



# St Thomas More School Newsletter

14th October 2022

## Dates for your diary

### 19th October 2022

Parents eve 4pm—7pm

### 20th October 2022

Parents eve 5pm—8pm

### 21st October 2022

Bring your parents to RE

**Followed by a parent coffee morning at 9.45**

### End of Term 1

21st October 2022

### Half Term

24th—28th October

### Term 2 Begins

31st October 2022

### 4th November 2022

Bring your parents to maths

### 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,

We had our first liturgy of the year this week, hosted by Year 6 for their parents to attend. It was a lovely morning and so nice to be welcoming our parents and Father Pawel back into school more regularly following the pandemic.

The Dogs Trust have been in school today. They delivered an assembly to the whole school about 'How to Behave Safely Around Dogs' and then Years 3 and 4 had workshops around the same theme.

Next week we have our Parents Evening, please make sure you have made an appointment to see your child's teacher to find out how they are getting on.

On Friday morning at 9:15-9.45 (21/10) we have our first 'Bring Your Parent' session of the academic year, this session will be 'Bring Your Parent to RE', we hope to see lots of families joining us for this. After the RE session we have a coffee morning run by our PTFA in the pavilion, if you have time, please pop down to see them to see if there is anything you are able to help with to raise funds for the school.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Ebdon



## **Food Bank**

### **Harvest Donations**

Thank you so much for the extremely generous donations for the food bank. When they collected they were absolutely stunned at the amount of generosity that had been shown and asked us to pass their thanks on to all of our parents/carers.

Thank you



**Parent workshop 9:00 - 10:00 Friday November 4<sup>th</sup>**

## **Understanding your child's behaviour and anxiety workshop**

(led by our new Emotional Wellbeing Practitioner)

Please email [sen@st-thomasmore.medway.sch.uk](mailto:sen@st-thomasmore.medway.sch.uk) or call the school office to book a place.



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**A big Happy Birthday to..**

Oscar L  
Rosabella B  
Charlie J-M  
Lily A  
James C  
Evie D  
Liam T  
Naomi A  
Isla B  
Mia V



**Golden Welly Award**

Mazel M  
Alisa Ojulape

## **Year 6 Liturgy**

Yesterday, Year 6 enjoyed welcoming parents back for the first liturgy this year. We focused on remembering to give thanks to Jesus and wrote thank you cards after reflecting on what we are grateful for. Thank you to all who joined in our liturgy this week.



## **PTFA would be grateful of donations of the following for Christmas activities**

Christmas baubles  
Tinsel & general Christmas décor  
Christmas wrapping paper  
Bric a brac to sell at the fayre



Cardboard boxes  
Plain white sheets  
Arts & craft supplies



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Merit award

Ophelia H RC

Sarah A RC

Mercy T RR

Ryan E RR

Juliet A 1D

Tomas C 1J

Georgia T 2F

Emmanuella A 2S

Willow J 2S

Henry H 3B

Maya L3T

Aaron K 4L

Milyana B 4S

Durotimi O 5C]

Oluwatife G 5M

Julia S 6C

Freya P 6C

Elizabeth O 6F

Well done everyone



## **Coffee morning after bring your parent to RE—21st October**

Historically our parents have been amazing at raising much needed funds to help the school provide our children with interesting additional opportunities and activities, over the last couple of years we have been unable to meet regularly but next Friday we are holding a coffee morning (tea available too!) on Friday in the pavilion that is open to everybody. We will be discussing how the Fundraising Team works and starting to plan the Christmas activities, there are many ways you can help whatever your availability and we welcome new ideas or suggestions. Jody (FLO) usually liaises with the Fundraising team so if you are unable to attend but would like anything shared at the meeting on your behalf then please email Jody on -

familyliaisonofficer-st.thomasmore@st-thomasmore.medway.sch.uk



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## **Year 2**

Year 2 received a letter from the Government this week, asking them to design a healthy wrap for school lunches. They had great fun tasting different food combinations to help them with their designs!



## **Reception class first photo's**

We at KM Group are delighted to be publishing pictures of your Reception classes in our newspapers next week..

<https://www.kentonline.co.uk/whats-on/news/dont-miss-your-copy-of-first-class-274807/>

## **Christmas Fund Raising**

**We will be looking for helpers for events and donations of items.**

**Watch this space for further details**





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## Tuck shop dates

Support our PTFA and pick yourself up a sweet treat.

**3rd November**

**17th November**

**1st December**

**15th December**

**Junior playground after the end of the school day**

## Safeguarding

### Gate security

I have been liaising with the school about the gate to the rear of the school grounds. We are aware parents/guardians would like this open at the beginning/end of the school day. The school 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 put 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 R Cornwall

### Collecting at the end of the day

Please can you supervise your children at all times and discourage them from using equipment that may be left out for our after school clubs. Please also leave the school grounds as soon as possible, so we can close the gates at 3.30pm and to avoid being locked in.

## Applying for a Secondary Placement

The process is now open for parents to apply for a secondary place for their child for September 2023. The deadline for applications is Monday 31st October at 5pm - here is the link to apply: [https://www.medway.gov.uk/info/200137/schools\\_and\\_learning/1061/applying\\_for\\_a\\_secondary\\_school\\_place](https://www.medway.gov.uk/info/200137/schools_and_learning/1061/applying_for_a_secondary_school_place)



## 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](https://www.medway.gov.uk/info/200137/schools_and_learning/1059/applying_for_a_primary_school_place)