



St Thomas More School Newsletter

15th November 2024

'Love one another as I have loved you'



Dear Parents/Carers

We began our week of reflection, respect and remembrance with a beautiful and moving assembly led by our Faith Beacons. I am so proud of how all children showed respect during the assembly but also for our 2 minutes of silence at 11am whilst we remembered those who sacrificed their lives for us. I would like to thank you all for your generosity in supporting the Royal British Legion by making donations.

As we are in the month of November, I have set up a Book of Remembrance for parents and carers, children and staff to write in. It is located in the reception area should you wish to add a special memory or include a photo of a loved one too. Please feel free to send in or email in, a memory for a loved one so we can add it to the book for you.

This week, we have also been busy with raising money for Children in Need (with our wacky hairstyles!) and wearing odd socks for Anti-Bullying week. The children have worked extremely hard thinking about our Gospel values and applying them to their daily life by putting others first, being respectful, making the right choices and being kind to each other.

I would like to thank the parents of Reception classes who attended our, 'Bring Your Parent to Phonics' session. I hope you enjoyed the range of activities that you were able to take part in and hopefully take these ideas back into your family homes to support your children with those all-important reading skills.

Parish News – St Simon Stock

Bereavement Support Group

During November we remember our loved ones who have passed and this can be a difficult time for us and therefore a Bereavement Support Group in the parish hall meets every second Tuesday of month. Being able to share experiences with others offers solace and some peace and the church welcomes you.

Christmas Fayre

Children from St Thomas More School will be singing at the Christmas Fayre. We would love as many parents as possible to come along and support the Fayre and our children.

Choir

The choir is looking for a pianist to accompany them at their Thursday evening rehearsals 8-9pm. It does not have to be a weekly commitment and they would be happy to have someone play once or twice a week. If you would like to help or know someone, contact Josie in the church on 07915601076.

Please join the link to find out more of what is happening in our church. They will be holding their Christmas Fayre on **Saturday 23rd November 11am- 2pm**, so please do come along and support this event and contact the church if you are available to help. More information can be found on the parish newsletter along with items to donate.

<https://stsimonwalderslade.co.uk/parish-newsletter/>

Masses are celebrated as follows:

Weekends: Saturday 6.00pm and Sunday 9.00am or 11.00am

Weekdays: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 10.00am (Wed 2pm – 10pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament) Friday 8.00pm





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Learning Snapshot

Please go to our Facebook page for lots more!



As the theme for anti-bullying week is 'Respect', our prayer reflects this. Have a fantastic weekend and I look forward to seeing you all next week.

Kindest regards
Mrs Le Breton
Acting Head of School



Dear Jesus,

We praise you for your goodness and mercy and thank you for the example of respect in your life. You were considerate to everyone you met, especially the poor and the sick, who came to you for help. Please help us to notice and respect the feelings of those around us as you did. Please help us to act in all things in harmony with the will of the Father.

Amen.



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Merit Award

RC Francesca

RR Preston

1C Lucy-Amy

1S Sophia

2D RJ

2F Ophelia

3B Oscar

3L Farley

4L David

4L Jake

4S Max

4S Nathaniel

5W Freddie

5C Henry

6B Andy

6B JD

6F Orlaith



**Punctuality
Peacock**

RC, 6B



**Attendance
Anteater**

2f

Whole School Attendance

96.4%

We are aiming for at least 96% whole school attendance.

Children in Need 2024

Thank you for your generous donations

We have raised nearly £400



Safeguarding

If you're worried about a child or would like some family support, please contact us:

Our Safeguarding Team

Mrs Le Breton Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

Mrs Murphy Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL) & Acting Deputy Head

Mrs Austin Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL) & Assistant Head

Mrs Ronja Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL) & EYFS Lead

Mrs Deamer Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL) & Pastoral Manager

Mr D'Souza Governor Safeguarding Lead

Miss Joshi Governor Safeguarding Lead

You can also contact Medway's Children's Safeguarding Partnership

https://www.medway.gov.uk/info/200170/children_and_families/600/concerned_about_a_child#:~:text=If%20you%20think%20the%20child,hours%20on%2003000%20419%20191.

Or via telephone - **In an emergency phone 999.** If you think the child is at immediate risk of harm contact Medway Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm on 01634 334 466 or out of hours on 03000 419 191.



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Closing date for applications
to **primary school** is
5pm on Wednesday
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Term 2

20th November 2024

Y4 Liturgy 9.15-9.45

25th November 2024

Book Fair

29th November 2024

Christmas Fair Tombola Tag
Day

2nd December 2024

EYFS PJ Day

2nd December 2024

EYFS & KS1 Panto

4th & 5th December 2024

Secret Santa Gift Shop

5th December 2024

EYFS Hartbeeps music and
sensory session

6th December 2024

Christmas Fair KS2 Play-
ground 3.30-4.30

11th December 2024

Christmas Productions

EYFS & KS1 9.15-10

KS2 10.15-11

£2 per ticket

12th December 2024

Christmas Production
EYFS & KS1 3.30-4.15

KS2 4.30-5.15

£2 per ticket

13th December 2024

Mass—Church 9.30

16th December 2024

KS2 Panto Central Theatre

17th December 2024

Children's Christmas lunch

19th December 2024

End of Term 2

20th December 2024

SDD

Term 3

6th January 2024

All children return to school

