



# St Thomas More School Newsletter

23rd September 2022

## Dates for your diary

### 7th October 2022

Harvest Mass  
MacMillan Coffee afternoon

### End of Term 1

21st October 2022

### Half Term

24th—28th October

### Term 2 Begins

31st October 2022

### 3rd January 2023

Staff development day  
(No children in school)

### 4th January 2023

Start of term 3

*'Love one another as I have loved you'*

Dear Parents,

As October is approaching we are beginning to look forward to the events that occur in this month. We have our Harvest Mass on the morning of October 7<sup>th</sup> with our Macmillan Coffee Afternoon in the school hall in the afternoon.

This year the children will be learning about Catholic Social Teaching. Catholic Social Teaching (CST) is based on Scripture and shapes our actions, it is our moral compass, guiding us on how to live out our faith in the world. The principles of CST that the children will be learning about are:

- Human Dignity - we are all beautifully made in the image and likeness of God.
- The Common Good - we are called to work for the good of each and of all.
- Participation - we all have the right and duty to participate fully in society.
- Subsidiarity - we are called to empower communities, to let everyone have a say
- Stewardship - we are guardians of God's creation, living sustainably and enhancing the wellbeing of our planet.
- Solidarity - God created us as one global family called to support our brothers and sisters.
- Preferential Option for the Poor - the needs of the poor and vulnerable should be put first.
- Distributive Justice - everyone should have access to their fair share of resources.  
Promoting Peace - we can be God's instruments of peace through seeking justice.

Through the donation of food for the Medway Food Bank as part of our Harvest celebrations and the donating of cakes to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support we are:

- supporting the poor and vulnerable who do not have enough food
- acting in solidarity with our less fortunate community members  
working towards the common good so that people suffering from cancer can have the support they need through Macmillan.

Please see the list of items that the Food Bank are requesting on this newsletter. Items can be brought in from Monday and the final collection will be on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October.

Cake donations will be gratefully received for our Macmillan Coffee Afternoon, cakes can be brought in from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October up until the morning of Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend

Mrs Ebdon



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**A big Happy Birthday to..**

**Catherine M**

**Mercy T**

**Tomas C**

**Lily L**

**Audrey P**

**Isabelle S**

**Olawale M**

**Ella M**

**Zac H**

**Lily C**

**Orlagh W**

**Harrison W**

And for all of those children who celebrate their birthday in the holiday please see the separate sheet



**Macmillan Coffee afternoon**

**7th October 2022**

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We will send out further details nearer the time.

Please can we ask that you send your children in with a coat every-day. We have had many children coming to school without coats and they will not be able to go outside for break or lunchtime. During OPAL children do go out in most weathers but they need a coat and suitable footwear so please also make sure your child has wellies in school too.

Thank you



my **child** at **school.com**



School fund will be available to pay through MCAS shortly—we are awaiting our MIS—Bromcom, to set up an account pathway which will be in the next week. As soon as this is done we will send a message to all families to let them know School fund can be paid. Thank you for your patience.



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Merit award

Freya G RC

Oakley H RC

Henry B RR

Zahra K RR

Edward D 1D

Lily A 1J

Zoe A 2F

Paige C 2S

Charlotte C 3B

Felicity C 3B

Freddie F 3T

Lorenzo R 4L

Samuel D 4S

Erin G 5C

Annabelle C 5M

Jake B 6C

Jane D 6C

Rufus W 6F

Faith P 6F

Well done everyone



## Harvest 2022

**Medway Foodbank currently need the following items**

Milk—UHT/long life, semi or whole

Dried milk powder

Instant mash

Sponge puddings

Tinned fruit

Jam, marmalade, choc spreads

Peanut butter, meat/fish paste

Tinned meat e.g ham/corned beef

Tinned tomatoes

Cook-in and pasta sauces

Rice

Custard—ready made

Long life fruit juice

Squash

Instant coffee—small jars/packs

Hot chocolate powder

Evaporated milk

Sugar—500g/small packs

Ketchup

Shampoo

Deodorants

Toilet roll

Shaving foam

Washing up liquid





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## Reminders

**Packed lunches**—please could you try to use a wrapping other than cling film. Sandwich bags or foil are preferable. Please also remember to provide cutlery if your child has something in their lunch box that requires it as we do not have spares available in school. Please check your child's carton has a straw attached as we have had a few instances where a child has been disappointed that they have not been able to drink their juice carton and have had to have water instead. The PTFA have a limited amount of environmentally friendly sandwich wrap's, we are selling these in school for £3 each there are a variety of designs.

**School dinners:** Thank you for settling your dinner balances .

**Office hours:** the office is manned 8-4pm. Please use our absence line to report an absence. Please can any non urgent queries be emailed or if you do need to call please call between 10-12. Between 12-2 is our protected admin time and calls may be forwarded to answerphone.

**Earrings:** Please remember that earrings need to be removed for school everyday. We will call parents to come in to school to remove earrings if children have them in when they arrive.

## SCHOOL FUND £15 PER FAMILY EACH YEAR

**What is School Fund?** *It is a fund to help provide some of the 'non-essential' activities.*

### What is it used for?

Provide leaving mementos for

Year 6

First communion mementos

Support our Beacons and School Council

To help pay for coaches and our school minibus for school trips!

Year 3 trip to Aylesford to celebrate Mass with other Catholic Schools

Visiting performing art companies

History and Science visitors

Subsidised music lessons

Refreshments for special

days for example;

St Thomas More Day

Sports Day

Pantomime

**Payment details will follow shortly as we move over to MCAS**

