



St Thomas More School Newsletter

8th July 2022

Dates for your diary

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)

'Love one another as I have loved you'

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a week!! Our Year 6's have had a fantastic week going out on their school trips. They went to the Police Headquarters open day in Maidstone on Monday, Go Ape at Leeds Castle on Tuesday, Chessington on Wednesday and Chatham Dockyard today. Year 2 have joined in the fun too, with their school trip to Leeds Castle on Thursday. As always, we had reports of exemplary behaviour from our children on their trips and they have been fantastic ambassadors for our school whilst out in the community. Our Year 4 and Year 5 children put on an amazing concert for their parents yesterday afternoon, showcasing their singing, rapping, ukulele and drumming skills! We have welcomed our new Reception children this week to start getting to know us ready for September with a picnic and story time.

The weather looks like it is going to be hot over the next few weeks so please remember to put sun cream on your child before they come to school and pack a hat and an extra drink for them!

Parent Behaviour

Unfortunately, I find I am regularly having to include sections in the school newsletter regarding inappropriate behaviour by some parents of the school. This morning a parent hit one of the residents cars, causing damage to both cars, but drove off without informing the resident or leaving their details. **Driving away after causing damage to a vehicle or property is breaking the law.** Fortunately, another parent witnessed this and managed to take pictures of the car involved as well as their registration plate. We have advised the resident to contact the police with this information.

If there is an issue between children at school, staff fully investigate the incident, take appropriate action and inform parents when it is necessary to do so. We have had some parents creating conflict outside school, sending inappropriate messages to other parents via social media, approaching parents in an aggressive and argumentative manner and in some cases approaching a child. None of these behaviours are acceptable – any adult who approaches another child about an incident will be prohibited from coming on the school site again. Any adult who approaches a child outside the school premises will be reported to the police. If anyone is not happy about an incident or would like to discuss it further they must contact the class teacher, please do not take matters into your own hands.

Kind regards



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A big Happy Birthday to..

Isla C

Amelia M

Layla M

Darasimi O

Joseph S-L

Olivia S

Keeley H

Roslyne K



Year 2 Leeds Castle 7th July

Year 2 had a lovely time at Leeds castle this week. We were artists, sketching the castle; scientists, hunting for minibeasts with habitats in the castle grounds and historians looking for objects inside the castle. We also had fun getting lost in the maze! The children's behaviour was exemplary and a credit to the school.





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Merit Awards



Well done everyone

Lily A RR

Henry F RS

Anne S 1D

Jonathan S 1D

Arabella W 1J

Lola-Rose B 2F

Darcy H 2F

Freddie F 2S

Isla L 2S

Daniel O 3C

Sara O'C 3B

Joshua K 4S

Isla M 4S

Munachi N 4T

Demi A 4T

Harrison W 5H

Jake B 5H

Morgan S 5M

6B & 6C

All of you for being so
amazing during this
week

Sports day arrangements Thursday 14th July 2022

KS2 sports day will be a 9:45 start on the field

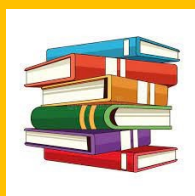
Lunch picnic will be from 12:15- 1:15 on the field

EYFS and KS1 sports day will begin promptly at 13:45

Parents can access to set up on the field from 9:30

**Please collect children from classes from 12:05 for
the picnic**

**During this time please be mindful of supervising
your own children**



Our fundraising
team will have
some stalls on
sports day sell-
ing books for a
donation and
bric a brac, do-
nuts and drinks
and the tuck





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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.

Visit from a Teacher from New Zealand

We had a fantastic visit from a teacher from a school in New Zealand. She contacted us through Nurture Uk with whom we are accredited, to see what the approach looks like here at our school. She was interested to explore our environment, find out about our restorative approaches and also got a glimpse of OPAL in action during playtime.

She was very impressed with our school council representatives who prepared a short presentation on what life is like here at St Thomas More.

We are going to link classes with Year 5 and 6 upon her return to New Zealand, an exciting opportunity for our pupils to make links with a school in another country. Watch this space for more info!



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