



St Thomas More School Newsletter

'Love one another as I have loved you'

27th January 2023

Dates for your diary

9th February 2023

PTFA coffee afternoon
1.45pm

13-17th February 2023

February half term

2nd March 2023

World Book Day
Details to follow

3rd March 2023

Bring your parents to Geography 9.15—9.45

3rd—14th April 2023

Easter Holiday

17th April 2023

SDD—School closed

28th April 2023

Bring your parents to History
9.15 –9.45

1st May 2023

May bank holiday—**school closed**

8th May 2023

King Charles III Coronation
bank holiday—**school closed**

9-12 May 2023

SATS

29th May—2nd June 2023

May Half Term

25th May 2023

Class photo taken

9-11th June 2023

Year 6 Residential

SDD

School closed to children

Friday 23rd June 2023

Dear Parents,

On Monday we had a visit from our OPAL (Outdoor Play And Learning) advisor to evaluate our playtime provision. He was very impressed with the range of play opportunities available for the children and the children were incredibly enthusiastic in sharing their OPAL experiences with him! He feels that we have fully embraced the OPAL approach to enriching playtimes for the children and informed us that we are well on the way to reaching our OPAL accreditation! Later in the academic year, he will revisit us to run a parent meeting which will be followed by an 'OPAL Stay and Play' for our families.

Also on Monday, we were visited by a representative from the David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation, they are a wildlife charity funding key conservation projects across Africa and Asia. The children had an assembly all about endangered animals and what the charity does to help them. Year R then had a workshop called 'Terrific Tigers' and Year 3's workshop was called 'Educating Elephants'. The children all thoroughly enjoyed finding out about the animals and the important work that the foundation carries out and will be continuing this learning in class .

Kind regards

Mrs Ebdon

Primary Literacy Challenge

On Wednesday afternoon, a small group of Year 6s participated in the Primary Literacy Challenge at Invicta Grammar School. They had great fun deciphering anagrams, writing a story, challenging their spelling in a spelling bee and much more. After a fantastic afternoon, the children placed fourth in the competition. Rufus from Year 6 wrote the following about the event:

On Wednesday the twenty-fifth of January, Mrs Robertson took a group of four year sixes, Sarah, Priscilla, Freya and myself to an English competition at Invicta Grammar school. In the end we came 4th out of 8 schools but won a section where we had to describe a word to each other. Despite not coming the top three we really enjoyed ourselves and would like to thank Mrs Robertson for taking us.





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A big Happy Birthday to..

Joshua K

Lucas W

Elizabeth A

Deborah –Janet I

Austin C

Rudi C

George F

Oluwadamilola O

Penelope P



David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation

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The charity is currently running a competition – 'The Global Canvas 2023' an international children's art competition. The theme this year is "Biodiversity – the complex web of life". More information can be found via the link:

<https://davidshepherd.org/enter-global-canvas-2023/>



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Coffee afternoon

Do you have time to attend our coffee afternoon and share your ideas for fundraising for our children?

Thursday 9th February 2023

1.45pm

Please come along if you are able. Even if you can spare an hour we would appreciate your input.

All welcome



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Tuck Shop

9th February

23rd Feb

9th March

23rd March

We have restocked and will be back on the playground soon.



Wrap around care

Please ensure you are booking your after school club and breakfast club through MCAS. We have an increasing number of students that are arriving for the clubs whose parent/carer has not booked. In some circumstances we are able to add a child to a club but this is not in replacement of the parent/carer making the booking using MCAS.

If you need a reminder of your details we can email these to you or if you have forgotten a password please use the forgotten password link.

Breakfast club 8am to school start £3.50

After school club 3.15—4.30 collection £5

After school club 3.15—5.30 collection £7.50

All wrap around care balances must be cleared at the end of each term.





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Merit award

RC Vienna C

RR Joel A

1D Jamie W

1J Theo E

2F Damilola O

2S David A

3B Eddie A

3T Sirri-Anna M

4L Amelia H

4S Lois A

5C Joshua K

5C Nehemiah M

5M Kiera P

6C Lionel F

6C Sacha N

6F Anastasia R

Golden Welly



Ezekiel A

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

Please see the PTFA facebook page

Search St Thomas More fundraising team and ask to join.

