

St. Thomas' Leesfield Newsletter

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HEADLINE NEWS

Welcome back to our Year 6 class who have had a brilliant few days and nights in Robinwood. Miss Blyden, Mrs Roddy and Mrs Wilkinson joined the children as they flew across the zip wire, hung onto the big swing, braved the piranha pool and balanced on the trapeze.

The staff reported that the children were an absolute credit to the school, throwing themselves into all the activities and behaving impeccably. Well done Year 6. Look out on the website next week for photos.

Y5 BIKEABILITY

This week, Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed Bikeability and received glowing feedback from the instructors. Some pupils learned to ride their bikes for the first time, while others developed their existing skills through Levels 1 and 2, practising how to negotiate traffic and junctions, use clear hand signals, mount and dismount safely onto the curb and perform U-turns on the road.

All of the children showed great resilience and effort, giving everything a go safely and supporting one another. The children will be able to develop these skills at home with their families, helping them gain greater confidence and independence on their bikes for the future.

MUSIC FEES

The second term's payment is now due. Please go to your Gateway account and make payment of £100. Thank you.

School attendance this week



Our whole school attendance this week is 94.7%. The class with the best Attendance is Year 6 with 98.7%.

PUPIL PLACES

We currently have some spaces in our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes. If you know of anyone who is looking for a school place, please tell them to get in touch.

NEW LUNCH MENU

We have a new menu this term for those who are on school dinners. Please see the website or noticeboard for details. You can also ask for a copy at the office or put your request in the planner and we will send it home.

Dinners are charged at £2.80 a day to Y3-6 unless you qualify for means tested free school meals. If you are on a low income have a look on Oldham MBC 's website or ring 0161 770 3000 to see if you qualify.

We require two weeks notice to swap to or from dinners.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY THIS HALF-TERM

February

- 3rd: Y4 Collective Worship for parents 2.30pm
- 11th: Progress Meetings 1.30-7pm
- 13th: Young Voices Concert (choir)
- 16th—20th: Spring Half-term

TOM CATS B&A SCHOOL CLUB

Don't forget we offer our very own on site wraparound club, Tom Cats from 7.30am-5.45pm. You can just book an odd day or a regular slot. Find it on your School Gateway App. £7.00 after school, £5 before.

School staff provide relaxing and stimulating play for the children with snacks and drinks.

We have a very flexible booking system which allows you to book onto club up to half an hour before it starts and you can also cancel a booking up to half an hour before by swiping on the app. Unfortunately if you have not managed to cancel in this time, you will still have to pay for a booked session even if you no longer want the place.

In an emergency after the cut off, you can leave a message on Tom Cat's / Mr Hill's phone 0161 770 7410. He can add you to the register manually for a maximum of one session as this will put a debit on your account which must be cleared the same day. Otherwise all bookings must be made in advance. This is important for managing staffing requirements for the session.

ETHOS THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: SERVICE

This term our focus is on the Christian value 'Service'



Remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: *'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'* Acts 20:35

This verse reminds us that we will feel even happier when we give and help others instead of only doing things for ourselves. Service to others brings nourishment to our soul when we do it the Jesus way!

God, enable me to see the needs of others. Give me the confidence to serve others like Jesus did. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS: SPRING 1

Permission slips are available at the office and must be returned.

After school clubs finish at 4.15pm unless otherwise stated.

♦ MONDAYS

Garden Gang: Please note that this club has finished for the half-term due to weather.

Y5&6 Fine Art Club (invite only)

Mrs Douglas is running her art club for talented artists every week. Invite only.

♦ TUESDAYS

Reception, Y1, Y2 Craft Club —NOW FULL

Club held in the Annexe. Maximum of 15.

Y6 Books & Biscuits Club (invite only)

This club is a small reading group designed to promote reading for pleasure and is by invite only.

♦ THURSDAYS

Y3&4 Blooket Club—NOW FULL

This is a computer programme quiz club.

Choir: Lunchtime

Miss Lawton holds choir practice every week. This is offered to Y3-6 children.

ACHIEVEMENT COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Don't forget we still hold collective worship every Friday at 2.30 at which families are welcome to join us. It is a lovely end to the week as we celebrate our achievements.

If your child is receiving a certificate or award, the class teachers will notify you in advance of the assembly where possible so that you may come and join the celebration.

**To Be The Best We
Can In The Sight Of God**

