

**St Thomas CE (VC)  
Primary School  
Newsletter**



**Diary Dates:**

- Wed 18th September meet the teacher- a chance to see your child's classroom
- 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
- **Year 6 SATS Monday 12th -Thursday 15th May**

**Head  
Teacher's  
Message**



This week I have had six (yes six) complaints about unsafe and inconsiderate parking. So I am appealing once again. Please park safely and with respect to other roads users and our neighbours.

Please report illegal parking here:

<https://www.mysociety.org/wehelpyou/report-illegal-parking/>

Please report driving offences here:

<https://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/SaferRoadsSubmissions>

To raise general concerns please email councillors

[amanda.pinnock@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:amanda.pinnock@kirklees.gov.uk)

**Safe Parking Poetry**

Parking at school is like a game,  
But inconsiderate drivers are to blame.  
They park on the kerb, they block our way,  
And driveways are jammed—oh, what a display!

Children are crossing, heads down and shy,  
While parents just sit there, oblivious why.  
With verges all squished like a flat pancake,  
Safety's at risk—make no mistake!

So, here's the appeal, let's give it a cheer,  
Park with respect, make the paths clear.  
Let's walk to the school, hand in hand,  
Together we'll make a safe parking land!

Let's swap our engines for laughter and fun,  
A safer trip for everyone!

Remember the rules, keep the roads bright,  
Park with respect, and do what is right!





# St Thomas Open Classroom

Wednesday 18th September 4-6pm

*Join us for a chance for you to see your child's class, meet their teacher and learn all about the year ahead.*

*All classrooms will be open- no need for an appointment.*



## Teacher Meet and Greet

Go and meet the teacher/s for your child/ren for this year in their classroom/s. They will be there to greet you, share with you some information about the year ahead and give you an opportunity to see how your child/ren are settling in and what they have been doing so far.



## Find out about what your child/ren will be doing this year.

Each teacher will share with you key learning for the year, how you can support at home and any key dates and events for you to make a note of.



## Resources & Support

In the dining hall, we will have information from some of our key partners.

Crosland Childcare - provides before and after school care at St Thomas.

NHTS- our feeder High School






Uniform Exchange - provides access to free uniform for all pupils

The Chestnut Centre- with information about Families Together – which is a Kirklees wide network for services that support families. Encouraging them to work better together.

Collective  
Worship

This week we used our sense of belonging to consider how we help each other deal with the unexpected. Ask your child about the astronauts stuck in space having set off on an 8 day mission!



<p>Reception</p>		<p>Reception enjoyed a visit from Reverend Ian and Simon this week. We enjoyed a song and a story from the bible.</p>
<p>Year 1</p>	<p>This week Year 1 have been exploring numbers and practicing our counting to 10. We have counted objects, counted from a bigger group and had a go at writing numbers. Our learning this week has been practical and we have had so much fun! In the words of Gabriel "This is the best lesson ever".</p>	
<p>Year 2</p>	<p>Year 2 have been very busy this week using clay to do block printing. Their work is absolutely amazing!</p>	
<p>Year 3</p>		<p>In Year 3 this week we have begun our driver project, Through the Ages. We began by looking at time lines, going into the corridor to look carefully at our school timeline from the time of the dinosaurs up to modern time. We then took our work into the playground where we made a prehistoric timeline to help us understand the timings of the Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages.</p>
<p>Year 4</p>	<p>This week we began extending our understanding of place value. To understand what a thousand is we gathered 1000 objects and placed them out to visualise what a thousand is.</p>	

Year 5



Y5 enjoyed a fun start to their Dynamic Dynasties project, by learning about Chinese New Year. We explored some of the traditions and the story behind how the years are named after animals in the Chinese zodiac.

Year 6

Year 6 have completed our first book: Kensuke's Kingdom. We read the last chapters of Thursday and end our unit with some Hokusai inspired art work. We then shared our work, with each class visiting each other.



Mr Spickett lead his last school trip to the Yorkshire Dales, having completed over 50 trips with pupils across Year 4,5 and 6 over the years. A fantastic day was had by the Year 6 pupils, joined by Mr Boosey and his son Oliver, as they climbed Great Whernside.

Thank you Mr Spickett for giving up so many of your weekends and helping our community experience so much adventure along the way.



### Attendance

Last term I sent out information regarding the new DFE National Attendance Guidelines.

Please see the poster below for more details.

Attendance Matters

