



NEWSLETTER

Feeling proud

Our first week back at school is complete and we are so proud of how well all of our children have settled in to their new classes. A special mention to our new Reception class who we have welcomed to St. Thomas' for the first time this week. It has been a pleasure to meet them for the first time and they have had a wonderful three days meeting their teachers and their new friends.

This week has also seen our children use the dining hall at lunchtime for the first time in 18 months and it certainly looks like this has been much preferred than eating in classrooms. Finally, we have welcomed Miss Short and Mr Crutchley to our St. Thomas' family this week—they have both settled in well and have enjoyed their first three days with their new classes.



Home time arrangements

This week, class teachers have been getting to know their new classes and part of this is becoming familiar with the adults who collect children at the end of the day. For many of our families, it is the same adult arriving at school at the end of each day or a couple of key adults and so our teachers soon become familiar with who to dismiss each child to.

If your child is going to be collected at the end of the day by a different adult we ask that the following steps are taken:



- Contact the school office to inform us that a different adult will be collecting your child from school
- Provide a 'safe word' to the office that will be shared with both the class teacher and the adult coming to school
- At home time, our class teachers will ask for the 'safe word' before they allow a child to go with an adult not known to us at school



We thank parents in advance for supporting us with this. Our teachers will not allow any child to leave school with an unknown adult without the above steps being taken.

Beat the Street

We are delighted to announce that during the Summer holidays, many of our children took part in Wolverhampton's Beat the Street and St. Thomas' won 1st place for Average Points for schools in Wednesfield. This means that we have won £150 of sports vouchers and will receive a trophy for our school.

As soon as we receive our vouchers, our Pupil Leadership Team will be choosing a range of sports equipment to purchase that children across school will enjoy using. Well done to all of our children who took part this Summer.



Next week at St. Thomas'

Collective worship

During the Autumn term, the theme in our collective worship will be 'Respect', one of our six Christian values. The focus next week will be 'Remembering to pray for others'. We will share the focus for our collective worship each week in this newsletter to support you with any discussions that take place at home.



House teams

Today, children at school may have noticed a new display appear on our KS2 corridor. Over the next couple of weeks we are re-launching our House Teams at St. Thomas' - children and staff across school will be finding out which House they are going to be in (sibling groups will be in the same house). Will you be in Pegasus, Phoenix, Dragons or Griffins? An exciting couple of weeks ahead!



Swimming

A reminder that our Year 4 children begin their swimming lessons on Monday afternoon at Bentley Bridge—children must remember to bring all of their kit to school.

