

**St Thomas CE (VC)  
Primary School  
Newsletter  
7<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

**Diary Dates:**

- Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June - Sports Day (weather permitting)
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July - Summer Fayre
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July – Kirklees SEND Local Offer event
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July - break up for Summer



**Head  
Teacher's  
Message**



I would like to give a huge THANK YOU to FOST who organised and ran our Wacky Olympics. It was wonderful to see the children active and having fun. We couldn't have done it without the support of this dedicated group.

Parents of SEND pupils are invited to a Kirklees Local Offer event on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July - please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter for details.

**Collective  
Worship**

This week we began our new theme of THANKS and gratitude. We looked at the parable of Jesus and the Ten Lepers.

In classrooms we have talked about the D-Day commemorations.



**FOST**

We would like to thank all the children for taking part in our sponsored Wacky Olympics event. Despite being a little colder than we would have liked, the children threw themselves into the challenges and lots of laughter was heard throughout the day.

A huge thank you to everyone who has sent sponsorship money in to school. If you still have some, please could you send it in as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continued support.

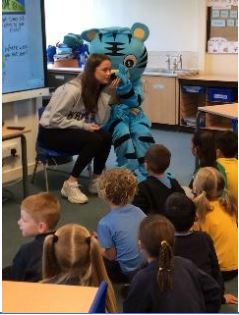



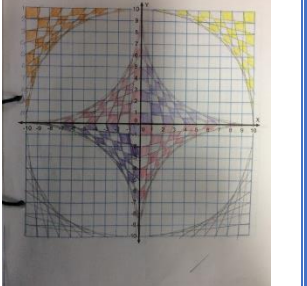


Thank you to all the families who have supported the 'Book Fair' in school this week. Just a reminder that the 'Book Fair' will continue to be open after school next Monday and Tuesday. Please come along if you can, as the more money we raise, the more book vouchers we will receive for school. Cash only. Thanks.

**Reception**

This week the children in Reception have thoroughly enjoyed participating in the Wacky Olympics. We loved dressing up in our wacky outfits.



<p>Year 1</p>		<p>Chaos and confusion in Year 1! Year 1 were visited by Tommy the Tiger this week. He had been very mischievous by taking one of our pencil pots, but he apologised and returned it to us eventually.</p>
<p>Year 2</p>	<p>Year 2 had a Kings &amp; Queens Day on the first day back. The children found out about famous castles and did lots of different activities focused on castles. They made castles from clay, junk modelling, Lego and bricks. As well as painting their very own castle and researching famous castles like Buckingham Palace and Balmoral. The children had great fun.</p>	
<p>Year 3</p>		<p>This week, Year 3 have been writing poetry. On Friday, we went outside and performed our poetry to each other using performance poetry techniques.</p>
<p>Year 4</p>	<p>It has been an exciting week for Year 4 as we visited the Manchester University Museum to attend an Ancient Egyptian workshop. Our challenge was to find, in our opinion, the most important artefact in the museum. We were able to touch the artefacts before making our final choice, but it was such a difficult challenge that all 8 groups chose a different one! Please note, PE will return to a Tuesday next half term.</p>	
<p>Year 5</p>	<p>The Year 5s have had a busy week; learning how to write suspense stories and experiencing the suspense in two books – The Curse of Cogston House and Who Let the Gods Out? They have really captivated the children. However, their highlight of the week was probably going out and experiencing the Wacky Olympics, kindly arranged by FOST. Many thanks to them, from all of us – the children loved it!!</p>	
<p>Year 6</p>	<p>Even after all our hard work in the run up to SATs, Year 6 are still working exceptionally hard in maths. This week we have been using and applying all of the skills we have learnt so far this year to tackle a series of maths related problems and challenges.</p>	

## Attendance

We continue to monitor attendance and identify persistent absentees (less than 90%). We are keenly aware that there may be genuine and compelling reasons for pupil absence and the monitoring involves working with families to remove barriers and support pupils in their school attendance.

Attendance Matters



## Are you a parent or carer of a child with SEND?

Parents of Children with Additional Needs (PCAN) and the Local Offer team presents:

# Local Offer Live

A free event bringing the Kirklees SEND Local Offer to life.

**Tuesday 9 July 2024**

10am - 6pm

John Smith's Stadium Huddersfield

Interpreter  
support  
available

Come along and chat face-to-face with providers of a range of activities and services who support children and young people with SEND. There will also be some interesting workshops on the day.

Free, accessible, on-site parking available. There is a café on-site and food vendors near by.

To find out more please visit the Kirklees Local Offer website or scan the QR code.

