



St Thomas More School Newsletter

19th November 2021
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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

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,

It was lovely to see so many parents attend our 'Bring Your Parent to Maths' session this morning. I hope you enjoyed it and that it gave you some good ideas about how to support your child with their maths learning when they are at home.

This week has been anti bullying week, the children started the week with an assembly about 'Being Kind' and the children have been finding ways to carry out more kind acts this week.

We are speeding through November and before long the Christmas period will be upon us! The Fund-raising Team are working hard for the Christmas Fayre and any additional hands would be greatly appreciated. The children have begun practising for their Christmas performance, we are looking at ways that we can carry out the performance, with an audience, depending on covid rates. We are hoping for the performances to be the week commencing 13th December and will confirm dates/times shortly.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Ebdon.

School Gateway

We use the school gateway app to send messages home. If you do not have the app you should receive the messages via normal text message.

We have been notified that sometimes parents do not receive the messages and do not get notified that they have a message in the app. I have spoken to School Comms and they have said that notifications can be turned on within the app and that if a parent has the app the message will go to the app to save the cost of the text message.

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





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Merit Award

Spencer W RR

Savannah R RR

Halle H RS

Michael L 1D

Jakub N 1D

Vinnie S 1J

Lola Rose B 2F

Jada-Grace D 2S

Sebastian M 3C

Maa S 3B

Eva A 4S

Tife G 4T

Liam T 5H

David M 5M

Sola A 6C

Sienna A 6C

Noah H 6B

Well done everyone



Don't forget Tombola
Tag Day
Monday 6th December

Secret Santa

This year the dinner ladies will be holding the Secret Santa shop during morning break on 13th, 14th, & 15th December in the school hall. We will not be at the Christmas Fair.

The price will be £1.50. So if you have saved your pocket money and want to buy someone (Mums, Dads, Grandparents) a present then I am sure we have got just the thing.

All the presents will be wrapped so all you have to do is hide them until Christmas day.





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A big Happy Birthday to..

Chelsea E

Joseph P

Faye P

Tobiloba O

Chiamaka N

Aimee G

Dollcie-Rae F

Anne S

Akif K

Harry O

Nesia S

Halle H

Samuel N



Deadline for school photograph orders is Wednesday 24th November.



Deadline for flu vaccination consent form is Wednesday 24th November.



Deadline to pay for 'meet Father Christmas' is Friday 26th November.



Deadline to pay for Christmas dinner is Friday 26th November.

Foundation Stage News

This week we have been Authors. We have created our own version of the story *Naughty Bus* and each class have made their own books. The children have had a brilliant week and have really enjoyed the topic.



Parking in Bleakwood Road this morning



The decision was taken to close off Bleakwood to parents this morning due to the large number of vehicles parked there already. The situation was becoming dangerous for our children. If you do have to drive your child/ children to school please could you consider parking a little further away and walking in if you are able.



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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

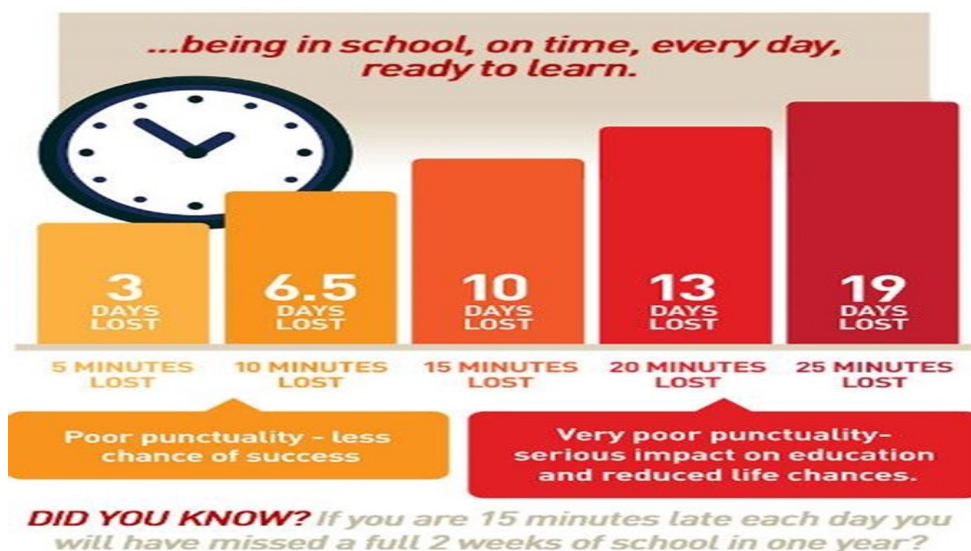
You will need to create an account to apply. We will be sharing some opening day dates where parents can come and look around the school soon.

Secondary School

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

Attendance & Punctuality

Our current whole school attendance is **94.4%** 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.



Job Vacancy at STM

Cleaner required 2 hours per day

3.30-5.30pm

If interested please ask at the school office for an application form or email

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

