

# St Thomas' C of E Junior and Infant School

## A Journey in Faith, Arriving with Hope

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# January Newsletter

Despite the dark mornings and evenings we have been extremely busy in school.

### It's all about the SPaG

On Thursday 9th January Anchor Education came to work with the whole school. After 2 assemblies for each of the key stages there was a workshop for each class with lots of fun songs to teach the children all about spelling and punctuation. The children loved learning the songs and have carried on singing them with their teachers.



### Staying Safe Online

Lots of work takes place in school teaching our children how to stay safe online. In addition to this we had 3 of our local PCSOs come to talk to the children in Years 5 and 6 about the potential dangers online.

Don't forget that as parents you can access the National Online Safety training to help your children too. Information has been sent home about this.

### Balanceability

The children in Reception and Year 1 have been working with Cycle Experience to develop their skills on balance bikes. All the children worked really hard to develop the different techniques needed. They even managed some obstacle courses and races.



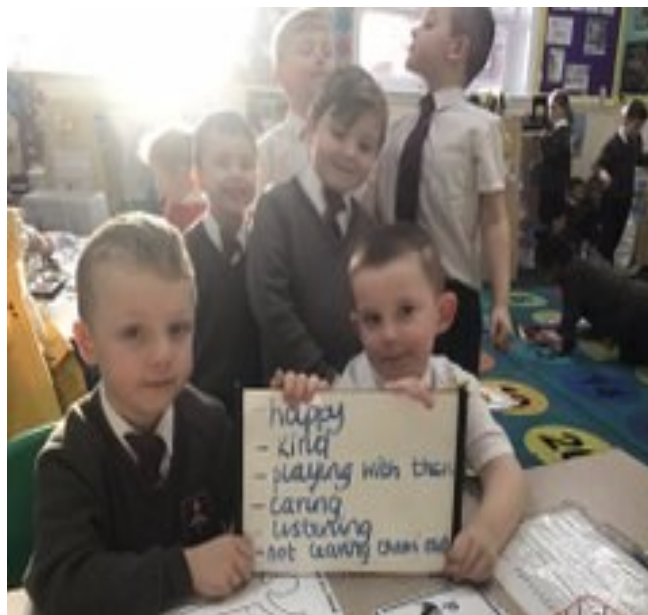
### Supporting Local Campaigns

Thelma and some of children were photographed to support the council's new scheme: Public Space Protection Orders. This is in response to the amount of dog waste which is left behind in places where children play. As a school we reinforce with the children how to be responsible dog owners so we were happy to help the council with their campaign.



### Motivated Minds

This half term Year 1 have been working with Martyn from Motivated Minds. Lots of work on communication and working together has been taking place. The children have also been exploring different emotions and how we deal with these. One of their favourite activities so far has been using peer massage to support relaxation. There is a brilliant video of this on their class Twitter page.



### Year 4 Drumming

We were all impressed with Year 4's African drumming performance at the end of last term. The children have now changed instruments and this term are focussing on Samba drumming. They are working extremely hard and we are looking forward to their next performance. The noise is even louder than last term!

### Dates for your diary.

**Thursday 6th February, 9am—Year 4 class assembly.**

**Friday 7th February—Mad hair day**

**Thursday 13th and Friday 14th February—Year 3 Winter Warmer residential.**

**Friday 14th February—Break up for half term.**

**Monday 24th February—Back to school.**

### Other News

We have already enjoyed Year 5 and 6's class assemblies. The children gave us lots of information and kept us entertained. By Easter all the other classes will be doing theirs.

We have been lucky enough to replenish some books in the school library and our older children love the new ranges that we have bought.