



# St Thomas More School Newsletter

5th November 2021  
Issue.9

## **Dates for your diary**

**15/11/2021**

Anti bullying week in school

**19/11/2021**

Bring your parent to maths

9.15-9.45

**6/12/2021**

Tombola Tag day

**8/12/2021**

Meet Father Christmas

**10/12/2021**

Christmas Fair

**15/12/2021**

Christmas Dinner Day

**20/12/2021-31/1/2022**

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 has been a rather chilly start to Term 2! Please remember to send your child to school with a warm waterproof coat so that they can enjoy themselves at play-times and lunchtimes.



St David (yellow team) won the Term 1 inter house cross country competition for Key Stage 1 and St Andrew's (blue team) won the competition for Key Stage 2. Therefore, yellow team children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 can come to school on Monday wearing an item of yellow clothing. Blue team children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 can come to school on Monday wearing an item of blue clothing

We had our final few classes 'Bring Your Parent to Write' sessions this morning and I hope that those parents who attended found them informative and enjoyable. Please come and join us on 19<sup>th</sup> November for our 'Bring your Parent to Maths' session.

Before half term, we had an assembly from Water Aid which helped the children to understand, not just the work that the charity does and how we can help, but also the challenges that some communities in the world face with things that we can easily take for granted. Next week, we will have a STEM Ambassador, who is a civil engineer, deliver an assembly on climate change. Opportunities like these are incredibly valuable in helping our children to understand how fortunate we are and how we can live out our Catholic mission by helping those who have challenges in their lives as well as protecting the planet that has been shared with us.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Ebdon



### **Poppy appeal**

We have poppies in school for a donation we also have several other items available:

Zip pull—50p

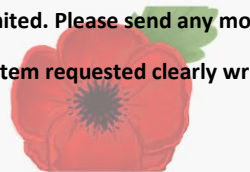
Reflector—50p

Silicon Wristband—£1

Snap band—£1.50

**These are the suggested minimum donations.**

**Quantities are limited. Please send any money in a named envelope with the item requested clearly written on the front**





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## Merit Award

Shae Burnett RR  
Oscar Ladbrook RS  
Amber Wheeler 1D  
Anne Salmon 1D  
Israel Ojediran 1J  
Sirri-Anna Mbu 2S  
Dolcie-Rae Fuller 2F  
Tobiloba Olusola 3C  
Jasmine Ironside 3C  
Bailey Bridges 3B  
Oluwadurotimi Olukun 4S  
Mason Ryder 4S  
Evie Duffy 4T  
Elsie-Mae Morgan 5M  
Toma Yurchiev 5H  
Arron Ranson 6C  
Oliver Flack 6B

Well done everyone



## Squid Game/TV

A leading source of entertainment and technology recommendations for families and schools, warns that parents need to know that the level of violence is "very intense" in Squid Game and therefore we ask parents to make the right choices when allowing their children to play games/watch tv associated with those where there are age restrictions. If you would like to know more about how to keep your children safe online, please do sign up to our subscription for The National Online Safety website which has lots of useful resources and support specifically for parents. Sign up for a free account and put in the school details. [National Online Safety](#)

**ONE KIND WORD**

Anti-bullying Week 2021

15th November 2021

It's  
Well Done  
Good to

We collected 724 tokens—the children will have fun picking out some new gardening equipment.

Thank you

## Parking in local roads



We have had a number of complaints from our parents, residents and parents from other local schools about the parking situation in Bleakwood Road and along Walderslade Road. If you have parking complaints please email them to

[parkinghotline@medway.gov.uk](mailto:parkinghotline@medway.gov.uk)

Medway council will be monitoring the situation and will send the mobile vehicle CCTV out and fines will be issued to people parking on double yellow lines or violating local parking restrictions.



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**Birthday's celebrated  
during half term & this  
week...**

Lois A  
Uzoma N  
Henry C  
Ethan M  
Milyana B  
Ryan M  
Joseph S  
Nehemiah M  
Austin M  
Lucie A  
Amaziah O  
Emmanuella A  
Maria S



**Tombola Tag Day**

**Monday 6th December**

We will be holding a Tombola Tag Day. Instead of the usual £1 donation we are asking for each year group to bring in an item for our Tombola.

**Reception & Year 1—Chocolates and Biscuits**

**Year 2 & Year 3—Toiletries (bubble baths, shower gels etc)**

**Year 4 5 & 6—Bottles (soft drinks, alcoholic drinks etc)**

We would be grateful if all donations could be sealed and in date please.

More information will be coming out next week via email.



**Stay safe if you are enjoying  
fireworks this weekend**





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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](https://www.medway.gov.uk/info/200137/schools_and_learning/1059/applying_for_a_primary_school_place)

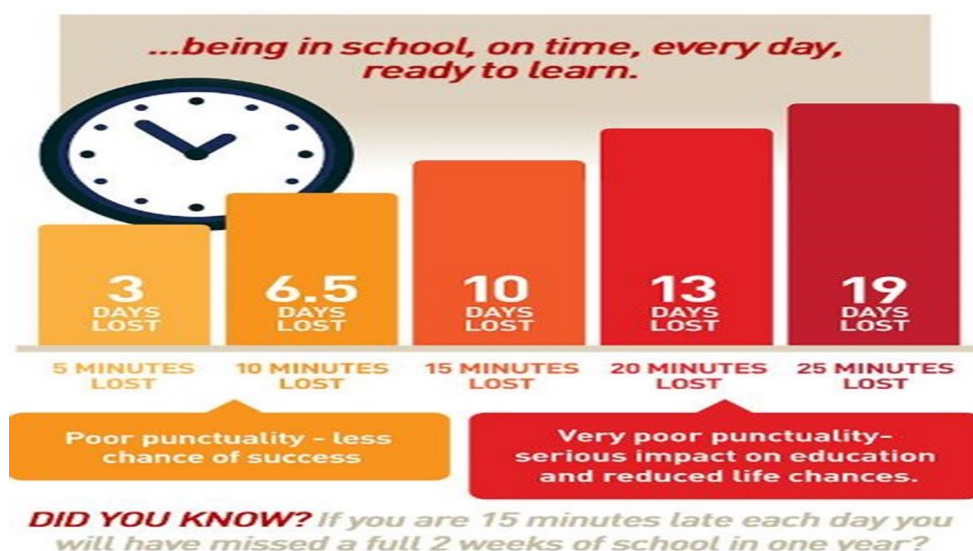
You will need to create an account to apply. We will be sharing some opening day dates where parents can come and look around the school soon.

## Secondary School

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

## Attendance & Punctuality

Over the coming weeks we shall be looking closely at attendance & punctuality and **letters will be sent home to students with attendance below 96%** and those that are consistently late to school. We have recently had the AASSA (Attendance Advisory Service to Schools and Academies) in from Medway Council and they are keen to help us improve our attendance & punctuality. Our current whole school attendance is **94.8%** which is below the National target of **97%** please help us improve our attendance by ensuring you child is in school everyday ,on time.



What is  
**GOOD**  
attendance?

