



St Thomas More School Newsletter

17th June 2022

Dates for your diary

21/6/2022

Class Photo's

14/7/2022

Sports Day (weather permitting)

18/7/2022

Year 6 Production (PM time to be announced)

19/7/2022

Year 6 Production (early evening)

20/7/2022

Year 6 End of Year Festival

21/7/2022

Year 6 End of Year Mass (KS2 only)

22/07/2022

Staff Development Day
(No children in school)

Attention All Parents !!

Please remember to let the office know if you have recently changed your email address, phone number or home address. It is important that we have the correct details so we may contact you. We send out a lot of emails these day to keep you up to date with information, and we don't want you to miss out.



'Love one another as I have loved you'

Dear Parents,

We have had another busy week! Year 1 had a fantastic day on Monday as they went on their school trip to Chatham Dockyard dressed as pirates, Year 6 got out and about on Wednesday to do a traffic survey of the local area and, also on Wednesday, we welcomed some of our school governors for our first 'Governor's Afternoon' since the pandemic. They spent the afternoon visiting classes, seeing lessons and finding out about the different activities and interventions we have to help our children learn and grow as individuals, they had a lovely afternoon and the children showed off their talents fantastically!

We have said goodbye to our baby grey partridges today as they head off to start the next part of their journey, getting ready to be released in the wild to support the populations of these birds in the UK. Look out for the newsletter next week which will tell you all about what the different classes have been learning linked to this experience.

Please remember to send your child to school with a sunhat, sun cream applied and an extra drink to help them stay happy and hydrated in the sunshine.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Ebdon

Class Photographs Tuesday 21st June

These will be done on Tuesday Morning, if your child is due to have PE that day please send them in full uniform with their PE kit to change into.



Pencil Cases and Resources

Now that life is back to normal following the covid pandemic we would like to encourage our children to bring in a named, well-equipped pencil case from home. If possible, please ensure your child has a high quality writing pencil, some colouring pencils, a rubber, ruler, pencil sharpener and glue stick.

As I'm sure you have all seen in the media, school funding continues to be an issue nationwide and, unfortunately for us at St Thomas More, this continues to be the case.

We will have a little section on the newsletter suggesting items that we would welcome receiving if anyone is able to donate these. This will enable us to spend the majority of our budget on high quality education and resourcing for all of our children.

Currently we would welcome:



First Holy Communion

Congratulations to those children who took their first Holy Communion last weekend, we continue to pray for those that will take their first Holy Communion in the coming weekends. We are thinking of you all as you take this important step





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Merit Awards



Well done everyone

RR – Theo E

RS – Juliet A

1D - Ezekiel A

1D - Layo S

1J - Zoe A

2F - Sophia G

2S - Maya L

3C - Gbemisola O

3B - Rosabella B

4T - Logan M

4S - Abigail A

4S - John-Anthony F

5H - Julia S

5H - Tianna W-S

5M- Finley K

6C- Sofia F

6B– Billy L

"Ahoy There"

Year 1 Visit to Chatham Dockyard

Year 1 had a good day at Chatham Dockyard on Monday. They all dressed up and looked the part. They learnt about pirates and life on board ship.





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A big Happy Birthday to..

Nathan B

Liam S

Shae B

Lucas D

Julia B

Rachel T



Artsmark
AWARDED BY ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND

Congratulations to all the staff and children who have worked very hard to achieve the silver Artsmark.



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Reminders

Packed lunches—please could you try to use a wrapping other than cling film. Sandwich bags or foil are preferable. Please also remember to provide cutlery if your child has something in their lunch box that requires it as we do not have spares available in school. Please check your child's carton has a straw attached as we have had a few instances where a child has been disappointed that they have not been able to drink their juice carton and have had to have water instead. The PTFA have a limited amount of environmentally friendly sandwich wrap's, we are selling these in school for £3 each there are a variety of designs.

School dinners: Thank you for settling your dinner balances.

Office hours: the office is manned 8-4pm. Please use our absence line to report an absence. Please can any non urgent queries be emailed or if you do need to call please call between 10-12. Between 12-2 is our protected admin time and calls may be forwarded to answerphone.

Earrings: Please remember that earrings need to be removed for school everyday. We will call parents to come in to school to remove earrings if children have them in when they arrive.



An increasing number of children are bringing in items within their packed lunch box that contain nuts.

We have had to ask children to tell their parents that Nutella chocolate spread is not allowed in school. We have children with severe allergies to nuts. There are many alternative snacks and sandwich fillings that do not contain nuts and we politely ask that you use these

Snacks at After School Club

Children who are in After School Club until 4.30 are given a piece of fruit and a drink, those who stay until 5.30 are given a light tea. There is no need to provide your child with a snack but if you do please ensure it is a healthy snack i.e.

Attendance & Punctuality

Our current whole school attendance is **94%** which is below the National target of **97%** please help us improve our attendance by ensuring your child is in school everyday, on time. We have had an increasing number of late students coming through the office recently. We realise that Covid-19 has a negative effect on a child's attendance and this makes it even more important that they are in school

SAFEGUARDING

What to do if you are worried about a child:

Members of the public and professionals can use a referral and contact form to report any safeguarding concerns about a child or a young person to Medway's First Response service. Once the form has been submitted, it will be reviewed and assessed and action will be taken. Please use the following link:

[Report a child safeguarding concern](#) | [Concerned about a child](#) | [Medway Council](#)

You can also phone 01634 334466 or use the 24 hour emergency number 03000 419 191. You can also call NSPCC on 0808 800 5000, Child Line on 0800 1111 or Medway Police on 01622 690 690.

Please remember to go to our Safeguarding section for parents/carers on our school website to learn more about keeping your child safe online. There is also a section for children too with some useful links.

Parents are encouraged to **T.A.L.K** to their children about the dangers.

Talk to your child about online safety. Start the conversation – and listen to their concerns.

- **Agree ground rules** about the way you use technology as a family.
- **Learn about the platforms** and apps your child loves. Take an interest in their online life.
- **Know how to use tools**, apps and settings that can help to keep your child safe online.

Discuss and agree on privacy settings for the platforms and apps your