



Friday 27th January 2023

"To love is to will the good of the other."

St Thomas Aquinas

Dear Families,

This week in school we have been focusing on the teachings of St Thomas Aquinas in preparation for our Trust celebration of his Feast Day on Tuesday 31st January.

The children have been learning about the seven virtues that St Thomas Aquinas taught – faith, justice, prudence, hope, temperance, fortitude, and charity. Can your child match the virtue to the definition?

HAVING WILL POWER. DOING WHAT IS RIGHT NOT WHAT IS EASY

THINKING VERY CAREFULLY WHEN MAKING A DECISION

BEING BRAVE

TREATING PEOPLE FAIRLY

BELIEVING IN GOD AND DEVELOPING A RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM

HOPING AND EXPECTING THAT GOD WILL TAKE CARE OF US

BEING KIND AND CARING. SERVING OTHERS

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Open Classrooms on Tuesday. It was lovely to see so many of you in school.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,
**God bless,
Mrs Dabbs**

*Holocaust Memorial Day
Friday 27th January*

God of our past, present and future,
you created each one of us in your image and likeness,
help us to recognise you in each person.
As we pray for an end to suffering caused by racism
lead us this day to walk with one another,
pray with one another and work together,
so that we create a future based on justice and healing,
where all can fulfil the hope you have for all peoples.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Timings for the start of the day...

The school gates open from **8:30am**. The classrooms open from **8:40am** and all children must be in class by **8:50am** for the start of lessons.

The school gates close at 8:50am.

Please arrive promptly at school to ensure that your child does not miss any learning time. Thank you.

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 31st Jan – St Thomas Aquinas Feast Day

Monday 13th Feb – Parents Evening

Tuesday 14th Feb – Parents Evening

Friday 17th Feb – Mardi Gras Celebration in School

HALF TERM BREAK

School Closed Monday 20th Feb – Friday 24th Feb

Dates for the Diary from the PTFA

Dates for your diary

- **Friday 3rd March, 7pm – Quiz night** at the school is back! Tickets will be £10 and you can come on your own or as part of a team. There will be fish and chips and a raffle and prizes for the winning team! You can email rjfox31@gmail.com to reserve your tickets.
- **Saturday 20th May, 12 noon – St. Joe's Fest** – live music, family entertainment and catering all in the school grounds.
- **Saturday 10th June** – Market Harborough Carnival - the PTFA is planning to support a school float.

PTFA Contacts

Communication

The PTFA would like to set up a parents WhatsApp group for each school year. This will allow the PTFA Committee Member to share information as well as enable parents to share information and contact details (always useful for reminders and birthday parties!). If you would like to join the group/s for your child, you can contact the following PTFA member directly. Some groups already exist so the PTFA lead will make use of the existing group).

Reception – Catherine Searcy

Year 1 – Jo Thorpe

Year 2 – Dean Steed

Year 3 – Dean Steed

Year 4 – Rebecca Fox, 07584 905162

Year 5 – Robert Van Der Liet, 07977 531236

Year 6 - Catherine Searcy

There is a PTFA Facebook group, which you can join here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1613956002237764>

If are interested to join the PTFA, please contact Robert at robert@thefoodbarn.co.uk