



# St Thomas a Becket RC Primary School NEWSLETTER 1 Spring 2020



Dear Parents, Carers, Family and Friends

## **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Happy New Year to you all and a sincere thank you, on behalf of the staff, for all of your kindness; Christmas gifts, cards and New Year good wishes and greetings! They are all very much appreciated and heart felt. As a staff, we are so pleased that you, our Parents and Carers, are grateful for the hard work of all the staff throughout the year.

I am pleased to be able to say that the children have settled well into the new Spring term.

Our three GOLDEN RULES are at the heart of all we do. They will help the children to learn and to grow into young, independent adults. Through the spiritual ethos of our school, our GOLDEN RULES also help us to take care of each other every day.

Here's to a great term, full of learning and fun!

## **A Spring Term Prayer**



Teach us to Love,  
Teach us to care,  
Teach us to be patient,  
Teach us to share.  
Teach us true comfort,  
Goodness and grace,  
Joy in each heart and smiles on each face.

## **READING AT HOME**

I would like to remind you that it is important to hear your child read. Regular reading at home will improve your child's



chances of making clear progress throughout the curriculum, particularly in their writing. Please help your child to achieve their potential.

## **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

**Thank you for complying with the uniform dress code.**

- **PLEASE REMEMBER THAT SCHOOL SHOES MUST BE WORN, NOT BLACK TRAINERS.**
- If your child needs new shoes and is not wearing proper school shoes, please write a note to myself and to their class teacher informing us of this.
- *Your child must wear a blue or black or DARK coloured winter coat. Please make sure your child brings their coat into school every day.*
- Fashion boots are not part of the school uniform and should not be worn. 'Kicker' ankle boots only are permitted.

## **Eco Committee**

The school has a new Eco Committee to help us to think about how we can save energy and protect and appreciate our school environment more. Thank you to Ms Blackabee and Ms Lazarus for leading the staff and the children on this initiative. The three targets for our school are to reduce Energy, Litter and Waste.

## **BE ON TIME FOR SCHOOL!!**

Thank you to all those parents who consistently bring their children to school, on time, every day. It makes a huge difference to how your child starts their day.

**Please make sure your child is on time for school.**

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



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*Also, I must 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 anywhere where there are parking cones;*
- *Do not drive over them!*
- *Show respect and care for each other and for your children when you are parking.*

**ALSO, AGAIN, PLEASE RESPECT THE NEIGHBOURHOOD AROUND THE SCHOOL AND PARK IN THE CORRECT PLACES ON BOTH SITES.  
THANK YOU.**

## ONLINE SAFETY

It has been noted that a number of children at school are continuing to access various social media and communication platforms, as well as online multi-player games, that have age limit restrictions that are above the age of primary school pupils. This may be putting their safety and wellbeing at risk. Children are also sharing information about what they have accessed in person, via channels such as WhatsApp.

Online safety is a huge issue and one on which we would like to work together to ensure that children are protected, well informed and with a good understanding of how to keep themselves safe.

**National Online Safety** has a wide range of resources relating to current apps and media channels that children are utilising and the associated risks. You can access these on their [website \(https://nationalonlinesafety.com/\)](https://nationalonlinesafety.com/) or sign up for their Wake Up Wednesday mail-outs that will keep you informed and up to date.

## CLASS ASSEMBLIES FOR THE SPRING TERM

Year 5M  
Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Year 2L  
Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020

Year 1M  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Year Rec C  
Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Year 3N  
Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Year Rec S  
Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> March

Year 6PT  
Stations of the Cross Assembly  
Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020  
KS2 Presentation

Many thanks again for all your support for your children's education and well-being. We are sure that your child will continue to enjoy their half term.

**Mrs Greally & all the staff**