



# St Thomas' CE Primary School Newsletter – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019

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*Through our values of Perseverance, Forgiveness, Friendship and Respect, we are learning to play together and pray together.*



## Castles

Year 1 have been busy making and painting their castles, complete with draw-bridge and portcullis.



## Easter hats

Thank you to everyone who made an Easter hat. We had some wonderful creations of all shapes and sizes. It is lovely to see how creative everyone can be.

## Maths challenge

Well done to Bibi, Natai, Alia and Nathaniel who represented St Thomas' in the borough's maths competition.



## Dates for the diary

- Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April – SATs meeting for Year 6 parents at 9am or 3.30pm
- Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April – SATs meeting for Year 2 parents at 9am or 3.30pm
- **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May** – school closed for bank holiday
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> – y4 visiting the Tower of London
- Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> May – Y6 SATs week (Good luck!)
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – **possible** election day. School **might** be closed. We will let you know as soon as it is confirmed.
- **Half Term** – week beginning Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May

**Open morning** On Wednesday we were delighted to welcome so many friends and family into our classrooms so we could share our fantastic learning from this term. We hope you enjoyed seeing the very high standard of work taking place.

## The Samaritans

Last Monday we had two visitors in from the Samaritans. They asked the children for some ideas about what to do if you're feeling a little sad. Marta, in Year 4, suggested that **'if you hug more, you live longer'**. I'm not sure it's medically proven, but our visitors liked it so much they tweeted it on their Twitter news feed last week.

## School Improvement Advisor visit – March 2019

Our School Improvement Advisor came in to St Thomas' to see our teachers delivering Guided Reading sessions with their classes. He noticed that teachers are working very hard to plan great sessions with their classes, and that there is a good culture of independent learning that has been established throughout our school. There were virtually no instances of pupils interrupting a teacher leading small group guided reading sessions in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 classes. He praised support staff who were suitably deployed in active and purposeful ways during all the guided reading sessions and noticed how very little time was wasted during precious learning time.

He also noticed how the books chosen by teachers were well suited to pupils' reading skills. There was a good match of pitch to current understanding and the books chosen were stimulating to learners.

**We are proud of our staff here and thank them for all their hard work. Have a great Easter break everyone – but don't forget to read every day!**