



St. Thomas's CofE Primary School

Believe. Achieve. Succeed.

Autumn Term 2

The past term has flown past. This term is going just as fast and we have lots of exciting events coming up. There is of course still lots of learning to be done!

Communication.

You are always able to contact school if you need to. You can phone school on 01539 737373 and If staff are unable to answer the phone you can leave a message. Please be aware that only the office staff can listen to the messages and so your query may not be replied to straight away.

As you know, school uses Seesaw for sharing messages, your child's work (and homework in KS2). If you are still unable to access this please contact us as soon as possible. You are able to contact teachers directly through this platform as well as their individual email address.

There is a post box on the wall by the office. If you just need to hand something in please use the postbox. If you are leaving money please put it in a named envelope. The post box is checked daily. Parent App



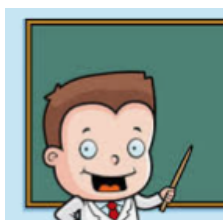
Parent's Evenings.

Monday 6th - R, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6

Tuesday 7th - N, R, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y6

Wednesday 8th - N, Y5

Year 1 parents - Please note that your parent's evenings will be the week of the 27th November. This is to allow Mr Jones to get to know the children a little better.



PLEASE DO NOT BRING YOUR CHILDREN TO THE APPOINTMENT.



Larks and Owls

Please contact the Larks and Owls team directly if you need to book or cancel a session.



lando@stthomas.cumbria.sch.uk

Unfortunately, on the 15th December we are only able to run for session 1 which finishes at 4.30pm. Sorry for any inconvenience this causes.

School Meals.

School meals remain at the cost of £2.30 for nursery and the junior children. An invoice is sent home at the end of a month. Please make payments to



Sort Code: 30-14-40 Account Number: 00685647 and reference surname/initial/lunches.

Remembrance Service.

On Friday 10th November at 2:50 we will be gathering on the playground for a short Remembrance service, you are very welcome to come and join us.

Children will be dismissed from their usual gate/door at the end of the day.

As well as the traditional paper poppies we have a selection of other merchandise available. These include with a suggested donation for each.

Snap bands - £2.00

Silicone bracelets - £1.60

zip pulls - £0.50

jacket reflectors - £1.00

They will be available from Year 6 during playtimes.



Children in Need.

Children in Need is on Friday 17th November this year. More information on how we are supporting this charity will follow on Seesaw.



Coming up this Half Term.

Week beginning 6th November - Parent Teacher Meetings. (Please see front page.)

10th November - **2.50pm** Remembrance service in the Playground

17th November - Children in Need.

30th November - PTFA movie night.

11th December - KS1 and KS2 Visits to the Box Theatre

12th December - KS1 Christmas Performance

13th December - KS2 Christmas Performance

15th December - **PLEASE NOTE THAT OWLS IS ONLY OPEN FOR SESSION 1. 4.30 finish.**

19th December - Christingle Service at 9.30am.

19th December - Open School **1.15pm**. SCHOOL CLOSES at **2pm**

Larks and Owls will close at 4pm on the 19th December.



The PTFA will be meeting in the Union Tavern on the 14th November at 7.30pm.

Everyone is welcome to come!



30th November



Mufti day in exchange
for an item for the
Christmas Hamper.



Post your letter to
Santa!



Christmas Tree Festival at the
Parish Church.

Funds raised will go towards
Open Arms Academy.

2024

When we return lunches will start with Week 1.

School begins again on the **3rd of January**.





The PTFA are busy over the coming few weeks!

Christmas cards – final day to make your online orders at www.apfsorders.co.uk is Tuesday 7th November. Printed cards will be delivered to school at the end of November.

Planning Meeting – Tuesday 14th November, 7.30pm, New Union pub. ALL WELCOME!! Do come along to meet us and find out what's going on.

Movie Night – Thursday 30th November, 3pm. Letters will come home soon with booking details for children. KS2 children will have a choice of 2 movies. We will need helpers on the day to be with the children during the movies, to help with drinks and popcorn, wash cups, and ensure we leave the classrooms tidy afterwards. Please let us know if you can help.

Christmas Jumpers, Christmas books, and second hand uniform sale – after school on Friday 1st December (weather permitting). If you have any Christmas clothing or school uniform you would like to donate, please put it in the box outside the school office.

Christmas Tree Festival – children will be making decorations on the theme of 'Under the Sea' to decorate our school's tree in Kendal Parish Church (Kirkland). This is a beautiful charity event, open to everyone to attend on days throughout December, with a relaxed atmosphere and refreshments, and about 30 unique trees decorated by local community groups. Our tree will be raising funds for our partnership with Open Arms Academy in Kenya. Opening dates and times available soon.

Mufti Day – Friday 8th December. Children can wear their own clothes to school, in return for a donation of a Christmassy item to go in the hampers for the Christmas raffle.

Christmas Performances – evenings of Tuesday 12th December (reception and KS1) and Wednesday 13th December (KS2). We will be selling tickets on the night for our amazing annual hamper raffle, and also selling mulled wine, hot chocolate, squash and cakes. We need cake bakers, and also plenty of helpers for both raffle and refreshments both nights. It is especially helpful to have volunteers to come on the 'other' evening, when their children aren't performing, to help while others see their own child's performance. Please let us know if you can help either night.

Santa letters – Santa will be collecting letters from the postbox in school between 1st and 14th December. Write a letter using your own paper and envelope, then bring it to the school office to buy a stamp (costing £1) to stick on your envelope for express delivery. Santa has promised he will answer all letters personally.

THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR PTFA EVENTS. With your help, we have bought helmets for nursery and reception children to wear when riding bikes, a class set of djembe drums to be used throughout the school, and tickets for everyone to go to the Christmas Show at the Box Theatre, with more exciting projects to be funded later in the year!

Contact us on stthomaskendalptfa@gmail.com or via our Facebook page www.facebook.com/Stthomaskendalptfa where you can also find out more about what we're up to.