



St Thomas More School Newsletter

18th November 2022

Dates for your diary

22nd November 2022

Maths calculations workshop

28th Nov-1st Dec

Book Fair

1st December 2022

KS1 Phonic workshop

5th December 2022

Tombola tag day

6th & 7th December

Secret Santa gifts on sale

8th December 2022

Meet Father Christmas

9th December 2022

Christmas Fayre

3rd January 2023

Staff development day

(No children in school)

4th January 2023

Start of term 3

13th January 2023

Bring your parents to writing

3rd March 2023

Bring your parents to Geography

28th April 2023

Bring your parents to History

'Love one another as I have loved you'

Dear Parents,

We currently have vacancies for Foundation Governors on the governing board of St Thomas More Catholic Primary School.

The role of a Foundation Governor is to 'preserve and develop the Catholic ethos of the school' and they must be a practising Catholic.

The responsibilities of Governors are to ensure clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction, to account for the educational performance of the school, its pupils and its staff and to oversee the financial performance of the school – ensuring that funding is well spent.

It is essential that a governing board has a wide range of skills, knowledge and experience so that the board can work co-operatively as a team with the Headteacher and staff to ensure the best possible outcomes for children.

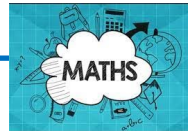
Governors are required to attend a full governing board meeting three times per school year and to sit on a committee, which also meets three times a year, usually 2 weeks before the full governing board meeting.

Training is offered for new governors and, as such, no previous experience of being a Governor is required.

If you know somebody who would be able to fulfill the role of a Foundation Governor, who would like to support our school family in ensuring that St Thomas More continues to be a place where children can flourish and achieve, please contact the school office on 01634 864701

Mrs Ebdon

Headteacher



Maths workshops for parents/carers

Maths Calculations LKS2 Tuesday 22nd November

Maths Calculations UKS2 Tuesday 29th November

9.15am start until 10.00am



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A big Happy Birthday to..

Chiamaka N

Dollcie-Rae F

Anne S

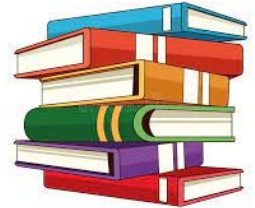
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Book Fair

The book fair is returning to St Thomas More.

28th November— 1st December



Christmas Panto

We will be having in house pantomimes this year for both KS1 and KS2

They will take place in December.

More information will come out soon



Christmas Gonks

The fundraising team are selling these Christmas gonk decorations. They can be personalised with your child's name. Each gonk can be made with plaits or a beard.

They are £2 each or 3 for £5

If you would like a Christmas Gonk please get in touch with the fundraising team via their Facebook page.



Please see the PTFA facebook page

Search St Thomas More fundraising team and ask to join.





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Merit award

Daisy M RC

Jacob C RC

Darasimi B RR

Jack M 1D

Amaka N 1D

Blake B 1J

Roman A-B 2F

Jake J 2S

Emma F 3B

Jemima B 3T

Jasroop S 3T

Eleanor T 4L

Benjamin F 4S

Michael R 5C

Aliona A 5M

Audrey P 6C

Eliska M-D 6F



Golden welly award

Eloise C



Fundraising team request

Do you have any of the following you could donate to our Christmas fundraising events?

White sheets

Good condition teddys for our teddy bear raffle

Do you have time to spare on **Wednesday 7th December** after-school until 6pm to help set up the grotto?



Christmas Fayre Stalls

As you know our Christmas Fayre is on **Friday 9th December**, some parents have come forward with some really good ideas for the Fayre, so we are trying to implement what we can but we are going to need some help!

Staff usually run all the stalls but we won't have enough staff for everything so I was wondering if some parents would like to help run some of the game's and the refreshments or as I like to call it "The Christmas Cafe" Ideally I think we need a group of 4 adults in the Cafe and then a few others to help on the game's, If we have enough volunteers we could do time slots so that everybody gets the chance to help but also enjoy the fayre. If you are able to help out or have questions, then please come to see me or send an email to familyliaisonofficer-st.thomasmore@st-thomasmore.medway.sch.uk and I will get back to you.

Jody





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Tuck shop dates

Support our PTFA and pick yourself up a sweet treat.

1st December

15th December

Junior playground after the end of the school day

Safeguarding

We have had some enquiries recently about opening the back gate of the school which opens onto the alleyway at the start and the end of the day. School staff need to know who is on the school site at any point in time and members of the public should not be able to gain access to the school site. By having one point of entry and exit to the school it allows us to know who is on the premises and prevents people unrelated to school business being able to gain entry. We recently commissioned an external safeguarding review to ensure we were meeting the highest possible standards in safeguarding and the reviewer agreed that creating an additional access point to the school would fall short of these standards. We also liaised with PCSO Rowan about the issue who has given us the following statement to share with parents:

'I have been liaising with the school about the gate to the rear of the school grounds, where parents/guardians would like this open at the beginning/end of the school day. They have had an outside independent agency involved to conduct a safeguarding review. The result from the report was not to open the gate, as the school has appropriate safeguarding procedures in place at the beginning and end of the day. Please be mindful it was not the school that made this decision, it was the result of the independent review.' PCSO Rowan Cornwall Medway Community Safety Unit

Reception Places

You can apply for your child to start school in year R (reception) if they were born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019.

Please contact the office if you could like to book a tour of St Thomas More in preparation for securing your child's place.

Here is a link for further information:
<https://www.medway.gov.uk/info/200137/schools-and-learning/1059/applying-for-a-primary-school-place>

