



Our Lady & St Thomas Catholic Primary School, Willington



You are unique, talented and loved by God

Friday Email – 14th October 2022



Autumn is well and truly upon us, with bright sunshine and the colder air. Key Stage 1 have loved looking for signs of Autumn and bringing in their treasures for special displays and artwork. The school is looking very colourful and vibrant with all their efforts. Well done everyone!

Key Stage 2 have been hard at work studying Black History, rich with heroes who display perseverance, courage, persistence and goodness. Ask your child to share what they have learnt as there have been some very powerful moments with our pupils as they develop their own independent thinking. Raising true globally-minded and socially conscious children can happen right from your own home, school and community—no passport required.

“History has shown us that courage can be contagious, and hope can take on a life of its own.” - Michelle Obama.

A quote from one of our Y6 children that I had to share in the style of the famous ‘I have a dream speech’ by Martin Luther King.

“I wish to live in a world of peace and justice where me, my friends and family and everyone would be treated equally and with respect. I wish to be in a world of freedom and to never go back to the harsh society of the past – the days of slavery and hatred against people of colour. If it does, I want the honest people of any colour, religion or colour to come out of the dark and speak up not just for themselves but for everyone because I have a dream for the future that everyone of us gets the respect we deserve.”

I am sure you will agree our pupils truly are inspirational! The world’s next leaders home grown in Willington.

HARVEST MASS - Thursday 20th October at 2pm.

All are welcome to join us in Church. We will continue to collect food donations for the local Food Bank next week also. Ros Glasper from our Parish also co-ordinates the Refugee food collection and specifically collects tins of chickpeas, tomatoes and sugar. Anything you donate will be gratefully received. Our Y6 Mini Vinnies will support the distribution of everything as part of their social justice work this year.

SCHOOL CLOSED – FRIDAY 21st October

A reminder that school is closed to pupils for our Trust PD day. **We return to school on Monday 31st October.**

SPOOKY PARTY with Nikki

Please note pupils may dress up on the first day back to school on **Monday 31st October** if they so wish.

Dressing up is optional, please do not go to any expense. Own clothes will suffice.

Pupils are in House Teams and all working hard to earn family beads towards treats. Therefore, as we return to school on a spooky day we intend to give the children a treat with a spooky party and activities. Pupils may bring in some money to buy from our ‘Tuck Shop’. No more than £1 is necessary for a drink and crisps or sweets.

Safety Matters

Pupils were excellent during our Fire Drill this week responding in under 3 minutes in a timely and sensible manner. I just want to make you aware that we will also be practising our procedures for a Bomb threat where we will evacuate the building to our meeting point which is the Spectrum Leisure Centre carpark. We will also carry out what we would do in a Lockdown scenario so that all staff and children are fully aware of safety procedures should we ever need to do so. This is part of our Emergency Business Continuity Plan and nothing to worry about. I did however want to make you aware, so you understand when the children tell you they have been hiding from Mrs Veitch under the table! We will do this with children in a way which will not scare or alarm. If anyone has any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Special Thanks

I wish to thank Mr and Mrs Amos of Kustom Covers, Willington for their kindness to OLST. They have provided a high-quality privacy gate cover to keep our yard from public view on our new gate.

Our site is fully secure with new perimeter fencing and the covers add additional safeguarding measures for which I am extremely grateful.

Congratulations

Finally, we extend our very best wishes to the family of Isla and Freya on the birth of their new little brother! Congratulations and well done to mum! We can't wait to meet him.

Calling all new starters for RECEPTION and NURSERY for September 23! Please pass it on!

OLST OPEN Sessions – Come and find out what we are all about!

- **Tues 1st November 1.30-2.30pm**
- **Thursday 3rd November 9.30-10.30am**

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!

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Head Teacher