

Friday 13th May



NEWSLETTER

Platinum Jubilee celebrations

On **Friday 10th June**, St. Thomas' will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. During the day, children will be re-creating some of the celebrations that took place during the Silver Jubilee back in 1977 as we have discovered letters, head teacher log books and newspaper cuttings about St. Thomas' from this day (see images on the final page of this newsletter).



Just like in 1977, we are asking children and staff to come to school on this day in one of three choices:

- **wear red, white and blue**
- **dress as a king or a queen**
- **dress as a famous figure from the past 70 years**

During the morning, the children will take part in Jubilee activities and will enjoy a Jubilee lunch together and a parade so that children can see all of the clothes worn as part of the day. We will also award a small prize to the best dressed in each category.

During the afternoon, we would like to invite parents and carers to join us for a special Jubilee performance where children can share what they are wearing, they will sing a song and will also perform a dance. At the end there will be cake for parents and children to share and a special keepsake to take home. The timings for each class are as follows:

1.30pm Reception and Year 1 parents

2pm Year 2 and Year 3 parents

2.45pm Year 4, 5 and 6 parents

Cake sale

To raise money for our Jubilee celebrations, our FROST group will be hosting a cake sale on **Friday 27th May** at home time. We are kindly asking for cake donations from our St. Thomas' families—we ask for boxed cakes only so that we can be confident of the ingredients that they contain. Can all cake donations be brought in to school from **Wednesday 25th May** please.

So proud of Year 6

A huge well done to our Year 6 children for their positive and determined attitude throughout this week as they completed their SATs each day. The whole staff team are so proud of each and every one of you. A special mention also to Mrs Hutchison who has prepared our Year 6 class so well for this week including providing a great breakfast each day and chocolate treats for each test.

Come Dine with Us

During next half term, we are inviting parents in to school to join us for an e-safety workshop and to enjoy lunch with us too. The timings for each session are as follows:



10.30 e-safety talk led by Mr Beards (our MAT Head of ICT)

10.45—11.15 e-safety workshop for parents and children

11.15—11.45 lunch with your child

The dates for each class are as follows:

Monday 6th June—Year 6

Monday 13th June—Year 5

Tuesday 21st June—Year 4

Monday 27th June—Year 3

Monday 4th July—Year 2

Monday 11th July—Year 1

Monday 18th July—Reception

Due to spacing in the hall, we can only allow **1 adult per child** to join us in school. The cost of the school lunch for each adult will be £3.40. Look out for further information including how to book your place being shared soon.

Other diary dates

We also have the following dates for you to add to your diary:

Friday 17th June—Year 6 fundraising day (more information to follow soon)

Monday 20th June—school photograph day

Thursday 7th July—Sports day—Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 at 10am
Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 at 1.30pm

Thursday 14th July—Sports day (reserve day if our sports day on Thursday 7th is postponed due to the weather—same times as the 7th July)

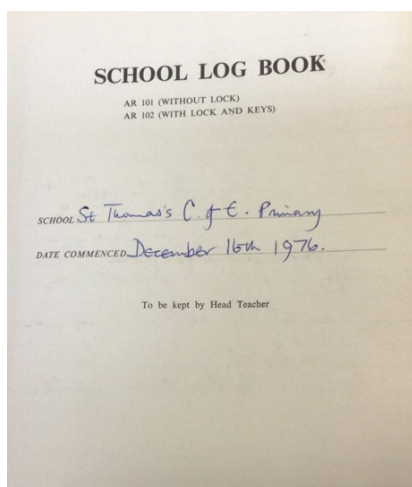
Friday 15th July—End of Year reports shared with parents and carers

Monday 18th July—Celebration evening 3.45pm—5.30pm (an opportunity to look at children's learning from this year and to meet your child's new class teacher—homework projects will also be shared)

Friday 22nd July—last day of the school year (no after school club on this day)

St. Thomas' historical sources

Here are copies of the primary sources we have used—we thought you might like to see and also may recognise children in the photographs who would possibly be in their 50s now:



July 22nd before I closed school at 10.30 pm. The morning was spent in preparation for the special Jubilee afternoon. About 20 netball came into school at 10.30 to help the teachers, Mrs Gayden and Mrs Lovatt prepare for the afternoon by making the food ready. We began our special Silver Jubilee Afternoon with a series of 10 fun races for infants and 10 fun races for juniors in which all children received prizes. Then we went on to a Fancy Dress parade with three sections - 1. Kings, Queens, Princes and

Princesses 2. Red, White and Blue 3. The last 25 years. There was an enormous entry for these competitions and our three judges, Mrs Till, L.E.A. peripatetic teacher of dance and movement, Mrs Currier, Managing Body, and Miss Campbell, Children's Librarian had a very difficult time to choose a winner from each class in each section. This was done with prizes for all entrants. Mr and Mrs Rogers had also joined us and after this Mrs Rogers presented all of the children present with a Jubilee Crown as a joint gift from the Church and School Funds. The children then had a picnic tea on the field before leaving school at 5 o'clock. A beaver disco arranged by Mr Smith was held at 5.30 pm and was terminated at 7 o'clock to complete a very full week in school life. Mrs Austin had been into school kitchen to take over as cook supervisor for the last two days of term as Mrs Harris went on holiday today.

26th July 1977

Dear Mr Warner and all members of staff,

Thank you very much for the Jubilee Party last week and all the hard work that was put into it. All of the Allan family enjoyed themselves and will not forget the afternoon. Fergus and Denis are very pleased with their Jubilee crown.

Yours sincerely,
Dennis Allan
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 Fergus Allan

