



# ST THOMAS PRIMARY

SCHOOL AND NURSERY

Spring Term 2020

## Important Dates

This has been a very busy start to the new term. All children have settled back into good routines after the Christmas break. A group of our Primary 4-7 pupils have been continuing their Young Leadership Training at Seafield PS in Elgin. They will now work in partnership with St Peter's, Buckie to share and make decisions about the life and the work of the school.

Our Primary 6s and 7s are currently rehearsing for their up and coming Scottish Opera performance. In addition to this, Mrs. Dawson has been working with children across the school, practicing their chosen piece for the Burns Competition in Aberdeen

### School App

Our school app is working well and has enabled us to increase communication and cut back on the amount of photocopying paper we use. Check out the school app for information on finding out about school closures, holidays, menus etc. If you do not have access to the app please let us know.

### Class Book Boxes

We are encouraging all the children to value the power of reading and to read for pleasure at every opportunity. We are creating Book Loan Boxes for sharing books and storytelling. To make this more interesting and sustainable we would really appreciate any donations of good quality books that you may have but no longer want. Please send any suitable reading resources you can into school office. Thank you.

Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> & Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	School Closed Mid Term Holiday
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Primary 6 & 7 pupils - Scottish Opera Workshop at Keith Grammar School - see letter for details
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Start of Catholic Education Week
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February - Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> February	School Inspection (HMIe) See survey information on the school app
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Scottish Opera Workshop and Performance at Keith Grammar School - see letter for details
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Ash Wednesday
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Council Coffee Morning Burns Federation Competition at Portlethen Academy, Aberdeen
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	School Performance of Easter Story - details to follow

## **Draft School Values - Please let us know what you think**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to creating our new school values. Together we have decided to adopt the following values to represent St Thomas'.

**Respect:** we will treat everyone equally and with courtesy and kindness. We will respect and care for each member of our school community.

**Positive Attitudes:** we will think for ourselves, encouraging all to adopt positive attitudes to progress, change and improvement. In everything, we will do the best we can.

**Honesty:** we will be open and truthful with one and another.

**Happiness:** we will work hard to ensure that every pupil develops as a happy and successful child.

**Community:** we will work together with members of our Parish and local communities to ensure that everyone is valued, included and encouraged to contribute.

## **Motto Competition**

Please help us to find a school motto that reflects who we are as a school and community. All entries to be returned by Friday 21st February.

Good Luck!

## **Primary 1 and 2 Rhyme of the Week**

Thank you, to the parents and carers of the children in Primary 1 and 2 have and supporting them at home with this. They have now learned Rhymes which will help improve their memory and cognitive development, literacy skills, promote language and encourages social and emotional development...all this and fun!!!

## **Safety and Respect**

We have parents sharing their concerns regarding the people parking on the double yellow lines outside of the school. I would like to remind you that this is illegal. It may be only a matter of time before police action is taken.

In addition to this, I have also had concerns about adults using inappropriate language in the playground. This should not be happening within the confines of the school.

### **IF YOUR CHILD IS GOING TO BE ABSENT FROM SCHOOL/NURSERY REPORT YOUR CHILD'S ABSENCE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**

#### **Absences - Non-Urgent Messages - Severe Weather Warning - School Closures**

Please use the Telephone Information Line:

**0870 054 9999** and then **031510**

*(Calls to this number will be charged at 2p per minute service charge plus your call providers access charge)*

If you need to speak to a member of staff - 01542 882256



