



St Thomas More School Newsletter

3rd March 2023

'Love one another as I have loved you'



Merit award

Charlie J-M RC
Zuhayb K RR

Andrew T 1D

Kian S 1D

Farley E 1J

Nataniel P 2F

Mazel M 2S

Joshua I 3B

Thejal J 3T

Sabrina S 4L

Annie G-F 4S

Lucy O 5C

Abigail S 5M

Ryan W 6C

Faye P 6F



Golden Welly Award

Lucrece O

Dear Parents,

On Monday we celebrated World Book Day with our Vocabulary Dress Up Day. The children began the day with an assembly where they could see everyone's fantastic costumes and it was great to see the range of brilliant ideas children had for their words. During assembly, children were inspired by the book 'The Word Collector' by Peter H. Reynolds and went on to collect all of their class' words into a dictionary!

We have also launched our Sponsored Read, which started on Monday and this will run until Friday 10th March. The children can be sponsored per 30 minutes that they read or they can receive a set donation. Any reading they do in school will count towards their total minutes - being read to by someone else or listening to an audiobook also counts! Monies raised will be donated towards buying new and exciting texts for our children.

On Tuesday, the RNLI visited the children to talk about the important matter of water safety both at the beach and local rivers. They also taught the children about the role of lifeguards, including a lifeguard's uniform and the meanings of the flags on the beach. We would like to say a huge thank you to the RNLI for visiting us and for sharing this important information with our children.

On Wednesday, Alex Bellos, author of the 'Football School' series of books, turned St Thomas More into a real-life Football School by visiting our KS2 children. Parents be warned... your child may have preferred Football School to ordinary school as they took part in mini lessons with a football twist! The children were excited to purchase signed books from Alex after school and we are delighted to now have a set of Football School books in our school library for all children to enjoy. A huge thank you to Alex Bellos for a riveting afternoon of football fun!

This morning we had our 'Bring Your Parent to Geography' session where parents got to join in with developing the children's fieldwork skills. We hope you had a lovely time and that those of you who were learning on the school field didn't go home too muddy! All parents have been emailed a link to the questionnaire for this morning's session, please do take the time to fill this in as it helps us to further tailor such sessions to what our families would find useful.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.
Mrs Ebdon



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Term 4 Dates

9th March 2023

Year 5 Victorian Day

17th March 2023

Bring your parents to spelling

9.15-9.45

Spelling workshop KS2

10.15-11.15

Bring your parents to phonics

9.45-10.15

21st March 2023

Year 1 Dinosaur Day

23rd March 2023

Tuck shop after school

23rd March 2023

Year 1 Liturgy (TBC)

24th March 2023

Stations of the Cross (KS2 only)

29th March 2023

Parents evening 4-7pm

30th March 2023

Parents evening 5-8pm

31st March 2023

Last day of Term 3

3rd April—14th April

Easter break

Term 5 dates

17th April 2023

SDD—School closed

28th April 2023

Bring you parents to History

9.15-9.45

1st May 2023

May bank holiday—School closed

4th May 2023

Year 5 Liturgy (TBC)

8th May 2023

King Charles III Coronation bank holiday—school closed

9th-12th May 2023

SATS

26th May 2023

Last day of Term 5

29th May—2nd June

May half term

Term 6 dates

25th May 2023

Class photo taken

9-11th June 2023

Year 6 residential

23rd June 2023

SDD—school closed

26th June 2023

SDD—School closed

21st July 2023

Last day of academic year



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A big Happy Birthday to..

Tirenoluwa A

Tahirah E

Samuel J

David M

Lizandra S

Ocean-Storm F

Esther M

Anastasia R

Blake A-B

Willow J

Teniola A

Greyson M

Cian M

RNLI visit

This week, the RNLI visited us to talk about water safety both at the beach and local rivers. They also talked about the role of lifeguards. The children looked at a lifeguards uniform and learnt the meanings of the flags on the beach.



Lifeboats

Word Day



Shoe box request

As part of the Primary Engineer programme, the whole school will be taking part in a Vehicle Project during March. EYFS—Yr 4 need shoe boxes with removable (not hinged) lids. If you have any at home, please could you send them in to school. Thank you.





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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 \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Safeguarding Survey for Parents & Carers

Please could you spare a few minutes to complete our safeguarding survey. If you would like to find out more about how we safeguard children at St Thomas More, please head to our website and the safeguarding section. You will also find a Safeguarding Information Booklet for Parents and Carers. If you would like to speak to a member of the safeguarding team, please contact the office where Mrs Le Breton, Mrs Ebdon or Jody our Pastoral Manager will be able to answer any questions that you have.

<https://forms.office.com/r/CWv4KXCJ0K>