



St Thomas More School Newsletter

14th June 2024

'Love one another as I have loved you'



Merit Award

RC Ennio

RR Zara

1C Lamiya

1S Moriah

2D Nancy

2F Juanita

3B Damilola

3L Brianna

3L Cian

4L Charlotte

4S Phoebe

4S Noah

5M Rosie

5C Joseph

6C Tife

6F Emmie

6F Logan

Dear Parents,

We would like to say a huge thank you to Jody, our Pastoral Manager, who has worked extremely hard over the last few weeks to organise and run our Father's Day gift shop so that the children could choose gifts for the special men in their lives. It would be fantastic if any parents would be able to come and help organise and run more events like these for our children in the future.



We held our Reception new intake evening last night and it was wonderful to meet the new families that will be joining our school family in September.

Year 4 had a great morning yesterday with the Rochester Bridge Trust, members of the trust came to visit to teach the children about the history of the bridge and how it was built by the Romans, which links into their current History topic. The session finished with a building challenge where the children had to try to build their own bridges using K'nex.

Some of our children from Years 1 and 2 also had an exciting morning yesterday as they took part in a Tri-Golf competition, we are incredibly grateful to Mrs Robertson who dedicates so much of her time to run sports cubs and take children to sporting competitions to give our children such a wide and varied set of sporting and physical experiences.

Year 5 had their class liturgy on Tuesday which was focused around the theme of 'We Are All Part of God's Family'. It was lovely to see so many parents attend and I hope you enjoyed this opportunity to celebrate our families with your child.

Don't forget that we have staff development days on Monday and Tuesday so the children's first day next week will be Wednesday. Even though next week is a shorter one, we will still be squeezing in some lovely experiences with Year 2's class liturgy on Thursday and our school feast day on Friday.

I hope you all have a lovely long weekend!

Mrs Ebdon

Father Pawel

Unfortunately, Father Pawel broke his leg last weekend and had to spend some time in hospital.

The children have made him some lovely 'Get Well' cards and I am sure you will all join us in wishing him a speedy recovery.



Loving God,

*Your son told his disciples to become like little children,
Lead us to work for the welfare and protection of all,
May we respect their dignity, that they may flourish in life,
Following the example of Jesus Christ our Lord,*

Amen





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Term 6

17th—18th June

SDD-No children in school

19th June 2024

Children back to school

20th June 2024

Y2 Liturgy 9.15

21st June 2024

Feast Day of St Thomas
More Mass

25th June 2024

Y6 Liturgy 9.15

1st July 2024

Sports Day

KS2 AM

KS1 PM

17th July 2024

Y6 Production

18th July 2024

Leavers Mass

19th July 2024

End of the academic year

Academic Year 24/25

2nd September 2024

SDD no children in school

3rd September 2024

Start of T1—children return

18th October 2024

Last day of Term 1

Term 4

22nd April 2025

SDD –No children in school



Attendance Anteater

5M



Punctuality Peacock

RC, 2D, 2F, 5M

Please note the attendance and punctuality figures are taken from the previous week

Parish News

On Monday 17th of June our monthly 'Let's Play to God' (formerly Messy Church) group will be held from 8.45 to 9.50. (It is a fluid start time- no one will be excluded for coming mid-session!)

As it is a staff development day, siblings of pre-schoolers are very welcome. In addition, the session would also be well-suited to Foundation Stage children (RR or RC). The activities will be mainly geared to children of five or under but older children can also join in. Please remember that this session is for children to enjoy with their parents and no child can be left unaccompanied.



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A big Happy Birthday to..

Roman
Avery
Grace
Nathan
Liam
Alice
Lili
Shae
Lucas

Caterlink Meal Prices

From September Caterlink will be charging **£2.56** per school dinner. Year R-2 are part of the Universal Infant Free School meals that are paid for by the Government. Year 3-6 are required to pay for their school meals.

EWT workshops

The Emotional Wellbeing team are running the following workshops that you maybe interested in.

27/6 Understanding ADHD

12/6 Starting Primary School

Posters attached with newsletter with a booking link

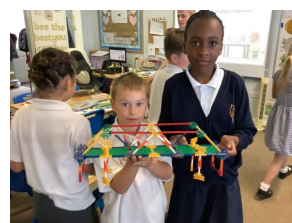
If your child is SEN support , please make sure you use the codes sent home this week to login and read their Pupil Provision Forms (PPF) detailing targets and support in place.

We would really appreciate if parents could please take a moment to leave feedback/comments.

Please be advised this will not be used as a platform for two way communication - if you need to speak to your child's teacher please use the normal methods eg comment in the

The Rochester Bridge Trust

The Rochester Bridge Trust came in to see Year 4. They enjoyed designing their bridges.





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SEN support

Individual provision and school-based support plans were sent home for children with additional needs who are maintained on the school SEN support register at the end of last term. Should you have any questions regarding the targets set or the support in place for your child, please discuss this with the Class Teacher.

Mrs Austin our SENDCO is also available if required to discuss any questions or queries that you may have. If you would like to arrange a call or meeting please call via the office **01634864701** or email sen@st-thomasmore.medway.sch.uk

Safeguarding

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Dear Parents

Please sign up to our fantastic resource The National College where you can find lots of useful information to support young adults, children including those with SEN and yourself. There is a whole host of information about Disney+, Snapchat, Roblox, YouTube, Whatsapp, conversation starters to help parents talk to their children about their mental health, cyberbullying, tips for stronger passwords, artificial intelligence and much, much more.

If you have any concerns regarding your child's online habits, speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance or contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead/Deputy Head, Mrs Le Breton if you believe a child is at risk of harm.

<https://nationalcollege.com/enrol/st-thomas-more-catholic-primary-school-8>

If your child has been a victim of online bullying and has had a nasty message, picture or video posted about them, you can ask the school for support to help find out who might have posted the content. In addition to your child speaking to you, they may wish to talk to someone outside of the family about what has happened to them and how it made them feel. Let them know that they can always call Childline with any worry, big or small on 0800 11 11. Within school, all children have posters available to them with the telephone number and also who to speak to if they're worried. Children also have a safeguarding notice board and have had a safeguarding assembly at the start of this academic year to support them.

If you are worried about a child, please contact Medway Safeguarding Children's Partnership to report your concerns or contact the school's safeguarding team for further support in doing so. You can also report through the NSPCC.

https://www.medway.gov.uk/info/200170/children_and_families/600/concerned_about_a_child/2

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/reporting-abuse/>

Mrs Le Breton Designated Safeguarding Lead/Deputy Head

Mrs Ebdon Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead/Headteacher

Mrs Deamer (Jody) Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead/Pastoral Manager

Our Safeguarding team are:

Mrs Le Breton Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Ebdon Deputy Safeguarding Lead

Jody Deputy Safeguarding Lead

Simon D'Souza Safeguarding Governor

Sinead Joshi Safeguarding Governor

If you have any questions, or are worried about a child, please speak to us.