwin@gmail.com



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Supporting Your Community

Hello,

Please allow me to introduce myself, my name is Florence I am the Education and Events Organiser for Teardrops Supporting Your Community. I am contacting yourselves as each year we supply families and single people in St Helens with Christmas Toy and Food hampers. Each year our christmas appeal poster is designed by a student in St. Helens and therefore we are hosting a competition for St. Helens primary schools.

If you are interested, we would like your students to be part of this and to create a poster with the following information.

The poster must include a title of 'Teardrops Christmas Toy and Food Hamper Appeal' and also have the students name, age, school, and class on the back of the poster. Please may we also ask that all posters are drawn on a piece of A4 size paper in portrait aswell as being coloured in using felt tip pen as this shows up better when printed.

This year we have opened the competition to more schools and therefore we would like the school to pick 2 posters from key stage 1 and 2 posters from key stage 2. (4 posters from each school). The deadline date for this competition is Friday 6th

October 2023. If you could please scan the 4 posters over to me via email (florence@teardrops.org.uk) and I will confirm when I have received them.

Alternatively, they can be posted to us at Teardrops supporting your community, 110 crab street, St. Helens, WA10 2DJ.

Our overall winner will receive a certificate, a prize and their poster will be used as our advertisement for our christmas appeal in numerous businesses around St. Helens as well as on our social media platforms. The winning poster will also include the student's first name, age, and school.

There will also be runner ups who will also win a confectionary prize and a certificate.

I have attached a copy of last year's winning poster. Please let know if your school would like to participate. We look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you very much,

Florence Boken – Donoghue

Education and Events Organiser

Well done to the following children, who have won the Headteacher's Award this week!

Year	Head Teacher's Award	
N	Arlo	For sharing some really good facts about animals
R	Josie	For taking part in all our challenges
1	Ola	For always working hard, all the time
2	Melia	For always working hard
3	Mason R	For putting lots of effort into his homework
4	Johnathan	For superb focus in class
5	Tinofara	For excellent participation
6	Hudson	For building his resilience and working independently

Year	Lunchtime Award
R	Arthur
1	Marni
2	Iris
3	Jessie-Mae
4	Gabriela
5	Tyler
6	Dexter

Year	Attendance this week	ATTENDANCE AWARD
R	91.3%	Whole school attendance this week was 94.7% Well done to Year 4 with 98.1% , they have won the class attendance award this week! Well done everyone!
1	95.4%	
2	97.6%	
3	97.6%	
4	98.1%	
5	94.2%	
6	96.7%	

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