



St Thomas More School Newsletter

7th January 2022

'Love one another as I have loved you'

Dates for your diary

Term 3

10/02/2022

**Bring your parent to read
(re arranged from 11/2/2022)**

10/02/2022

Term 3 finishes

11/02/2022

Staff Development Day
(no children in school)

Term 4

21/02/2022

Term 4 begins

1/4/2022

Term 4 finishes

4/4/2022-18/4/2022

Easter break

Term 5

19/4/2022

Term 5 begins

2/5/2022

Early May Bank Holiday

26/5/2022

Term 5 finishes

27/5/2022

Staff Development Day
(No children in school)

Term 6

6/6/2022

Term 6 Begins

22/07/2022

Staff Development Day
(No children in school)

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 3!

It has been lovely to have all of the children back full of enthusiastic stories of their Christmas holidays and I hope you all had a happy and peaceful break.

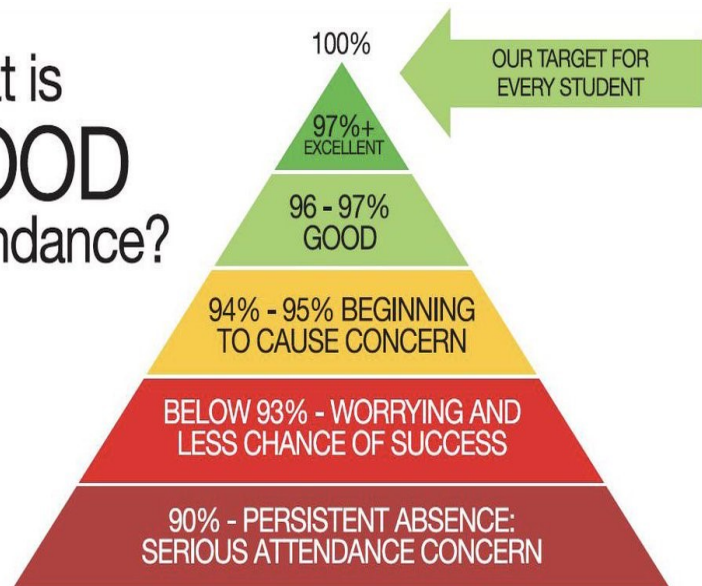
Please send your children in with an additional fleece or hoodie as we have the classrooms well ventilated to minimise the risk of any covid transmission. Please take note of the dates section in this week's newsletter as it has some new dates as well as some alterations.

Please remain vigilant with regards to lateral flow testing your children so that we can protect all members of our school community.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Ebdon

What is
GOOD
attendance?



Reception Admission 2022 Information

Parents of children who are due to start school in September 2022 can now apply for their chosen primary school. The closing date is **15th January 2022 at 5pm**

https://www.medway.gov.uk/info/200137/schools_and_learning/1059/applying_for_a_primary_school_place

You will need to create an account to apply.



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Merit Award

Evie M RR
Andrew T RS
Jake J 1D
David A 1D
Ellie T 1J
Anthony H 2F
Amelia M 2S
Alisa T 3C
Ben F 3B
Caleb I 4S
Emmie G 4T
Tianna W-S 5H
Harry H 5M
Bonnie M 6C
William C 6B

Well done everyone



Intra competition winners

House colours!

Monday 10th January

KS1—**St Andrews**—may change one item of uniform to a **BLUE** item of clothing

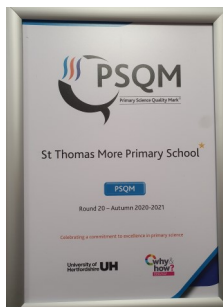
KS2—**St Georges**—may change one item of uniform to a **RED** item of clothing

Well done



School award

We are pleased to announce that we have been awarded the Primary Science Quality Mark.



School award

We have also been awarded the National Nurturing Schools Award



Parent information drop in session

The second coffee and chat save the date will be....

Friday 31st January 2022 @ 1.45pm

We are hoping to have the school nurse in attendance

Restrictions permitting.

Please email sen@st-thomasmore.medway.sch.uk to register your interest.

Please sign in at the office on the day.





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A big Happy Birthday to..

Isabelle H

Lola P

Amen-Grace U

Toma Y

Elliot H

Alexander D

Ronnie R

Selvyn A

Chizaram I

Kacey B

Nancy-Louise B

Nancy B

David S

Nileyah M

Orla M



Remainder of Term Dates

September 2021 to July 2022

Term 3

Start: Tuesday 4 January 2022

Finish: Thursday 10 February 2022

SDD Friday 11th February 2022—no children in school

February break: Monday 14 February 2022 to Friday 18 February 2022

Term 4

Start: Monday 21 February 2022

Finish: Friday 1 April 2022

Good Friday: 15 April 2022

Easter Monday: 18 April 2022

Easter break: Monday 4 April 2022 to Monday 18 April 2022

Term 5

Start: Tuesday 19 April 2022

Finish: Thursday 26 May 2022

Early May bank holiday: Monday 2 May 2022—No children in school

SDD Friday 27th May 2022—No children in school

Spring bank holiday: Thursday 2 June 2022 (within late spring break))

Platinum Jubilee bank holiday: Friday 3 June 2022 (within late spring break)

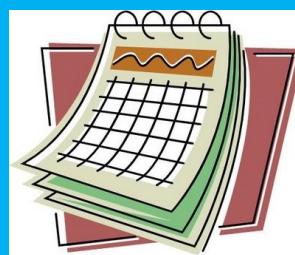
Late spring break: Monday 30 May 2022 to Friday 3 June 2022

Term 6

Start: Monday 6 June 2022

Finish: Thursday 21 July 2022

SDD Friday 22 July 2022 - Additional bank holiday for Queens Jubilee—No children in school





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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 ready for this term.

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 an answerphone.

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

Attendance & Punctuality

Our current whole school attendance is **93.7%** which is below the National target of **97%** please help us improve our attendance by ensuring your child is in school every-day ,on time. We have had an increasing number of late students coming through the office recently. We realise that Covid-19 has a negative effect on a child's attendance and this makes it even more important that they are in school on time at all other times.

SAFEGUARDING

What to do if you are worried about a child:

Members of the public and professionals can use a referral and contact form to report any safeguarding concerns about a child or a young person to Medway's First Response service. Once the form has been submitted, it will be reviewed and assessed and action will be taken. Please use the following link:

[Report a child safeguarding concern](#) | [Concerned about a child](#) | [Medway Council](#)

You can also phone 01634 334466 or use the 24 hour emergency number 03000 419 191. You can also call NSPCC on 0808 800 5000, Child Line on 0800 1111 or Medway Police on 01622 690 690.

Please remember to go to our Safeguarding section for parents/carers on our school website to learn more about keeping your child safe online. There is also a section for children too with some useful links.

Parents are encouraged to **T.A.L.K** to their children about the dangers.

Talk to your child about online safety. Start the conversation – and listen to their concerns.

- **Agree ground rules** about the way you use technology as a family.
- **Learn about the platforms** and apps your child loves. Take an interest in their online life.
- **Know how to use tools**, apps and settings that can help to keep your child safe online.

Discuss and agree on **privacy settings** for the platforms and apps your

