



# St Thomas More School Newsletter

3rd February 2023

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## Dates for your diary

### 9th February 2023

PTFA coffee afternoon  
1.45pm

### 13-17th February 2023

February half term

### 2nd March 2023

World Book Day  
Details to follow

### 3rd March 2023

Bring your parents to Geography 9.15—9.45

### 3rd—14th April 2023

Easter Holiday

### 17th April 2023

SDD—School closed

### 28th April 2023

Bring your parents to History  
9.15 –945

### 1st May 2023

May bank holiday—**school closed**

### 8th May 2023

King Charles III Coronation bank holiday—**school closed**

### 9-12 May 2023

SATS

### 29th May—2nd June 2023

May Half Term

### 25th May 2023

Class photo taken

### 9-11th June 2023

Year 6 Residential

**SDD**

### School closed to children

Friday 23rd June 2023

Dear Parents

We are almost near the end of term and the children have had another busy week. Our Foundation teachers held a phonic workshop yesterday afternoon and it was lovely to see lots of you attending. We hope you found it useful and informative. If there were any parents who were unable to attend and wanted to read the presentation this will be added to our website in due course.

If you haven't already done so, please sign up to our free National Online Safety platform by creating an account using the name of the school to have access to some fantastic resources for families. <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/st-thomas-more-catholic-primary-school-8>

Children's Mental Health Week 2023 will take place from 6-12 February 2023.

This year's theme is Let's Connect.



We have a variety of lessons and workshops booked for children to engage with throughout the week linking to mindfulness such as yoga, meditations, roleplay exercises and group empathy sessions to name a few.

Kind regards

Mrs Ebdon

#### Next week....

9th Feb—Coffee afternoon—Fundraising 1.45pm



9th Feb—Tuck shop



10th Feb—Last day of term



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A big Happy Birthday to..

Sienna C-S

Caleb I

Yemisi M

Michelle A

Freddie E

Oluwatomilola S

Eyiloreoluwa A

Molly Q

## Coffee afternoon

Do you have time to attend our coffee afternoon and share your idea's for fundraising for our children?

**Thursday 9th February 2023**

**1.45pm**

Please come along if you are able. Even if you can spare an hour we would appreciate your input.

All welcome



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## School fund

We have had 85 out of 297 families pay school fund. Please remember that the school fund goes towards subsidising school trips, Year 6 leaver events and keepsakes, attendance at sporting events, refreshments for special days such as St Thomas More day and sports day and many other activities the children do. If we do not have the school fund the vast majority of these events and activities would not be able to take place.

School fund is £15 per family per year and can be paid via MCAS.

Thank you



## Parking & Driving in Bleakwood Road

Please could we remind you to drive slowly and considerately. A number of parents have reported near misses when people have turned at speed into Bleakwood Road or reversed too quickly without being aware of their surroundings.

Could we also ask that you park considerately. Do not block residents drive-ways or park across their garages at the rear of the houses and Please leave room for buggies and wheelchairs to get past on the pavement.

Medway Council issued a number of fines last term, to cars parked illegally in Bleakwood Road.





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## Calling all Year 1 & 2 Children

Join MMA's fantastic new weekly Music Group

Musical games, singing, percussion playing and more

Starting 22 April 2023

9:15am-10:00am

Rainham Mark Grammar School

Just £15 for the whole year

For full details and to apply visit

[www.medwaymusicassociation.co.uk](http://www.medwaymusicassociation.co.uk)



### Tuck Shop

9th February

23rd Feb

9th March

23rd March

We have restocked and will be back on the playground soon.



### Wrap around care

Please ensure you are booking your after school club and breakfast club through MCAS. We have an increasing number of students that are arriving for the clubs whose parent/carer has not booked. In some circumstances we are able to add a child to a club but this is not in replacement of the parent/carer making the booking using MCAS.

If you need a reminder of your details we can email these to you or if you have forgotten a password please use the forgotten password link.

Breakfast club 8am to school start £3.50

After school club 3.15—4.30 collection £5

After school club 3.15—5.30 collection £7.50

All wrap around care balances must be cleared at the end of each term.

After school club mobile 07519 207993





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Merit award

Zeenat A RC

Azra K RR

Joel D 1D

Tomas C 1J

Amen-Grace U 2F

Amber W 2S

Zac H 3B

Jada-Grace D

Lili Y4L

Amelia M 4L

Joseph P 4S

Matthew O 5C

Lewis B 5M

Emmie G 5M

Carson O 6C

Isaac S 6F

Golden Welly



## Safeguarding

### Safeguarding – Identifying Online Risks

Online safety is embedded within the curriculum and children are regularly taught how to stay safe online and how to identify online risks. To help at home, you can help children to identify and manage risks by discussing:

- the ways in which someone may put themselves at risk online
- risks posed by another person's online behaviour
- when risk taking can be positive and negative
- online reputation and the positive and negative aspects of an online digital footprint
- sharing information online and how to make a judgement about when and how to share and who to share with
- the risks of cyber crime, online fraud and identity theft

To support your child at home with this, you can sign up for free to our 'National Online Safety' platform by using the link below:

[Browse E-safety Training and Resources For Schools | National Online Safety](#)

You can also help your child by:

explaining how to identify trusted adults, access support from the school, the [National Crime Agency's Click CEOP reporting service](#) for children and 3rd sector organisations such as [Childline](#) and [Internet Watch Foundation](#)

reporting cyber crime, fraud and suspicious online activity, through organisations such as [Action Fraud](#) and the [Advertising Standards Authority](#)

reporting inappropriate contact or content for various platforms and apps

A list of media literacy resources for teachers and parents is available via the following link too:

[Online media literacy resources - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Please see the PTFA facebook page

Search St Thomas More fundraising team and ask to join.

