



St Thomas More School Newsletter

18th October 2024

'Love one another as I have loved you'

Dear Parents/Carers

We began this week with the children reflecting upon the Gospel according to Mark when a rich man approaches Jesus to ask what he must do to inherit eternal life. Jesus spoke about the commandments and the Law of Moses and asked the rich man to give his possessions to the poor and follow Jesus. It was wonderful to hear the children speak openly about their material things and reflect upon what they could do to build a personal relationship with Jesus but also within the community of faith and the church.



Our week also began with our long overdue visit from Ofsted and I would like to personally thank all the parents for their feedback and kind words and would like to say a special thanks to all of the children and to our dedicated team of staff who showed true resilience with the addition of parent evenings this week too. The inspectors passed on their thanks to parents, children and staff, all of whom made them feel very welcome. Whilst we have to await the final report to share with parents, the school are pleased with the outcomes and next steps we need to take as new leaders to move the school forward.



We've had some fabulous learning take place this week with our children taking their learning outside to learn about space, forest school, Science and circulatory system, phonics, some tricky problem solving in maths, PSHE, playtime fun and lots more! Remember to follow us on Facebook!



IMPORTANT - PLEASE READ

I have communicated with a resident this week regarding parking but sadly an allegation has been made about a parent threatening to harm the resident. We expect our children to set a good example to others and so if this is the case, I would hope that adults set a good example to all within the community too. I do have a photograph of a Red Mitsubishi and the registration of the car involved allegedly parked in resident parking spaces and would kindly ask the parent to be respectful at all times. Residents have been informed to contact the police regarding the threat made. If you would like to contact me, please do so through the school office.



School Uniform

Remember, after half term, it is a requirement that our winter uniform is worn (shirt, tie, jumper, cardigan, skirt/pinafore or grey trousers). Navy tights or socks can also be worn. Please look out for our pre-loved school uniform sales that happen regularly or do contact Jody, our Pastoral Manager if you need support with uniform. For more information, please follow our link:

<https://st-thomasmore.medway.sch.uk/parent-information/school-uniform/>



I would like to wish all the children a well-earned break and look forward to seeing them back on Monday 28th October.

Kindest regards

Mrs Le Breton

Acting Head of School



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Merit Award

RC Tobias

RR Tymon

1C Tor Zion

1S Harriet

2D Sophie

2F Imogen

3B Jack

3L Cian

4L Amber

4S Blake

4S Marley

5W Effe

5C Tyger

6B Aaron

6F Maa



**Punctuality
Peacock**

RC, 2F, 6B



**Attendance
Anteater**

2F

**Whole School
Attendance**

97.2%

Emotional Wellbeing Team

The Emotional Wellbeing Team are in school running a face to face workshop - all welcome. Please email sen@st-thomasmore.medway.sch.uk if you are attending so we can plan accordingly.

Wednesday 13th November 2024 09:30am Saint Michael's rcp school

Please email sen@st-thomasmore.medway.sch.uk to book on.

Prayer

Lord, we pray for Your guidance and wisdom in the decisions we make. Help us to be a light to those around us and to act with love and integrity in all that we do. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit so that we may have the strength to face any challenges that come our way.

Amen.





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Christmas Fundraising

Please keep an eye on the fundraising Facebook page, Newsletter and your class whatsapp group over the coming weeks as we will be needing some helpers and some donations, Thank you. Jody

Christmas Dates for your diary

29th November—Tombola Tag Day

*4th & 5th December—Secret Santa Gift Shop

6th December—Christmas Fayre

*16th December—KS1 Meet Father Christmas

*17th December—KS2 Meet Father Christmas

*These will appear on MCAS after half term to help you spread the cost of events around Christmas



We need parent helpers. Please let us know if you have a few hours a week to spare.

Email us with the heading Parent Helper at Parents@st-thomasmore.medway.sch.uk



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#:~:t_ext=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 **secondary school** is
Thursday 31st October 2024

Closing date for applications
to **primary school** is
5pm on Wednesday
15th January 2025



Term 2

28th October 2024

Term 2 begins

30th October 2024

Y5 Liturgy 9.15-9.45

1st November 2024

All Saints Day & All Souls
Mass in Church 9.30

Lead by 4S

8th November 2024

BYPT Maths Y1-6 9.15-9.45

8th November 2024

Maths Workshop for par-
ents—Hall 10-10.30

13th November 2024

School nurse workshop-
Health Bladder and Bowel

At St Michael's RCP

20th November 2024

Y4 Liturgy 9.15-9.45

25th November 2024

Book Fair

29th November 2024

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

