



St Thomas More School Newsletter

21st June 2024

'Love one another as I have loved you'

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a lovely long weekend with your children and made the most of the pleasant weather.

Although it has only been a 3 day week we have managed to squeeze a lot in!

This week our Year 4 children have been tackling their Multiplication Check, showing us how hard they have worked this year on learning, and utilising, their multiplication skills.

Year 2 had their year group liturgy on Thursday, the focus of their liturgy was the parable of the mustard seed and it was lovely to see so many parents join their children in reflecting on the attributes we should live out to be part of God's Kingdom.

This morning we celebrated the feast day of St Thomas More, it was fantastic to welcome back Father Bart who kindly stepped in to lead this special Mass for us whilst Father Pawel is recuperating. The children (and staff!) thoroughly enjoyed our annual visit from the ice-cream van this afternoon which we organise to make sure our school family's feast day is extra special.

The children in Years 1-6 had a brilliant evening last night at the school disco, I would like to say a huge thank you to the parents and family members who organised and ran this for the children – they really did have a fantastic time!

Over the last few weeks we have hosted several teachers from other schools who have wanted to learn more about our behavioural and pastoral approach. They were incredibly complimentary about the behaviour across the school, as well as the way the children could talk comprehensively about what we do here at STM and why we do it.

Next week is National Insect Week, which is a week organised by the Royal Entomological Society to celebrate all things insect! Mrs Forrest, one of our librarians and mid-day meal supervisors, will be running workshops with the children next week where they will get to meet, and learn about, a wide range of fascinating creatures.

We are looking forward to next week when we will have Year 6's class liturgy, a visit from PC Rowan for Year 6 to talk about staying safe at secondary school, the Year 4 and 5 music concert for their parents and our annual Governor afternoon where our Governors get to spend the afternoon with us to see all the things we do in action!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend

Mrs Ebdon

Finley, Isla, Annabelle, Lucy, Sofia and Mendel enjoying their ice cream in the sun today.



Dear Lord,

Let us pray for all the world and for ourselves,

Knowing that what we ask in your name you will hear in your mercy,

We pray for faith even small as a mustard seed,

We pray for the love to nourish and nurture it so that it may grow and flourish

Amen





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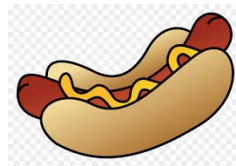
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Sports Day

Monday 1st July 2024

We will be selling refreshments on the day but a new item for this year will be hotdogs.

They will be available to order on MCAS from today and will be £1.50 each. The cut off for hotdog orders will be Thursday 27th June at 11am.



We will have the following available



Ice cream cones £1

Ice lollies 50p

Cans of drink £1

Bottles of water 50p

These items will be cash on the day.



There will also be the tuck shop.

**TUCK
SHOP**



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Term 6

25th June 2024

Y6 Liturgy 9.15

27th June 2024

Understanding ADHD online course—EWT

1st July 2024

Sports Day

KS2 AM

KS1 PM

17th July 2024

Y6 Production

18th July 2024

Leavers Mass

19th July 2024

End of the academic year

Academic Year 24/25

2nd September 2024

SDD no children in school

3rd September 2024

Start of T1—children return

18th October 2024

Last day of Term 1

Term 4

22nd April 2025

SDD –No children in school



Attendance Anteater

RR, 3B, 4L



Punctuality Peacock

5M

Please note the attendance and punctuality figures are taken from the previous week



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A big Happy Birthday to..

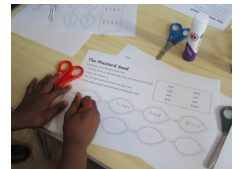
Julia
Chimnanu
Leo
Gbemisola
Lydia

Caterlink Meal Prices

From September Caterlink will be charging **£2.56** per school dinner. Year R-2 are part of the Universal Infant Free School meals that are paid for by the Government. Year 3-6 are required to pay for their school meals.

Year 2 Liturgy

It was lovely to see so many parents at the Year 2 Liturgy this week. The children read and sang beautifully. They listened to the parable of the Mustard Seed (Mark 4:30-34) and learnt that the kingdom of God grows from small beginnings, like the tiny mustard seed.



Feast of St Thomas More

Today we celebrated the Feast of St Thomas More ahead of his feast day tomorrow. 3B and 3L led us in prayer during Mass and a big thank you to Father Bart for celebrated Mass with us today. We continue to keep Father Pawel in our prayers.

Children has spent the day learning all about St Thomas More, his life and what he did to become a Saint. Children have been thinking about how they can be more like St Thomas More in their everyday lives.





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SEN support

Individual provision and school-based support plans were sent home for children with additional needs who are maintained on the school SEN support register at the end of last term. Should you have any questions regarding the targets set or the support in place for your child, please discuss this with the Class Teacher.

Mrs Austin our SENDCO is also available if required to discuss any questions or queries that you may have. If you would like to arrange a call or meeting please call via the office **01634864701** or email sen@st-thomasmore.medway.sch.uk

Safeguarding

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Dear Parents

Please sign up to our fantastic resource The National College where you can find lots of useful information to support young adults, children including those with SEN and yourself. There is a whole host of information about Disney+, Snapchat, Roblox, YouTube, Whatsapp, conversation starters to help parents talk to their children about their mental health, cyberbullying, tips for stronger passwords, artificial intelligence and much, much more.

If you have any concerns regarding your child's online habits, speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance or contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead/Deputy Head, Mrs Le Breton if you believe a child is at risk of harm.

<https://nationalcollege.com/enrol/st-thomas-more-catholic-primary-school-8>

If your child has been a victim of online bullying and has had a nasty message, picture or video posted about them, you can ask the school for support to help find out who might have posted the content. In addition to your child speaking to you, they may wish to talk to someone outside of the family about what has happened to them and how it made them feel. Let them know that they can always call Childline with any worry, big or small on 0800 11 11. Within school, all children have posters available to them with the telephone number and also who to speak to if they're worried. Children also have a safeguarding notice board and have had a safeguarding assembly at the start of this academic year to support them.

If you are worried about a child, please contact Medway Safeguarding Children's Partnership to report your concerns or contact the school's safeguarding team for further support in doing so. You can also report through the NSPCC.

https://www.medway.gov.uk/info/200170/children_and_families/600/concerned_about_a_child/2

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/reporting-abuse/>

Mrs Le Breton Designated Safeguarding Lead/Deputy Head

Mrs Ebdon Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead/Headteacher

Mrs Deamer (Jody) Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead/Pastoral Manager

Our Safeguarding team are:

Mrs Le Breton Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Ebdon Deputy Safeguarding Lead

Jody Deputy Safeguarding Lead

Simon D'Souza Safeguarding Governor

Sinead Joshi Safeguarding Governor

If you have any questions, or are worried about a child, please speak to us.