



Diary Dates

- Wed 18th September meet the teacher- a chance to see your child's classroom
- Thurs 12th September class photos
- Fri 27th September In-school house cross country with Pennine Sports
- Mon 7th- Wed 9th October Y6 residential
- Thursday 24th October Belong day (pupils may wear club uniforms /clothes that represent interests and heritage)
- Monday 7th October Y4 road safety

HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Families,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and looking forward to the new school year. I also hope your summer has been filled with fun, happiness, and good times.



We know that clear and regular communication is important to all our families, and we will continue to share our weekly newsletters to keep you informed.

You should receive a newsletter from your child(ren)'s new teachers by the end of the first week, with key information. Please take note of the date above—Wednesday, 18th September, 4 pm-6 pm—when we will be holding a 'Meet the Teacher' evening event. You will have the chance to see your child(ren)'s classroom, meet the staff within the year group, and find out important information about the year. This event was really successful last year, and we look forward to seeing you. There are no appointments for this session, just drop in. However, please be aware that it was generally much busier at the beginning.

Below is some information on who to contact and how, should you need to.

I want to thank you in advance for all you do and for your support in the coming year. I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday morning.

#teamthomas

Uniform



We look forward to **welcoming all children back, smart and ready in uniform.**

Please refer to the link below to refamiliarise yourselves with the uniform expectations.

Please label all parts of your child's uniform- if it goes missing, named pieces are much easier to trace!

https://www.stthomas.org.uk/files/ugd/ce0121_ec45aebbf7f045ec8c3b0f038adac15b.pdf

Here is also the link for uniform exchange should you need it-

<https://www.uniform-exchange.org/>

**First Day
back**

Pupils return to school on **TUESDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER.**

Reception will have a staggered start- please refer to your communication with which sessions your child/ren are in.

Doors will open at 8.40-8.50am and all staff will be ready to greet you all back into school- they will lead the classes in.

Rec, Year 1 and Year 2 will be met by their teachers all year, Year 3-6 only for first couple of days, then they will be called in by staff on the door. Please ensure you are there and ready.

Doors close at 8.50am prompt.

The **school day ends for all at 3.10pm.**

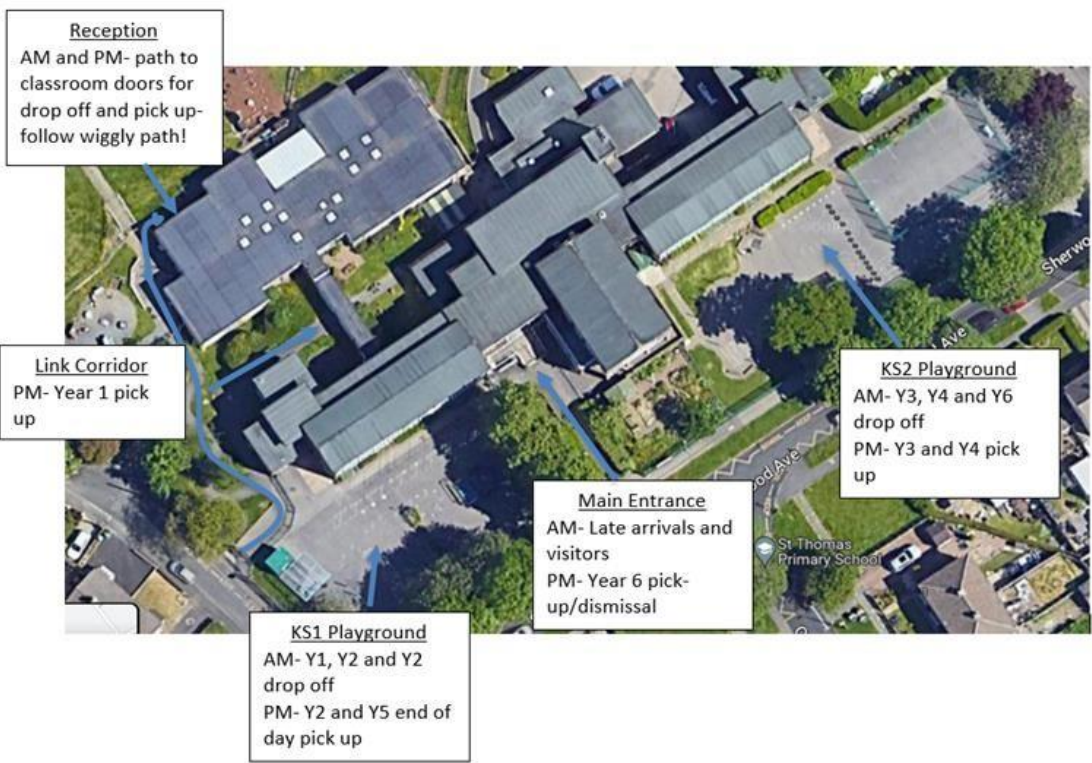
Doors for collection/dismissal are as follows.

Staff will stay with children for 5-10mins then they will be taken to main office.

PLEASE HELP US: Morning drop off.

The **KS1** yard can become very congested which may be overwhelming for our younger children.

- Please avoid cutting through unless you are dropping off a younger child.
- Please walk around the back of the class lines, rather than cutting through the lines as they go into school.
- Morning chats with teacher are for quick messages, please use end of the day for longer conversations or talk to Senior Leaders who are on the yard.



<p>Enquires and concerns</p>	<p>We are here for you and your family, and we understand that sometimes there are things you need to know or wish to find out more about regarding an incident or issue.</p> <p>All year groups have a page which can be accessed for general information, alongside the half-termly newsletter: Class Pages.</p> <p>All teachers should be available at the end of the day for quick catch-ups or discussions. This is best for quick resolutions; however, you may have to wait a few minutes until the class is safely dismissed.</p> <p>You can also contact teachers via the year group emails. Depending on your child’s year group, the emails are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reception@stthomas.org.uk • year1@stthomas.org.uk • year2@stthomas.org.uk • year3@stthomas.org.uk • year4@stthomas.org.uk • year5@stthomas.org.uk • year6@stthomas.org.uk <p>This is best for information such as homework enquiries, passwords, or general information. Staff check this channel weekly, if not more often.</p> <p>Alternatively, please contact the office, who will make you an appointment or pass on a message. This is best for urgent enquiries.</p> <p>While we will make every endeavour to respond as soon as possible, please be aware that sometimes—especially during teaching time—staff may not be available straight away. Please be patient and ask again if your query isn’t answered.</p>
<p>Key messages</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking- Do not park, or stop on the Zigzag lines outside of school at all from 8.00-4.00pm. Also, please do not park on corners, pavements or on the grass verges. This is for the safety of all our pupils. • Mobile phones- Our general policy is no mobile phones for children in school. Pupils will only be allowed to bring phones to school in exceptional circumstances and if their parent/carer has completed our mobile phone agreement. Any phone brought to school without prior consent will be confiscated and returned only to parent/carer • Before and After School Club- is run by Mrs Fiona Crosland from Crosland Childcare. The club we will open from 7.00am- till start of school and from 3.10-6pm each day. Please pop in for a form or contact on - 07759 406545 • ATTENDANCE: We shared the latest attendance expectations at the end of last year and will continue to send further reminders. The DfE has introduced key changes that we are required to follow. While we agree that school attendance is crucial, we also wish to extend care and support to pupils who are unable to attend. We need to work together to support each child, so please keep us informed of any reasons for absence. This will help us ensure the correct support is in place.

**Final Key
Message**



You have entrusted in us and chosen us as a guide for your child. We extend thank you wishes and appreciate your trust. Working together is the best form of partnership, and we all look forward to extending this togetherness and making this a great year!

See you all on Tuesday.

Mrs Meade and the St Thomas Staff



