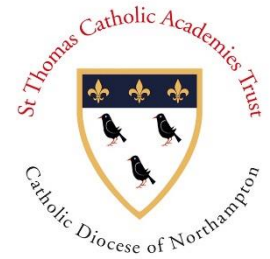




St. Ethelbert's Catholic Primary School and Nursery

'Learning, achieving and growing together with Jesus'
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"The glory of God is
a human being fully alive!"

Friday 19th June

Friday Newsletter

It was lovely to welcome back some of our Year 6 pupils this week; some of them have grown so much! They came for two days this week and I am pleased to have been able to let parents know that we will have places for them to attend from Monday to Thursday as of next week.

We now have the Government's named year groups back, and once I can see how numbers have stabilised, I will be able to look at offering places to more children. We will contact parents in Year 5 initially, to see what the demand for places might be and how we can manage this. While the current 2m social distancing advice is in place, there is a limit to how many children can be accommodated, but I will let parents know as soon as possible when we are able to take more children back.

Key worker children from Reception and above will continue to attend. If you are a key worker with no other option for childcare, please contact the school office to discuss a place for your child. Please note that we ask for staff ID and may need written clarification of the days you require your child to be at school from your employer.

Collective Worship

As with everything at school, we have had to find new ways to deliver our collective worship. I have been delivering assemblies to Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 via Teams, with the class teachers using their webcams so we can all see each other. Mrs Harrison has been using the playground for her assembly and song practice. The children have adapted to our new practices very well! Sister Caroline is holding her weekly prayer club on Seesaw on Thursdays – do join her if you can.

Celebration Assembly awards

On Thursday we have Celebration Assembly where the work of the children who have been in school is recognised. This week's hard workers were:

Zac (Reception) – for showing excellent enjoyment for learning when he was learning his 3D shapes!
Olivia (1I) - for contributing more to class discussions.
Riley (1I) - for correctly answering questions in Maths.
Oscar (2S) – for his brilliant rocket made of recycled materials
Zuzanna T (1M) for having a positive attitude in all her learning and helping others.
Kaya (2M) - for having an excellent attitude to learning and always focusing on tasks.



Martyna (4Z) for her great art work. She made the stamp and then used the stamp to create a card.
Keeley (6C) – for coming back with such a positive attitude.
Katrina 6D - for showing initiative and leadership by encouraging everyone to join in the singing assembly.

Pick up and drop off times

Year Group	Drop off	Pick up
Nursery	9.30am	12.00pm
Reception	9.15am	2.45pm
Year 1	9.00am	3.00pm
Year 6	8.45am	3.20pm
Key worker	8.45am	3.20pm

Please arrive at the specified time as we are not able to take children in earlier due to lack of supervision.

If you have children in more than one year group, drop off at the latest time for your children. This is so the youngest children come into school with their classmates.

Children should bring;

- A named water bottle
- A named packet of tissues
- A healthy snack if required
- Their lunchbox if not ordering a school lunch
- A coat if the weather is cool or wet

Black Lives Matter

All schools are examining their curriculum, classroom resources and practices to evaluate the extent to which we are fully inclusive and promote the wellbeing of our black and minority ethnic pupils, families and staff. This week the leadership team joined a webinar of over 500 educators to listen to presentations by leading voices in the education sector. We are in discussions with other local schools, the local authority and our fellow Trust schools. We will be supporting staff to be able to have open conversations with their classes, and for children to be able to ask questions. This is not a kneejerk reaction but a recognition that a systemic change is overdue, and that schools have a vital role to play in the process.

Dates for next week

- Year 6 pupils in Monday to Thursday,
- Key worker children can attend each day **by arrangement with the school. Please let us know if you require a place for your child**

Safeguarding Reminder

We are continuing to make our welfare calls to keep in touch with those families who have chosen not to send their children in to school. If you have a safeguarding or welfare concern, please contact the school office by phone or email and staff will call you back.

I hope all our families have a peaceful and enjoyable weekend.

**God Bless,
Mrs Maynard
Headteacher**