



**St Thomas a Becket RC
Primary School
NEWSLETTER 2 - Spring 2020**



Dear Parents, Carers, Family and Friends,

HALF TERM

I am glad we all managed through the hail, rain and strong winds throughout last weekend and this week. Let's hope that we have some much needed sunshine to refresh us over our forthcoming half term holiday!

Many thanks to all the children and staff for their continued hard work resilience and joy over this half term - not an easy one to manage with dark mornings and evenings, making the days much shorter. Thank you also to you, the parents and carers for your ongoing, unflinching support of the work of the school. The second half of the term will, as always, be a busy one with our focus on preparing for Easter - the most special and important time of the year for us.

We look forward to starting on our Lenten journey together.

**This will start on
ASH WEDNESDAY
26th February, 2020.**

Our annual Lent fundraiser will be supporting CAFOD in their Lent appeal. This year the theme this year is 'What's your goal?' and is aimed at helping people in the Amazon rainforest to defend their rights. Find out more here: <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Primary-teaching-resources/Lent> Wishing you a restful half term break.

Thank you for complying with the winter uniform dress code.

A blue / black or DARK coloured winter coat must be worn.)



Black shoes must be worn- NOT BLACK TRAINERS

Also, fashion boots are not part of the school uniform and should not be worn. 'Kicker' ankle boots are permitted in the winter.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILDREN BRINGS THEIR COAT INTO SCHOOL EVERY DAY.

ATTENDANCE MONITORING

From September 5th, 2019-February 6th 2020.

Reception C	95%
Reception S	95%
Year 1M	97%
Year 1T	97%
Year 2B	96%
Year 2L	97%
Year 3B	98%
Year 3N	96%
Year 4M	96%
Year 4P	96%
Year 5M	96%
Year 5MK	94%
Year 6F	97%
Year 6PT	

Most classes are showing good results for their attendance so far. 97.8% and over is the target for all classes for this academic year.

**Special Assemblies this
Spring term**

Years 5M, 2L, 1M and Reception C

Thank you very much to the children in Year 5M, 2L, 1M and Reception C for the wonderful presentation of their assemblies this term. It is important to remember the children are very young. They showed great confidence



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and teamwork throughout their presentations through song, acting and beautiful prayers. Many thanks to the children's class teachers Miss Morgan, Miss Lazarus, Miss Milligan and Ms Collins who work so hard to prepare the children. Thank you also to all the support staff who guided the children also. Again, it is a privilege to see so many parents enjoying their children's efforts and pride in what they do at St Thomas a Becket.. Thank you.

Make sure your child is on time for school.

The Foundation and KS1 bell is now rung at 8.55am, so the children can be settled earlier, ready to start the day.

Also, I would like to remind all parents that you must **not** leave your child unaccompanied on the F/KS1 playground on Eynsham Drive. It is your responsibility to stay with them until they are brought into their classrooms.

PARKING KS2 - PLEASE DO NOT...

- Park outside the main playground entrance where the parking cones are, and
- Do not drive over them.

PLEASE RESPECT the neighbourhood around the school and park in the correct places on both sites.
Parking on F?KS1 Site.

Please do not drop off on the fly over . It is extremely dangerous as well as there being a single green lane of cycleists where you could cause a serious obstruction.
KEEP YOUR CHILDREN SAFE
PARK SENSIBLY and respectfully please.



KS2 Choir

Many congratulations to all the children who represented our school at the Young Voices Performance at the O2 on Wednesday February 5th. It was a fantastic occasion involving many choirs around the country totalling 8000 children. A very big thank you to Mrs Cannon who coordinated the whole school event and for herself and Miss Pellett for preparing the KS2 choir to sing so well and with great enthusiasm

Vital Reminder Appointments.

If you are making an appointment for yourself, for whatever reason, please be advised that you must try to find alternative arrangements for getting your child to school. Too many days are lost where children are not coming to school because of parent appointments. If this continues, we will have no alternative but to contact Our School Advisory officer on this matter.

We want our children to be in their learning environment to thrive as much as possible.
Please can you make appointments for your child as much as possible outside of school hours.

CD RECORDING

Tuesday 11th February, 2020.
Congratulations to the whole school for taking part in the recording and production of our singing school CD. The children sang brilliantly and behaved impeccably while all recording took place

We look forward to hearing the final version of the CD.
Thank you to all the teachers, again for all their efforts and hard work preparing the children and to Mrs Cannon for



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**coordinating the school event, as part
of the Music Curriculum.**

**Have a restful and enjoyable half term
All good wishes,**

Mrs Greally & all the staff