



St Thomas More School Newsletter

11th November 2022

Dates for your diary

14th November 2022

Intra competition house winners wear an item of clothing in their house colour

15th November 2022

Parents maths workshop

18th November 2022

PJ day for Children in Need

5th December 2022

Tombola tag day

6th & 7th December

Secret Santa gifts on sale

8th December 2022

Meet Father Christmas

9th December 2022

Christmas Fayre

3rd January 2023

Staff development day
(No children in school)

4th January 2023

Start of term 3

13th January 2023

Bring your parents to writing

3rd March 2023

Bring your parents to Geography

28th April 2023

Bring your parents to History

'Love one another as I have loved you'

Dear Parents

Today we had a 2 minute silence to remember those who have died in the line of duty. I would like to thank you for supporting the poppy appeal and we will let you know the total we raised in due course.

This week Year 5 went to London to see The lion, the witch and the wardrobe which was a wonderful opportunity for them. If you haven't yet made payment please could you do so via MCAS, if you are having any difficulty using the app or with payment please see the office.

Year 5 were also lucky enough to be visited by Dr Keeble who is a space scientist. Dr Keeble created some experiments for the children to try to show how different forces work in space.

We have received the proofs from the school photographs the children had last week. These will be coming home to you today or Monday. The sibling photos will follow.

The Intra house competition for cross country winners were KS1 St Davids house and KS2 St Andrew's house. The children may come in on Monday replacing one item of their school uniform with an item of clothing in their house colour.

Please do check our dates column for upcoming events and activities.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Mrs Ebdon



Parking

Unfortunately inconsiderate parking has once again been brought to our attention. A member of our community was unable to pass cars parked too far onto the pavement with her daughters wheelchair, this would be the same for parents with their children in buggies. We have also been notified of one of our parents parking across a residents drive. Local residents have also reported that some parents have been verbally aggressive when they have approached them about their parking. We have requested the local PCSOs and Medway council attend to review the situation.

Correct school uniform

Recently we have had a number of children arriving to school with long hair down and children with shapes and designs cut into their hair. We would just like to remind all parents that we require long hair to be tied up and no child should have designs cut into their hair. If children have very long hair in braids these also need to be tied up. Earrings need to be removed for school. If a child has earrings in we will call the parents to remove them.



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A big Happy Birthday to..

Samuil S

Rufus W

Jaden O

Chelsea E

Joseph P

Faye P

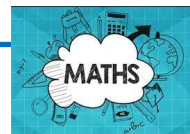
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Intra house cross country competition winners

KS1—**Yellow**—St David's house

KS2—**Blue**—St Andrew's house

Children in KS1 in St David's house can replace one item of their uniform with an item of yellow clothing on Monday 14th November and children in KS2 can replace one item of their uniform with an item of blue clothing on Monday.



Maths workshops for parents/carers

Maths Calculations KS1 Tuesday 15th November

Maths Calculations LKS2 Tuesday 22nd November

Maths Calculations UKS2 Tuesday 29th November

9.15am start until 10.00am

Children in need 2022

The School Council have decided to raise money for Children in Need and so on Friday 18th November 2022 we will be hosting a Pyjama Day. Children can come to school wearing their Pyjamas but must wear outdoor shoes. Each child has been asked to donate £1 which will go towards the charity.



Please see the PTFA facebook page

Search St Thomas More fundraising team and ask to join.





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Merit award

Abigail W RC

Mia V RC

RJ S RR

Fae W RR

Samuil S 1D

Halle H 1D

Jude B 1J

Isabelle H 2F

Ekene E 2S

Kara B 2S

Emma B 3B

Sirri-Anna M 3T

Andy B 4L

Eloise C 4S

Abigail A 5M

Munachi N 5M

Emevi U 5M

Connie H 6C

Elsie-Mae M 6C

Priscilla A 6F



Golden Welly Award

Lenny Hicks

Year 5 were visited by Dr Keeble

Year 5 were also visited by Space Scientist Dr Keeble this week, who told us all about her work sending experiments up to the International Space Station. Dr Keeble even created some experiments to show us how different forces work in space and how the astronauts lose their sense of smell and taste when they are up in orbit!



The Lion, witch and the wardrobe

The children from Year 5 went on a school trip to the theatre this week to watch 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe'. It was an amazing musical and the children thoroughly enjoyed the experience of watching a production in London's West End.



RBL Poppy Appeal 2022

Thank you so much to everyone who purchased items from our poppy appeal boxes. We will add the total raised to the newsletter when we receive our certificate from RBL.





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Tuck shop dates

Support our PTFA and pick yourself up a sweet treat.

17th November

1st December

15th December

Junior playground after the end of the school day

Christmas Panto

We will be having in house pantomimes this year for both KS1 and KS2

They will take place in December.

More information will come out soon



Safeguarding

We have had some enquiries recently about opening the back gate of the school which opens onto the alleyway at the start and the end of the day. School staff need to know who is on the school site at any point in time and members of the public should not be able to gain access to the school site. By having one point of entry and exit to the school it allows us to know who is on the premises and prevents people unrelated to school business being able to gain entry. We recently commissioned an external safeguarding review to ensure we were meeting the highest possible standards in safeguarding and the reviewer agreed that creating an additional access point to the school would fall short of these standards. We also liaised with PCSO Rowan about the issue who has given us the following statement to share with parents:

'I have been liaising with the school about the gate to the rear of the school grounds, where parents/guardians would like this open at the beginning/end of the school day. They have had an outside independent agency involved to conduct a safeguarding review. The result from the report was not to open the gate, as the school has appropriate safeguarding procedures in place at the beginning and end of the day. Please be mindful it was not the school that made this decision, it was the result of the independent review.' PCSO Rowan Cornwall Medway Community Safety Unit

Reception Places

You can apply for your child to start school in year R (reception) if they were born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019.

Please contact the office if you could like to book a tour of St Thomas More in preparation for securing your child's place.

Here is a link for further information:

<https://www.medway.gov.uk/info/200137/schools-and-learning/1059/applying-for-a-primary-school-place>

