



St Thomas More School Newsletter

10th December 2021
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Dates for your diary

13—15/12/2021

Secret santa gifts

14/12/2021

KS1 Christmas Production

1-2pm

KS2 Christmas Production

2.10-3pm

15/12/2021

KS1 Christmas Production

3.30-4.30pm

KS2 Christmas Production

4.40-5.30pm

15/12/2021

Christmas Dinner Day

20/12/2021-31/1/2022

Christmas Break

4.1.2022

Staff development day (no children
on site)

5/1/2022

All children return to school

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,

I hope you will all join me in saying a huge thank you to the members of the Fund-raising Team who have worked incredibly hard to organise the children's visit to see Father Christmas and the Christmas Fayre this week.

The children have had a fantastic time and we will let you know the grand total raised when the numbers are in!

Don't forget that next week is the children's Christmas Production. Please remember to bring your ticket, proof of a negative lateral flow and a mask to wear whilst inside.

Just a reminder that all children are able to stay in school from 3.15pm on Wednesday 15th December to get ready for their performance. We will not expect parents to collect at 3.15pm only to bring them back again within a short period of time. If you do not have a ticket to the performance, you are able to collect your child/(ren) from the following times on Wednesday after their performance:

FS, Y1, Y2 @ 4.30pm from usual collection point

Y3, 4, 5, 6 @ 5.30pm from usual collection point

If you have siblings in both Key Stages, your children may be collected at the later time of 5.30pm in order for them all to perform. If you are collecting KS1 children at 4:30 please move around the site quietly so the juniors performance is not disturbed.

Unfortunately, I need to address again the conduct of some parents whilst on school premises.

If there is an issue between children that needs to be addressed, the class teacher in the first instance will speak to all parties involved to resolve the matter. Please do not approach another parent or a child about issues within school as this can be distressing for adults and children.

I would also like to remind everyone that we will not tolerate abusive behaviour or offensive language towards staff, children or parents. Behaving in this manner will result in those involved not being allowed access to the school site so that our children, staff and families can go about their business in the safe and respectful environment to which they are entitled.

Please remember that all adult behaviours are examples for our children and behaving in this manner in front of them may lead them to believe that swearing and behaving in an aggressive manner is an appropriate way to respond to others.

Have a lovely weekend

Kind regards

Mrs EBDON





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Merit Award

Nancy B RR

Farley E RR

Kian S RS

Hadassah O 1D

Lewis Leeson 1D

Amaziah O 1J

Eden A 2F

William A 2S

Danielle C 3B

Callum G 3C

Amelia M 3C

Zoe O 4S

Demi A 4T

Sophie G 5H

Faye P 5M

Sophia S 5M

Elliot J 6C

Luca C 6C

Aimee G 6B

Well done everyone

A huge Thank you to our amazing PTFA team who have organised our Christmas Events . We are so lucky to have such an amazing and active team.

Thank you so much all of you for everything you do





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A big Happy Birthday to..

Danielle C

Evgenia D

Sofia N-H

Arabella W

Eden A

Aidan S

Sophia C

Isaac S



Santa's Grotto moved to St Thomas More this week. The children had a lovely time and really enjoyed themselves. Santa said how well behaved they all were and looks forward to seeing them on Christmas Eve!





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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.

Secret Santa Gifts

On sale 13th, 14th & 15th December in school.

£1.50 for a wrapped gift for Mum's, Dad's, Nan's, Grandad's, Auntie's and Uncle's or family friends.

Please send the children in with the money in a named envelope with their name and Secret Santa Gift on the front and then just sit back and wait for Christmas!

Attendance & Punctuality

Our current whole school attendance is **94.0%** 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