

May 28th 2021 School Newsletter



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Next week is half term!

Covid 19

It has been really good to have the children back in school this half term. The guidance for schools around COVID has remained unchanged and therefore we are going to need to stay with the current operational plan and risk assessment. This means that the arrangements for wearing masks, social distance, times of the school day, one way systems and keeping groups separated as much as possible all have to remain in place. Should any of the children test positive over the first 5 days of the half term please message me on Class Dojo as soon as possible as the school will need to cooperate with Test and Trace. A quick reminder that the Lateral Flow tests are **not** to be used for anyone who is showing symptoms of COVID. If anyone has a temperature, persistent cough or loss of taste and smell a PCR test **must** be used (either a home kit or test center) and sent away to be processed. Thank you for your continued help, support and patience as we continue to work through this pandemic.

Dates

- ◆ 31st May - 4th June
- Half Term
- ◆ 7/6/21 - Non-Pupil Day
- ◆ 8/6/21 - Children return to school
- ◆ 9/6/21 - Class Photo orders in
- ◆ 9/6/21 - KS 2 Cricket day
- ◆ 22/6/21 - Race for Life
- ◆ 28/6/21 - provisional sports day.
- ◆ 22/7/21 Last day of term

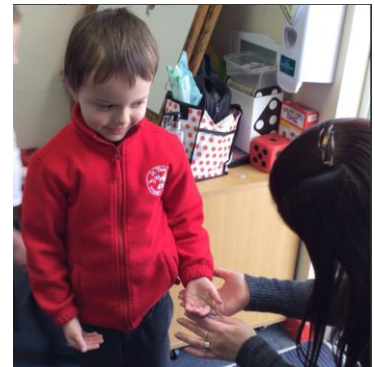
Staffing

Over the past few weeks the school has been recruiting and reorganising to bring itself in line with the approved staff structure of the Governors and Trustees. Since Mr Brown left in 2019 the school has not been in a position to replace the Deputy Head position. I am pleased to say that from September Mr Jenkins will be picking up this role for the school. There is also a teaching vacancy for September and Miss Esther Mackay has been appointed into this position and we will look forward to welcoming her to the teaching team in September.

As mentioned in previous newsletters Ellie Ralls will be our Parent Support Advisor and we look forward to her joining the team after half term. Sadly we are saying goodbye to Lisa Jones today. I would like to say a huge thank you for her amazing contribution to the school, families and children. Lisa will be missed from St Thomas and I wish her every success in her new role.

Photos

Look out for class photo proofs and order forms coming home this evening. So that we can ensure that the photos are back in school before the end of term please return the order form to the school office by **Wednesday 9th June**. Unfortunately once we have processed the order it is not possible to add late additions.



Key Stage 1

It has been a busy couple of weeks across the school. Reception have been learning about mini-beasts and Year 1 have been giving instructions and will remember their left and right! Year 2 have been making and decorating clay pots.

Children return on Tuesday 8th June