

# St Thomas' CE Primary School Newsletter

## Easter 2018



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Spring! Thankfully the days are lengthening and the temperature is rising even though the Met Office keeps warning us there might be more snow.

We managed only one early closure during the snow - thank you for picking up your children promptly. It's always quite a difficult decision to close school early but we have to ensure everyone's safety, including staff who often live much further afield where the weather is worse.



With all blessings from the staff and children at St Thomas' CE for a happy Easter time.



### School Choir

Our school choir recently attended the annual Young Voices event in Manchester and, as usual, had a wonderful time! There were some tired children the following day!



Mrs Lea has asked me to remind Junior parents and carers that for the next half term (between 16<sup>th</sup> April and 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018) the charge for school lunches is £63. Please note that payment for school dinners should be made in advance rather than retrospectively i.e. if you pay weekly please pay on Monday morning. Many of our parents choose to use our online payment system for convenience. If you have not used this system yet, please approach Mrs Lea in the Junior office.

Many thanks.

### Free School Meals entitlement

Please could we remind parents and carers that if you receive benefits you can apply for Free School Meals. We would especially ask those who have children between the ages of 4 and 7 to apply as our school will then get **extra money** to help your child in class. If you do not apply for the benefit then our school loses funding. Even though our young children actually get a free meal from the government you should still apply as school will get extra money to support learning. Please call our school office if you need further clarification.



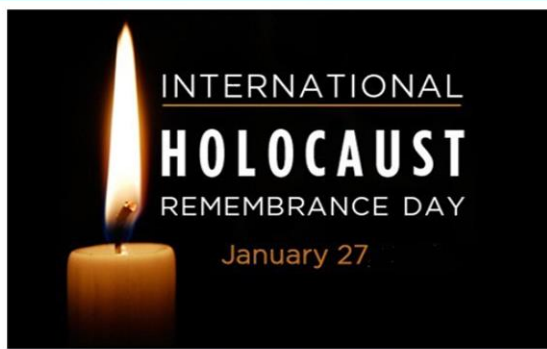
## Holocaust Memorial Day 2018

Years 5 and 6 were very honoured and humbled by the visit of Mr Leonard Kauffman, who escaped the Holocaust on the Kinder transport.

Mr Kauffmann, who lost his entire family in the ghettos and extermination camps, came over to England as a four year old child refugee. He movingly described how he had left his parents whom he never saw again and came over to be cared for by strangers. We focussed on the journey of that small boy rather than the horrors of the camps. Our staff and children were very moved indeed.



Year 5 children with Mr Kauffman holding up the words, WE REMEMBER.



*Well done to all our children and staff who were sporty for Sport Relief 2018*

*The total raised was £357*



*Sporty children- they were active later in the day we promise.....*



*There was a good turnout of parents into school to see the results of our Arts Week, even if the exhibition was delayed by snow! Children had a very creative week exploring art and artists resulting in some wonderful work.*





## World Book Day

Thanks to everyone who supported World Book Day recently. Some great costumes and some inspirational authors and characters amongst us!



### Dates for your diaries....

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March - Easter Services in St Thomas Church, led by Y3 classes**

**9.15am for Infant children and parents**

**11.00am for Junior parents and children**

**EASTER Holidays 2018-** School closes at the end of the day on Maundy Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March

School will reopen following the Easter holidays on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April.

7<sup>th</sup> May - school closed for May Day Bank holiday

14<sup>th</sup> May - KS2 SATs week

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June- School closed for Half Term**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June - School reopens.

- Phonics screening in Year 1

Wed 11<sup>th</sup> July - Open Evening at both sites- an informal opportunity to see your child's work

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> July - Last day of Summer Term.

School is closed from July 27<sup>th</sup> 2016 and reopens **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

For staff Inservice/INSET dates and holiday information for the rest of the year please see our Dates documents on the school website on our Parents' Page under Calendar.