



# St Thomas More School Newsletter

11th March 2022

## Dates for your diary

**23/3/2022 & 24/3/2022**

Parents evening

**1/4/2022**

Term 4 finishes

**4/4/2022-18/4/2022**

Easter break

**Term 5**

**19/4/2022**

Term 5 begins

**2/5/2022**

Early May Bank Holiday

**26/5/2022**

Term 5 finishes

**27/5/2022**

Staff Development Day  
(No children in school)

**Term 6**

**6/6/2022**

Term 6 Begins

**22/07/2022**

Staff Development Day  
(No children in school)

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Dear Parents,

I would like to say thank you to everyone who attended this morning's literacy workshop, 'Writing Expectations in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2', run by our writing co-ordinator, Mrs Bickmore. I hope that you found it useful and look forward to seeing you at the next workshop.

The children have all come to school today dressed in yellow or blue to help raise money for those affected by the conflict in Ukraine, thank you for your generous donations – we will let you know next week how much money we have managed to raise. If anyone is affected by the conflict please let us know so that we are able to support you and your child.

Next week is 'British Science Week', the children will be having virtual visits from scientists and STEM ambassadors and will be carrying out lots of learning linked to this – remember to ask your children what they get up to and look out for the photos!

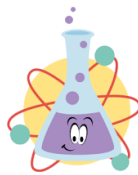
Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Ebdon

## Science week

Next week, the whole school will be celebrating British Science Week and we will all be taking part in activities and competitions throughout the week. This year, we will also be running a family competition - what is the strangest place you can find a plant growing?

Please check Dojo for full details.



## Intra results



Intra results from last term when all children took part in two ball throwing and catching activities.

KS1 winning house was St Georges.

Children in KS1 in St Georges can replace one item of their school uniform with a red item

KS2 winning house was St Davids.

Children in KS2 in St Davids can replace one item of their school uniform with a yellow item.

This will be on **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March**



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## Merit Award

**Amila M RR**

**Jude B RR**

**Orla F RS**

**Ebun B 1D**

**Michael L 1D**

**Derrion I 1J**

**Henry H 2F**

**Aaron G 2S**

**Amelia H 3C**

**Lanika B 3B**

**Georgie-May B 4S**

**Chelsea Euden 4T**

**Lily C 5H**

**Callum N 5M**

**Alfie R 6C**

**Sienna F 6C**

**Eliana O 6B**

Well done everyone



## Adoration

**Every Wednesday 2pm-10pm**

We would like to encourage parents of children who are in school to attend Adoration, either before they collect their children or afterwards (children do need to be silent and respectful while the Blessed Sacrament is exposed).

If you are able to commit to an hour a week the Adoration Team would be pleased to welcome you, if you aren't able to commit to an hour a week some people do as long as they are able.



## Pancake flipper winners 2022

Well done to all of the children who entered our Shrove Tuesday competition! Excellent effort by all!

## Welcome to Emily our Education Mental Health Practitioner



St Thomas More Catholic Primary School welcomes the Emotional Support Team (EST) to your child's school. The Education Mental Health Practitioners, who are part of the EST, are hoping to get to know you and your child over the coming weeks and months, offering support when needed and finding out your ideas about how we can all work together to support the emotional wellbeing and mental health of children at St Thomas More Catholic Primary School.



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A big Happy Birthday to..

Jacob I

Spencer-Kenneth W

William L

Angel O

Eleanor T



## March-April '22 Shopping List

**We currently need the following items - your help in meeting the needs of others is appreciated.**

- Milk - UHT/long-life
- Cook-in or Pasta Sauce
- Fruit Juice - UHT/long-life only
- Squash/soft drinks
- Tinned meat e.g. ham, corned beef
- Ready-made Custard (e.g. tinned)
- Tinned Potatoes
- Instant Mash
- Tinned Fish
- Packet Soup (e.g. Cup-a-Soup)
- Tinned Spaghetti
- Instant Coffee - small jars/packs
- Sponge Puddings
- Rice pudding (tinned)
- Desserts e.g. 'Angel Delight', Jelly
- Sugar - 500gm packs please
- Dried/powder Milk
- Evaporated milk
- Table sauces e.g. ketchup/brown
- Gravy granules/stock cubes
- Easter treats - bars of chocolate preferred to eggs please
- Nappies - sizes 4 and above
- Toiletries for baby and baby wipes
- Washing-up liquid
- Liquid Soap/hand-wash (not bars)
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Shampoo & conditioner
- Deodorant for men and women
- Cleaning/anti-bac spray
- Cat food

**We CURRENTLY PREFER NOT TO RECEIVE more:**

baked beans, pasta, and tinned soup.  
**THANK YOU** for joining us to help stop UK hunger! Your support makes a difference.

Medway Foodbank  
info@medway.foodbank.org.uk  
01634 757057  
Registered Charity No: 1166505



## Beacons Lenten Appeal

The Beacons are collecting for Medway food bank please bring any donations in week beginning 28th March.

Medway foodbank are not asking for baked beans, pasta and tinned soup at this time.

They are also asking for Easter treats but preferably not eggs.

Please ensure food is usable by checking it is in date

Thank you for your support.

## OPAL launch

**You will have received an email regarding the launch of our much awaited OPAL programme.**

**We are pleased to announce that it will launch on 22nd March 2022, just 11 days to go.**

**Please remember your 'Ticket to Play' we are asking for loose parts which could be:**

**Large cardboard boxes**

**Old car or bike tires (washed)**

**Large buckets and containers**

**Thick rope (no thin rope allowed)**

**Plastic pipes, tubes, or hoses.**

**Small world toys/barbie dolls/dinosaurs.**

**Accessories such as scarfs, hats, glasses.**

**Shirts, ties, dresses.**

**Old kitchen utensils, baskets pots and pans**

**Tarpaulin**

**Fabric scraps (the bigger the better)**

**Milk crates**

**Crutches/walking frames**

**Nets**

**Old wagons/strollers/prams**





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## Reminders

**Packed lunches**—please could you try to use a wrapping other than cling film. Sandwich bags or foil are preferable. Please also remember to provide cutlery if your child has something in their lunch box that requires it as we do not have spares available in school. Please check your child's carton has a straw attached as we have had a few instances where a child has been disappointed that they have not been able to drink their juice carton and have had to have water instead. The PTFA have a limited amount of environmentally friendly sandwich wrap's, we are selling these in school for £3 each there are a variety of designs.

**School dinners:** Thank you for settling your dinner balances .

**Office hours:** the office is manned 8-4pm. Please use our absence line to report an absence. Please can any non urgent queries be emailed or if you do need to call please call between 10-12. Between 12-2 is our protected admin time and calls may be forwarded to answerphone.

**Earrings:** Please remember that earrings need to be removed for school everyday. We will call parents to come in to school to remove earrings if children have them in when they arrive.

## Cars on site



Please can we remind you that **no** parent cars should be on site without prior permission, **this includes dropping off and collecting for breakfast and after school club**. We would politely request that you consider parking outside of Bleakwood Road and walking into school.

## TikTok Parent Guide

Many parents are unaware of the risks and issues posed to their children with regards to TikTok and therefore it is important that as parents or carers you understand fully the risks to your child. A police online investigation found that many incidents and issues they had dealt with were related to TikTok with children as young as Year 2 but mostly those in Year 6/7 because the children were unaware of the risks they were putting themselves at. For further information, please use type this url into your web browser [www.openvieweducation.co.uk/tiktok-parent-guide/](http://www.openvieweducation.co.uk/tiktok-parent-guide/)

Don't forget that we also have a subscription for parents on the National Online Safety platform where you can sign up for free for a whole host of information. Just type in the school's name, add your details and they will send you an email to sign up.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping our children safe.



## 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**