



St Thomas More School Newsletter

26th November 2021

Issue.12

Dates for your diary

29/11/2021

Flu vaccination

30/11/2021

Year 6 trip to Kent Life

2/12/2021

RSHE Parent Consultation 4:30 – 5:30

3/12/2021

Advent Reconciliation

6/12/2021

Tombola Tag day

8/12/2021

Meet Father Christmas

10/12/2021

Christmas Fair

13—15/12/2021

Secret santa gifts

15/12/2021

Christmas Dinner Day

20/12/2021-3/1/2022

Christmas Break

4.1.2022

Staff development day



School fund is now due and is £15 per family. Please make payment on school gateway.

'Love one another as I have loved you'

Dear Parents,

The children have had a visit this week from Kent Fire and Rescue to teach them all about fire safety. We have also had our Book Fair this week, if you haven't already visited, it will be after school in the hall on Monday and Tuesday next week. Please come along and see if there are any books you would like to buy as the school will receive books for the children to use, based on a proportion of the sales.

As numbers rise in the local community, we are starting to see some more positive cases of covid and have therefore implemented some additional measures to try to limit the risk of transmission in school. As well as the enhanced cleaning, increased ventilation and hand hygiene measures, we have booked the school nurse to come in and work with some of our younger children to teach them more about hand hygiene. We are no longer having whole school assemblies and, as key stage assemblies have less children, we are able to spread out classes more widely within them. We have also moved our packed lunch children into their classes for lunch so that school dinner children can be spread out and only sit with children in their own year group in the hall.

Please be vigilant looking for symptoms within your family and carry out the appropriate testing when necessary. As the weather is getting colder and we are still required to have windows and doors open to reduce the risk of transmission the classrooms can feel a bit colder. Please send your child in with a fleece/hoodie/gilet for them to wear in class if they need to.

We will be sending out a letter at the start of next week with details of how we plan to organise and run the Christmas Fayre and children's production. The fayre will be on 10th December and the productions will be on the afternoons of 14th and 15th December.

For anti-bullying week last week our School Council ran a poster competition. We were blown away with how many children entered, so it was difficult to choose.

Well done to our winners!

Year 1 - Tireni Year 2 - Sophia Year 3 - Ameila Year 4 - Ciel Year 5 - Hollie Year 6 - Lolly

Celebrate reading at our Book Fair!

The Book Fair will be arriving in school soon, with hundreds of new children's books to browse and buy. Come and join us! There are over 200 titles for you and your child to choose from, and with prices starting from only £2.99, there's sure to be a book for everyone.

Don't forget that every book you buy can help to get **FREE BOOKS** for our school library!

The Book Fair will be in the school hall from 3:15 – 4pm on:

Thursday 25th November

Friday 26th November

Monday 29th November

Tuesday 30th November





St Thomas More School Newsletter

'Love one another as I have loved you'



Merit Award

Well done everyone

Lucas D - RR

Thea M - RS

Emmanuella A - 1D

Brianna -Adlina-1D

Max M—1J

Sophia D - 1J

Teniola A-2F

Alexander S-2S

Eleanor T-3C

Una C-3B

Austin C— 4S

Vinnie L-4T

Lizandra S-5H

Poppy P-5M

Eliza B-6C

Declan H— 6C

Keetan J-6B

Maxwell-6B



Year R

1st December

PJ's and Polar Express Day



Year 6

30th November

Kent Life Trip

WWII



I'm looking forward to meeting all of the girls and boys at St Thomas More—I hope their adults have sent in their reply slips and remembered to pay on the Gateway.

I must not forget Tombola Tag Day on 6th December—I might wear my green suit!

I must remember the Secret Santa Shop on 13th 14th & 15th December. £1.50 per present. Mrs Clause could do with new socks!





St Thomas More School Newsletter

'Love one another as I have loved you'



A big Happy Birthday to..

Orlaith C

Finley K

Nancy-Mae W

Jasmine I

Shekinah K

Andy B

Sian S



SEN and Disability
Information, Advice
and Support

Medway
sendias

Medway Sendias Service

Drop in advice session

Wednesday 8th December 2021

Strood Children & Family Hub

Clifton Close, Strood, Kent, ME2 2HG

Spaces are limited and will need to be booked by 3pm on Tuesday 7th

December

Please call: 01634 566303

Or email: medwaysendias@family-action.org.uk

Are you having a pre-Christmas clear out?

If so, we need you! We are still on the lookout for the following items. If you can help with any of them, please drop off at school before the end of term or during the first week back in Term 3.



Oven (for mud kitchen)

Wheelbarrows

Tarpaulin

Babies/prams

Full size Buggy/pram

Dinosaurs

Barbie dolls

Old mobile phones

Computer screens

Keyboards/torches/laptops/calculators that are no longer working

Lego & Duplo



St Thomas More School Newsletter

'Love one another as I have loved you'

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. We will be sharing some opening day dates where parents can come and look around the school soon.

Secondary School

You should now have applied for your child's secondary school place.

Attendance & Punctuality

Our current whole school attendance is **94.3%** 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. The AASSA from Medway will be doing a late gate this term and will take the names of those persistently late and a total of the minutes late from the start of Term 1.



What is
GOOD
attendance?

