

Weekly Newsletter - 5/1/24

Our children of St. Thomas of Canterbury are respectful.

Dear Parents,

Extending a very warm welcome back to school after the Christmas break. I hope you all had time to celebrate the birth of Jesus and meet with friends and family. The children have returned to school re-energised and focused on their learning. This half term we shall focus on the next school value, **respectful**.

Once again we have arranged the **Parent Information Meetings**.

Details attached. Please try your best to attend to hear about our Spring curriculum offer and upcoming events.

The Friends of STOC have been busy and are hosting their first **Make The Rules Day** next Friday 12th January. Events are detailed on the following page. Your support is appreciated!

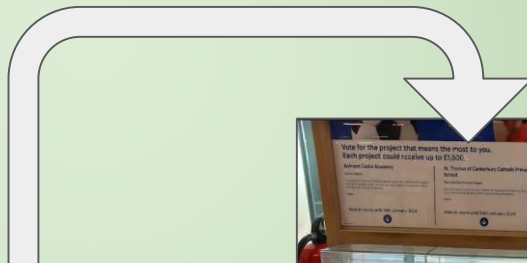
Best wishes,
Mrs Poulteney

We learn, achieve and love following Jesus.



Feast Day

The feast day of our patron, Saint Thomas of Canterbury (Thomas Becket) was on the 29th December. As this fell during the Christmas holidays, pupils learnt about Saint Thomas just before the holidays. Children reflected on his courage and how he stood up for what is right. Pupils thought about how they were spiritual just like Saint Thomas. These are on display in the school hall.



Tesco Grant

Please vote for STOC in stores (blue buttons).
Stores participating are Grays, Tilbury, Lakeside, Chafford Hundred, Chadwell SM



Important Dates

9.1.24	Reception visiting Church
12.1.24	Non-uniform day- Make the Rules Day
8.1.24-17.1.24	Parent Information Meetings
10.1.24	Whole School Mass - Parents Welcome
19.1.24	Year 3 Trip - Leeds Castle
26.1.24 2:45pm	Yr 3N Liturgy Parents welcome
31.1.24	Yr 2S Liturgy - Parents Welcome



Parent Information Meetings

2:50 - 3:10 pm

8.1.24	Year 3
9.1.24	Year 1
11.1.24	Year 2
12.1.24	EYFS
15.1.24	Year 6
16.1.24	Year 5
17.1.24	Year 4

Friends of St Thomas' FOST

Today the Friends of St Thomas met to discuss the new fund raising activities that we would like to take place during Spring term. Anyone is welcome to join our parent fundraising team. Please email:

friendsofstoc@stthomasofcanterbury.thurrock.sch.uk to contact us. Details of the FOST meeting dates are communicated via the school newsletter and parentmail. Next meeting for all parents is 01-03-24

Introducing;

Mrs Akinde-Chair

Mrs Love-Vice Chair

Mrs Wood-Treasurer

Mrs Osaji-Vice Treasurer

Mrs Foley-School Community Involvement Lead



Non-uniform/Make the rules day
2024 first fund raising activity
Next Friday 12-01-24

Children are invited to pay 50p for each rule they choose to break.

After Parent Information Meetings, the Easter Passion play and during Parents evening, tea and coffee will be available to purchase.

Please bring some small change to support your school!



This year you will find raffle sales taking place for dinner for two and balloon hat boxes amongst other things. You will be able to purchase tickets after school from the FOST table or in the school hall during parents evening and Easter passion plays.

Can you or a company you know donate any items that we can raffle?



Update

Well done to all our FOST members. As a result of tea, coffee, snowmen and uniform sales last year we raised **£750**

Thank you to everyone who came along to support the school and bought items from FOST after the Nativities, concerts and during parents evening.



Ongoing fundraising
You can request sizes of pre-loved uniform via the scan code here and displayed on the school gate.

