

December 2nd 2022 School Newsletter



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Attendance: 93.62%

Target: 96%

Dates

- ◆ Christmas Fayre
5pm - 7pm Friday
9th December
- ◆ Rocksteady concert
2.30pm Wednesday
14/12/22 2.20pm
start
- ◆ KS1 Nativity -
13/12/22 1.45pm
- ◆ KS1 Nativity -
14/12/22 9.30am
- ◆ Christmas Dinner
14/12/22
- ◆ KS2 Carol Concert
15/12/22 1.35pm
Cowick St.
Methodist Church
- ◆ Last day of term
16/12/22

Football success!

Our Year 6 mixed football team came 3rd out of 8 teams in the Monday night football league - great stuff!

Christmas Fayre

We're all very excited in our new look Christmas Fayre this year. It's now from 5pm - 7pm and they'll be stalls, a bar with mulled wine and mince pies, Santa's Grotto, Carol singing, Bingo and the legendary FOSS raffle! It promises to get everyone in the Christmas spirit. On the 9th of December the children will be allowed to wear their own clothes. Instead of a cash donation the FOSS are asking for the following donations from each class:

Class Donations (9/12/22)

- Year 1 & 2: Sweets, cakes, biscuits
- Year 3: Fill a jar
- Year 4: Mince pies (or fruit pie alternative)
- Year 5 & 6: bottle of soft drinks (fizzy, squash etc.)

Staff updates

I know many of you will be wondering how **Mr. Stone** is getting on. Sadly the operation he underwent didn't solve his condition, but the good news is the medical team are hopeful that a second operation he is due to have this month will have more success. I know you will join me in wishing him all the best and we all hope to see him well again. On another sad note, **Mrs. Angela Collings** will be enjoying a well-earned retirement at the end of term after over 22 years at the school. I know I speak for all the staff and parents when I say how much she will be missed and thank her for her dedication and always putting the children first in everything she does - thank you Angela!

A new member of staff, **Karin Siemund**, joined our Teaching Assistant team this week. If you are interested in joining the staff at St Thomas in a TA role we have a job opportunity (closing date 9/12/22) - see ELAT website for details



Around the School

In EYFS an Elf called Sparkles has arrived, thank goodness he's not got into my office! This week, both Year 3 and our Reception class visited St Thomas library. In Year 4 they've been exploring electrical circuits, Year 5 have been swimming every Tuesday and had a visit from Santa! And Year 6 visited Narnia with help from the ICE team - ho ho ho!

