

# Weekly Newsletter - 2/2/24

*Our children of St. Thomas of Canterbury are respectful.*

Dear Parents,  
Next week our Christus Catholic Trust is hosting an Open Schools Week. Schools across the trust are inviting staff to watch lessons which demonstrate strategies or subjects that they are proud of. Sharing of excellence contributes towards staff professional development. Our school are proudly showcasing our Musical Curriculum.

**On Friday 9th February we will have a professional photographer in school taking photos for our new school website. Please ensure children are all dressed in their correct school uniform and are looking especially smart!**

Lent begins with our Ash Wednesday service on 14th February. All are welcome. If you do not wish your child to receive ashes please inform their class teacher.

Best wishes,  
Mrs Poulteney

*We learn, achieve and love following Jesus.*



## **Advanced warning: World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March.**

Please have a think over the coming weeks about which of your **favourite book characters** you will be dressing as to celebrate World Book Day. We would really like to encourage you to use what you already have at home to create your costumes.

Follow the link for some ideas:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/dressing-up-ideas/>

There will be prizes given to the most imaginative costume in each Key Phase.



## **Important Dates**

31.1.24	Yr 2S Liturgy - Parents Welcome
2.2.24	Yr 3H Liturgy- Parents Welcome
9.2.24	<b>Professional photographer.</b> Yr 6U Liturgy- Parents Welcome
13/15.2.24	Parents Evening 3:30pm-6pm
14.2.24 10:15am	Ash Wednesday Service
16.2.24	Yr 2 trip - Maldon Petting Zoo



Thank you to 3N for delivering their Liturgy on the important theme of 'Forgiveness,' last week. This week 2S led the infants on the meaning of Candlemas and how it is celebrated in different countries. 3H also delivered their Liturgy on the theme of 'Courage and Rosa Parks'. Well done!

## **FOST**

FOST will be selling raffle tickets on the front and back playgrounds. Please bring along some money and you will have the opportunity to win some fantastic prizes to give to your loved one! The prize draw will take place in the hall at parents evening. You can also buy a rose!



## **Netball Match**

Congratulations to our Netball team winning their first match 7-1. Player of the match was Emily G!



# Parent's Evening

Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th February 3:30 - 6:00 pm  
After visiting the class teacher come to the school hall.



## Scholastic Book Fair

Purchase a book for your child. Percentage of profits go to the school.



MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM

**UNIFORMWISE**  
Schoolwear

## Mental Health Support Team (Tuesday)

Talk to Education Mental Health Practitioners about overcoming your child's worries and understanding their behaviour.

Uniformwise only on Tuesday 13th February.

## Valentines Raffle!



Make a donation and purchase some pre-loved uniform.



Deacon Matus has visited EYFS, Year 1 and Year 4 to deepen their understanding of Baptism and roles in the parish community.

EYFS have visited the church linked to their learning on 'the local church community'.



**RE**

At Parents' Evening you will receive an RE target for your child.



Next week, we welcome CAFOD to deliver a Lent Assembly. For Lent we shall be supporting CAFOD and walking 200 km to help fight global poverty.

## Catholic Life and Mission

Thank you for helping us raise a total of £1,122.98 for the Parish Bazaar!

£612.51 has been raised for St Luke's Hospice



FAITH COUNCIL

Year Group masses are held at the church so all children have the opportunity to experience mass at St Thomas'. Parents are always welcome to attend at school and in church.

# Our Catholic School



## Collective Worship

Each phase has created prayer areas to inspire the children to independently pray and strengthen their relationship with Christ



Faith Council meet regularly. They...

- lead prayer during our weekly Celebration of the Word.
- helped raise £342 on Red Wednesday.
- are setting their classes 40 challenges for Lent.





## Times Tables Rockstars/NumBots Day

On Friday 26th January, we hosted a TTRockstars and NumBots day at school.

Children in Reception and Year 1 dressed up as robots or had costumes linked to numbers.

Children in Years 2 to 6 dressed up as rock stars. All of the costumes were very creative. The children and staff had a brilliant day full of fun Maths activities!

**Log onto Times Table Rockstars and NumBots at home to keep practising!**

