



# St Thomas à Becket C of E (Aided) Primary School

With faith and nurture we flourish

## Core values

**Friendship, Respect, Truth, Forgiveness, Thankfulness, Perseverance**

### Staffing update

Dear Parents and Carers

The Governors wanted to take this opportunity to update you all following a recent Governors meeting. Mr Chris Light, who is currently interim Head, has kindly agreed to remain in role until the end of the academic year (July). Miss Huckle and her family have decided to relocate following her maternity leave and will not be returning. We want to thank Miss Huckle for all of her hard work over the years and we wish her and her family all the very best– she will be missed! This means that the staff and class structure will remain the same until the end of the academic year.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Jardine Broom

Chair of Governors

### PTFA news

You may have noticed the children came home with a brown envelope on Friday, could the children decorate them and return them ASAP to school with a coin or two inside. We will add them to our Christmas tree and the lucky number will win the contents!

Join us on Thursday 16th December at 2.30 in the playground, for Christmas music, Mulled wine & mince pies.

Thank you to everyone that supported the Christmas bingo, we managed to raise a staggering £938.

### Stone Age House Materials Plea

As part of their DT project, Kestrels will be designing and building their own Stone Age houses. If anyone has any spare willow or hazel wood, ivy or bine leaf that they could use. Please could you bring into school this week. Thank you for your support.

### Forest School

Skylarks will have Forest School next term on Thursday afternoons. The children will go out whatever the weather so please can you ensure your child has a suitable change of clothes with waterproof coat, wellies or waterproof shoes, long sleeved top and trousers. There is a strong possibility the children will get dirty so don't send them in anything nice!

**We will need parent helpers for each session so please can you email Mrs Scorgie [admin@st-thomas-a-becket.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-thomas-a-becket.wilts.sch.uk) if you can help.**

### Christmas Jumper Day

To coincide with our Christmas Lunch day on Wednesday 15th December, we would like to invite children to wear a Christmas Jumper for the day for a £1 donation. All donations will go to Save The Children UK.

### Kestrel Café

We have taken the difficult decision to postpone Kestrel Café again until Term 3. The children will instead cook food for themselves as a practice ready to invite the community in Term 3.

### Wiltshire Public Health

Following advice received on Friday 12th November, we will be keeping the following extra protective measures until the end of term:

- No whole school collective worship
- Limiting mixing of year groups
- No large indoor gatherings
- Balanced approach to extra ventilation in classrooms

### Dates for the diary (further key dates to follow)

#### 2020/2021 TD Days

Friday 17th December 2021  
Tuesday 4th January 2022  
Monday 25th April 2022  
Monday 6th June 2022

### Covid-19

**Please be extra vigilant with any potential symptoms.**

In line with the latest guidance, we will be writing a new risk assessment and "outbreak management plan" which will be made available on the school website as soon as possible.

As you will be aware, the guidance around self isolation changed on 16th August. Full guidance can be found [here](#).

With case numbers rising across Wiltshire, I'd like to please remain vigilant and keep your child off school if there have any of the following symptoms until the return of a negative PCR test:

- A new continuous cough
- A high temperature
- A loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

### New guidance as of 2nd November 2021

If there is a confirmed positive case in the household, it is recommended that everyone in the house tests daily on Lateral Flow Devices.

### Readers of the Week

Kestrel Class - Elsie

Chough Class - Matilda

Skylark Class- Thesath

