



St Thomas More School Newsletter

3rd December 2021
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Dates for your diary

6/12/2021

Tombola Tag day

8/12/2021

Meet Father Christmas

10/12/2021

Christmas Fair

This will be held outside and will be weather dependent. We will keep you updated.

13—15/12/2021

Secret santa gifts

15/12/2021

Christmas Dinner Day

20/12/2021-3/1/2022

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,

December has arrived! The children were very excited on Wednesday morning to find that the school had been decorated ready for Christmas and that Eddington the Elf has once again come to visit us!

The children behaved beautifully this morning during their advent reconciliation service with Father Pawel and we would like to thank him, and the visiting priests, who delivered this service for our school.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Book Fair, we are now able to select approximately £100 of new books for each year group!

If you have the School Gateway app, can you please ensure that you have 'notifications turned on'. Messages via email from the school automatically go into the app if you have it, if the notifications are off, and you don't regularly check it, families could be missing important information.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Ebdon

Tombola Tag day—Monday 6th December

Reception Yr R & Yr1 Chocolate & 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.

Please could they also be brought to school in a carrier bag

Covid-19

As I am sure you are aware cases are rising and with the addition of the new variant we are having to be ever more vigilant.

We have already separated our packed lunch children and our school dinner children so there is more space for everyone.

We ensure the children are remembering to practice good hand hygiene.

We keep our windows and doors open and the children are allowed to bring a fleece in to wear over their uniform.

We have limited the number of guests allowed to attend the Christmas production.

We are asking parents to please do a lateral flow test before you attend **any** school event and please remember to wear a face mask.

On the 17th December only KS2 will attend Mass to minimise the interaction between both key stages.



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Merit Award

Lily A RR

Max G RS

Ronnie R 1D

Cian M 1D

Georgia T 1J

Felicity C 2F

Zac H 2F

Phoebe M 2S

Lili Y 3C

Kian N 3C

Lois A 3B

Alfie Y 4S

Thalia-Rose M 4T

Rufus W 5H

Hollie W 5M

Sienna Fouracre 6C

Maisie M 6B

Jessica W 6B

Well done everyone

This week, Year 2 learnt about what an Ecologist does, with a Live Talk from STEM ambassador Helen. They learnt that mice are nocturnal and like to live in trees; owls can turn their head most (but not all) the way round and that nightingales nest in young trees so it is important to keep planting new trees.



Please remember you can sign up to our subscription on the National Online Safety website. The website has lots of useful resources on how to keep your children safe online.

St Thomas More Christmas Tree 2021 was kindly donated by 14th Medway Scout Group.

Thank you it looks amazing with the lights twinkling.





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A big Happy Birthday to..

Aida O
Thehan J
Farley E
Israel O
Jessica W
Daniella G



My Child's Art Orders



**Place your
order by the
8th December
to guarantee
Christmas
delivery!**

Are you having a pre-Christmas clear out?

If so, we need you! We are still on the lookout for the following items. If you can help with any of them, please drop off at school before the end of term or during the first week back in Term 3.



Oven (for mud kitchen)

Wheelbarrows

Tarpaulin

Babies/prams

Full size Buggy/pram

Dinosaurs

Barbie dolls

Old mobile phones

Computer screens

Keyboards/torches/laptops/calculators that are no longer working

Lego & Duplo





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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.

Secondary School

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

Attendance & Punctuality

Our current whole school attendance is **94.2%** 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.



What is
GOOD
attendance?

