

# St Thomas' Church of England Junior and Infant School

## Newsletter—17th February 2023

### Our Value for February is Resilience.

#### The Great Fire of London

All the children in Year 1 and 2 have been busy creating models of houses this half term ready to use them to demonstrate how the fire spread in London in 1666. On Wednesday they were able to go outside to set fire to the houses and observe how quickly fire spreads. They were all amazed.



#### Dates for the term

- 27th February—School opens.
- 28th February—Teacher industrial action.
- 2nd March—World Book Day.
- 9th March, 9.15am—Year 1 class assembly.
- 15th March—Teacher industrial action.
- 16th March—Teacher industrial action.
- 17th March—Red Nose Day.
- 27th March—Parents' Evening.
- 28th March—Parents' Evening.

#### Half Term

Just a reminder that school finishes on Friday 17th for half term. We come back on Monday 27th February. During half term it is pancake day so enjoy your pancakes and all the different toppings the children enjoy.

#### Teacher Industrial Action.

The next planned day of industrial action for teachers in the NEU is Tuesday 28th February. There is a high chance of the school being closed to all pupils so please ensure child care is arranged. This will be confirmed on Monday 27th. Two further days of industrial action are planned for March 15th and 16th.

#### School Discos

The children who attended the discos had a great time on Thursday. All money raised from events is used to enhance provision in school, therefore the children benefit. We always appreciate your support with these events. On this occasion however, the level of abuse from a minority of parents, particularly to the office staff has made us question whether to continue providing events for the children.

#### Reception Swimming

Once again this year we are taking the children in Reception swimming each week. It is an excellent opportunity for the children to develop water confidence and a great amount of fun is had by everyone. This week was the first week for the children, and the staff who accompanied them were amazed by the confidence and behaviour of all the children.

#### Attendance

- Reception—95%
- Year 1—91%
- Year 2—94%
- Year 3—92%
- Year 4—94%
- Year 5—93%
- Year 6—93%