

# School Newsletter – 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023



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## Attendance

Last week: 96.3%  
Year to date: 95.7%  
National average: 95.2%  
Target: 96%

## Mr Jenkins' Message:

It's been a pleasure seeing so many parents celebrating their children's learning this week during parents' evenings. As the nights draw in and the temperature drops we still love going outside and playing, so wearing coats and warm hats is important. Have a good half term!

## School lunch

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October, Mrs Bessant is out on training and so we would really appreciate it if you could please pre-order your child's lunch through the app. The choices are:  
-Beef burger & chips  
-Quorn Hot Dog & chips  
-Jacket potato  
If you have any problems, please contact the school office.

## School photos

If you have not already let the office know about siblings who do not attend St Thomas, but you would like in a school photo, please do so ASAP at [admin@st-thomas.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-thomas.devon.sch.uk)

## Free School Meals

Your child is entitled to free school meals if you are currently in receipt of Income Support, Income-Based Job Seeker's Allowance or Child Tax Credit. If this is you, please register for free school meals, **even if your child is in Reception, Key Stage One or has packed lunches.**

This is important to us because schools will receive extra 'Pupil Premium' funding for each child registered for free school meals and this enables us to provide extra support where it is needed. Forms and confidential advice about this are available from the school office.

Please go to <https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/school-meals/> for information on how to apply.

## Dates

- Parent's Evening - 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> October
- SEND Parent's Coffee - 19<sup>th</sup> October
- **School photos - 20<sup>th</sup> October**
- Half Term - 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> October
- **School Disco - 3<sup>rd</sup> November**
- Year 6 Narnia Experience - 16<sup>th</sup> November
- Children in Need - 17<sup>th</sup> November
- Rocksteady concert - 29<sup>th</sup> November
- FOSS Christmas Fayre - 1<sup>st</sup> December
- Year 6 Grenville Residential - 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> December
- KS1 Nativity - 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> December
- Christmas Dinner - 13<sup>th</sup> December
- KS2 Nativity - 14<sup>th</sup> December
- Panto (EYFS, Y1, 2, 3) - 15<sup>th</sup> December

## Year 6 Sport

A huge well done to our year 6 football and netball team who represented the school last Wednesday at the West Exe transition festival. Football Team 'A' came 4<sup>th</sup> out of seven schools and our Team 'B' came an amazing 2<sup>nd</sup>! Our netball team came a brilliant 3<sup>rd</sup> out of the seven schools, with an impressive 4 wins out of six games. Well done to all!

