



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 2nd October

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.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

We will be collecting harvest goods for Teardrops this year – tins, dried goods and toiletries. If you are able to, and can spare some of these items, they can be donated by bringing the items into school by Wednesday of next week.

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!

Y2 HARVEST SERVICE

Next Wednesday, Y2 will be leading our Harvest church service at St Thomas' Church and we invite families of Y2 to join us for this special event. The service will start at 9.30am and we would love to see you there!

Y4 FAMILY WORSHIP

Next Thursday, Y4 family worship will take place from 9am in the school hall. Families of Y4 children are invited to attend this lovely event, where you will hear about life in Y4 and all the fun they are having!

Y1 FAMILY LEARNING

Thank you to the families that joined us for the reading session led by Mrs Caesar today. We hope you enjoyed the session and have taken away some great tips on how to support your child with reading at home.

Y5 FAMILY WORSHIP

Y5's family worship was out of this world! The pupils did a fantastic job of sharing their learning from their current Science topic, Space. There were Jaffa Cakes, space races and plenty of puns. We loved it! Well done, Y5.

PE

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.

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.

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FAMILY OF FAITH

A reflection from... Mr Jones

If you joined us for Y5 family worship this week, you will have seen some real perseverance in action. Some children who were strong and courageous when facing public speaking, a thing many find challenging even into adulthood.

In the assembly, we read from the gospel of Matthew. He was one of Jesus' apostles who had been a tax collector. Surely, to become a disciple, to have people listen to him spread the word of Jesus, he would have also had to be strong and courageous.

Being strong and courageous may look different on the outside for different people, but on the inside I imagine a burning fire. This image is used in the bible to represent God. So maybe that who is inside us all when that perseverance bubbles.

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

Perseverance

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

Deuteronomy 31:6

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."

St Thomas Church

Peter Street, St Helens, WA10 2EB
01744 732463 / stthomaseccleston@gmail.com

Sunday Services

Parish Mass: 9.30am – 10.30am
Evening prayer: 6.30pm

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ST MARY & ST THOMAS CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

TEARDROPS SUPPORTING YOUR COMMUNITY PRESENTS

SPOOK SPECT-DRACULA HALLOWEEN FAYRE



FREE ENTRY

SUNDAY 22nd OCTOBER
11AM TILL 4PM

TEARDROPS HUB, 110 CRAB STREET, ST. HELENS, WA10 2DJ

JOIN US FOR A SPELL

FREAKISHLY GOOD FOOD

SPOOK-TACULAR STALLS

DEVILLISH DJ

GHASTLY GAMES

RRAAAH-FFLE

CAULDRON CANDY FLOSS

PUMPKIN CARVING COMPETITION

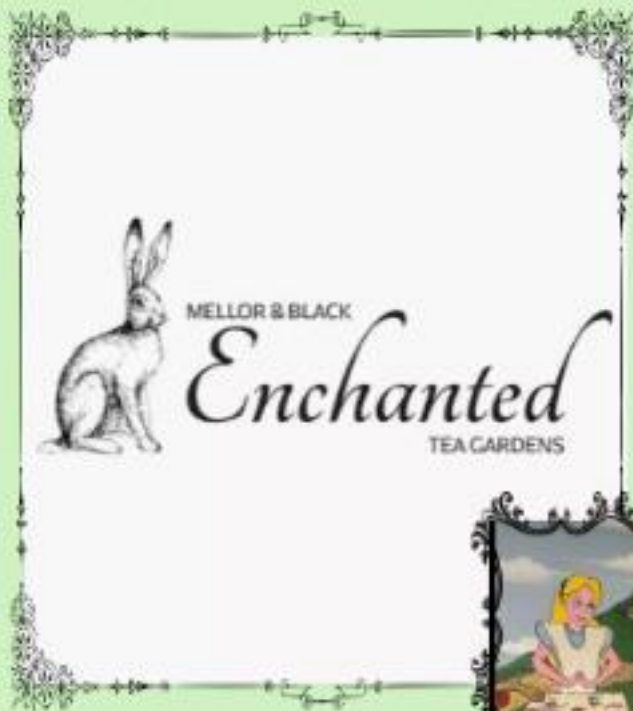
CHILDRENS COSTUME COMPETITION

TO BOOK A STALL PLEASE EMAIL FLORENCE@TEARDROPS.ORG.UK



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OPENING SOON..



Cafe and Restoration and upcycling shop opening in St.Helens soon.



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First Steps Toddler Group



Toys, singing, dancing, crafts and fun for everyone!
Every Wednesday during term time

1:30pm-2:30pm

St Thomas

Church Peter Street, St Helens, WA10 2EB

All under 5's welcome, free to everyone

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

Year	Head Teacher's Award	
N	Michelle	For settling in well in nursery
R	Winter	For super phonics work!
1	Isabelle	For working hard all week
2	Lucas	For a great effort with all his work!
3	Leighton Smith	For brilliant writing and concentration
4	Jaxson	For Super effort in maths
5	Riley Statham	For amazing confidence
6	Amelia McDonnell	For being consistently ready

Year	Lunchtime Award
R	Noah
1	Parker
2	Kerris
3	Cole
4	Eleanor
5	Tino
6	William

Year	Attendance this week	ATTENDANCE AWARD
R	89.6%	Whole school attendance this week was 92.8% Well done to Year 3 with 97.6% , they have won the class attendance award this week! Well done everyone!
1	93.9%	
2	97.2%	
3	97.6%	
4	90.0%	
5	92.9%	
6	92.0%	

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