

St Thomas' C of E Academy Newsletter

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Growing, Learning and Shining together with God

Weekly Christian Distinctiveness Focus

We are creating closer links with St Thomas' Church and I want to let you know about events at the church taking place leading up to and on Christmas Day.

- Christingle service - Sunday 11th December 4.30pm
- Ashmore Choir Christmas concert – Friday 16th December 7.00pm
- Service of Nine Lessons and Carols – Sunday 18th December 6.30pm
- Christmas Eve Crib service – Saturday 24th December 4.30pm
- Midnight Mass – Saturday 24th December 11.30pm
- Christmas Day Family communion – Sunday 25th December 10.00am

Christingle Celebration in school

On Friday the 9th of December all families are invited in to take part in a Christingle Celebration where one adult per child is invited into school to work with their child or children to make Christingles which can be taken home:

- Reception will be in class from 9am to 10am
- Y1 and Y2 will be in the hall from 9am to 10am
- Y3 and Y4 will be in the hall from 10.20am to 11.20am
- Y5 and Y6 will be in the hall from 2.10pm to 3.10pm

School will provide everything needed to make the Christingles.

Homework projects

Thank you for all the amazing homework projects that were sent into school last week and to those parents who came in to see the displays. The quality of the work from the children was incredible and I was so pleased to see the pride that had been taken in creating the outcomes. The work will be featured on our website soon as someone from the central MAT team came in to photograph and film the work. Watch this space for more information on how to access this.

I hope you all have a lovely week, best wishes Mrs Beardsley.

Football Tournament across the Manor MAT Trust

A number of our fantastic footballers have gone to Manor Academy today as they are hosting a trust wide football competition. This is a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to engage in competitive sport, particularly if this is something they would not normally do. I'm really pleased to say that three girls were amongst the group representing the school as we want to promote boys and girls across all sports as often as possible. We will be giving match reports next week so watch this space to see how our pupils got on.

Attendance



Reception	93.3%	Under 96% - keep trying
Year 1	95.2%	Under 96% - keep trying!
Year 2	94%	Better than last week!
Year 3	95.9%	Better than last week!
Year 4	95.7%	Under 96% keep trying!
Year 5	94.3%	Better than last week!
Year 6	96.1%	You made it over 96%

Persistent Absenteeism is significantly below where it needs to be.

Please support the school by sending your child everyday they are well enough to attend. Thank you to parents who do not request holidays in term time; these cannot be authorised. Sadly, the first fines are going through for parents who have taken their children out for holidays in term time, this is a last resort for me as a headteacher.

Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday the 8th of December is official Christmas Jumper day and the children are welcome to wear normal uniform but replace their shirts and fleeces with a Christmas jumper.

Links to previous events in school

I found some links to old productions that may have been removed when we moved over to MCAS – please have a look!
<https://www.youtube.com/@youtubestthomas3894>

